



Jessica Horner and Scott Blanton

Colby grad plans patriotic July wedding

Jessica Horner and Scott Blanton of Lumberton, N.J., plan to marry Saturday, July 6, 2013, at the McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown, N.J.

The groom is the son of Gregory B. and the late Cynthia Blanton of Colby. His grandparents are Leroi and the late Dorothy Treager of Casper, Wyo., and Berta and the late Arch Blanton of Bainbridge, Ga.

A 2006 graduate of Colby High School, he is now an aviation structural mechanic at McGuire Air Force Base, a petty officer third class in the Navy.

The bride is the daughter of Elton J. Horner Jr. of Delran, N.J., and Tania Kaluhiokalani of Ridge Manor, Fla. Her grandparents are Harold and Diana

R. Kaluhiokalani and Bonnie J. and the late Elton J. Horner Sr., all of Delran.

A 2007 graduate of Delran High School, in 2009 she earned an associate degree from Burlington County College in Pemberton, N.J., and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's in zoology in 2013 from Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J.

She works as a veterinary technician at Creek's Edge Animal Hospital in Hainesport, N.J., and as a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo.

The couple is celebrating their wedding with a patriotic theme during the Fourth of July weekend. Military guests have been encouraged to wear dress uniforms.

Ministry: long hours, little pay – but what a great retirement plan

People will sometimes ask me what made me choose to begin a career in ministry. I think I may disappoint some when I don't have this eureka-like experience of when I felt "called" to this lifestyle.

I didn't have ministry on my radar at all in my growing up. I fell in love with the work of the manager/trainer in high school.

I started out as the "water boy" type of person. Just your typical freshman who was the errand boy and carried the equipment out to practice and games, along with making sure there was water for the players. I was pretty much the bottom of the barrel in the way of popularity and respect. However, there was something about it that I greatly enjoyed.

My pursuit of this career took me through college and two years as a professional trainer at a community college.

Somewhere during my last year and a half of college and my two years in the profession of being an athletic trainer and instructor, my focus started to shift toward ministry. It piqued my interest and I started to gather some advice. I decided to go into something I never thought I would be even remotely interested in pursuing.

It didn't take long to realize that I love ministry. As a person who has several talents, ministry has seemed to have allowed me to use those talents to touch the lives of many people.

As you can see, there really was no "Aha!" moment, but rather the idea of ministry came through influence and something inside of me that seemed to click with the profession.

One thing that I have always had a difficult time with was fitting into a "box" when it came to ministry. I did not want to have the stigma that was attached to ministers. I have always liked to be "real" and approachable.



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

I want people to still be themselves even when a "preacher" is around. I love the opportunities that have come about through being in ministry to help or minister to people. These are some of the priceless moments.

As the chairman of the Thomas County Ministerial Association, I have had opportunities to be around and minister to other ministers and pastors. We love our jobs and care deeply for the people who we are privileged to speak to and serve. We feel blessed to be in the positions we are in.

A few years back, a church was looking for a minister and they put some of the following phrases in their job opening: "long hours, little pay, great retirement benefits." They were being lighthearted in the way that they were advertising, but for most of us who work in ministry, this holds true.

Until a few years ago, I never realized how busy an insurance office and agent can be. I pay my premiums automatically so I hardly ever set foot in the office of my insurance agent's office.

Since moving here four years ago, I think I have gone to see their office about six or seven times – the first few times to set up my new residence and the rest to get my free yearly calendar.

I say that because I don't think most realize how much goes on in a minister's life. It is generally not a physical laborious position

but there is a lot that goes into the mental side of things.

We are always "on" in the eye of the public.

We must be wary of the way we conduct ourselves for threat of rumor that can dampen our influence.

We do not get to be "done" at 5 p.m., for someone can call us at a moment's notice.

We try to please everyone. Whether it is sermon delivery style, teaching, how often we visit or call, how much or little we are in the office, people have their opinions about us. Some even think we work for them instead of God.

Each minister or pastor has their various passions. Each has their own delivery styles. Each one is simply different. However – this is important – each minister has feelings and runs out of steam once in a while.

This month is "Pastor Appreciation Month" and I challenge you, if you haven't already done so, to appreciate your minister or pastor.

You will likely never know what it is like to be in their shoes. They are concerned about your spiritual wellbeing and will do whatever they can to help you with your walk in Christ.

Maybe it is something tangible you can do for them to show your appreciation or maybe it is simply a nice comment or text.

There are various things you can do to show how much you appreciate them. Maybe you can surprise them and "appreciate them" during other months in the year, as well.

Let's appreciate those who serve us!

I want to thank all those who work tirelessly to serve Him.

Jarrod Spencer is the minister, at the Colby Church of Christ, 510 East Fourth. He can be reached at (785) 460-6322 or by e-mail at jarrods@att.net.

Ssnakes coming in Hays

"Rattlerssss: From Fear to Fascination" will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, a branch of Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

Curtis Schmidt, collections manager of the museum, will present a program based on the current exhibit being shown.

The program is free of charge. Schmidt will discuss the 22 species of rattlesnakes that can be found in the U.S. All are currently represented in a live display at the Sternberg Museum through the winter.

Contact the center toll free at

(877) 243-9268 for details or to register

The center is at 592 NE K-156 Highway, northeast of Great Bend. The center's website is at wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu/.

Corrections

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We would like to thank everyone for abundance of comfort and support we have received and continue to receive as we mourn the passing of our loved one Juaneta "Neet" Repshire.

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Meth now haunts cemeteries?

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) – The mystery behind an oddly placed duffel bag found in a central Kentucky cemetery came to a quick conclusion.

Somerset Police Sgt. Mike Correll says someone left the satchel with multiple components needed to make methamphetamine at the Somerset City Cemetery on Saturday. Correll called the discovery a chilling sign of what could be the new place to hide active labs.

Correll told the *Commonwealth Journal* (bit.ly/Su1ZJJ) that the cemetery has not been the site of any previously known labs, but such areas are hard to patrol and catch meth makers in the act.

"That's one of our biggest fears, because it's so clandestine," he

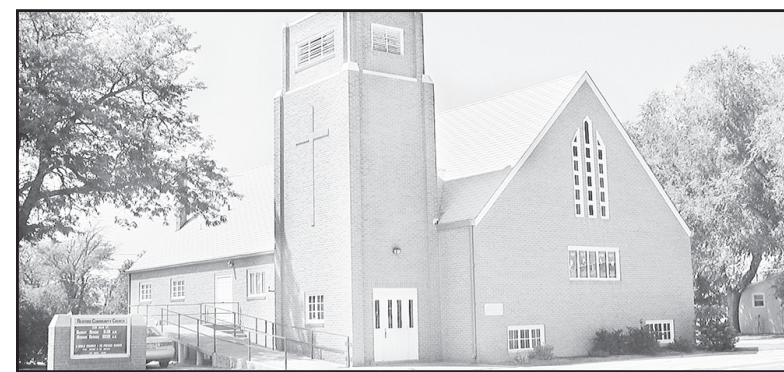
said. Correll said the bag contained the usual ingredients needed to make meth, including lighter fluid, lithium batteries, tubing and syringes, and also that another individual bottle containing the precursors to making meth was found a short distance away.

Cemetery manager Tricia Neal found the bag while searching the back section of the cemetery for broken headstones near a wooded area. Neal said it might have been dumped unceremoniously in the cemeteries in recent years.

"I didn't want to touch it," said Neal, "so I called 911. They sent the police, who called for the (Somerset) fire department after they found out it was a meth lab."

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Rexford Community Church

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercersory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Svingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

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COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

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