



Kevin Baker and Laura Watkins

Son of Levant couple to marry in Lawrence

Laura Watkins, daughter of Kay and David Watkins of Hot Springs, Ark., and Kevin Baker, son of Carol Baker of Levant and Ken Baker of Bartlesville, Okla., plan to wed in June at Danforth Chapel in Lawrence. The bride graduated from the University of Kansas in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is now a community manager at Drumroll in Austin, Texas.

The groom served in the Marine Corps from 1999 to 2003 and attended the University of Kansas where he graduated in 2007 with degrees in history and European studies. He received a master's in history from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2012. He is now a doctoral candidate in history at the University of Texas in Austin. The couple will live in Austin.

Resources need our attention

It's time to count your blessings and forget about your lucky stars. We live in a world that is filled with natural resources, but we often overlook the most valuable of all created things — man. That's right; man is still the most important resource in the planet. God intended it to be this way.

This world is filled with many valuable things, some of which have been depleted to the point of extinction. Even many species of plants and animals no longer exist, but man has been permitted to remain.

It's not as if we haven't tried to eradicate ourselves, it's more the case of God not allowing it. Some cultures are no longer distinct, but they continue through the genes of other races. History gives evidence to the attempts we have made at genocide, but God, just as he has kept a remnant of Israel alive through the centuries, will not allow us to completely destroy ourselves. That privilege is reserved to him alone.

Even when we are out of control, God is watching. Genesis speaks of a time when God was willing to pull the plug and let all living things circle the drain. He even repented that he made man. But the record states that Noah found



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grace in the eyes of the Lord. The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." Noah wasn't found by chance. God sought him out. Imagine the results if Noah wasn't in right relationship with God during those years. Every example before him was another excuse not to serve God, but Noah wasn't worried about being politically correct or fitting in with the social norms of his day. Thank God, he wasn't living to please his neighbors or trying to fit in at the local church.

Where are the Noahs of today? Is anyone living to catch the attention of the Lord when his eyes run to and fro in the earth? Would he even pause when he scans your neighborhood? Are we, like Noah, giving him reason to rescue us from a dying world filled with darkness and despair? Dear God,

I hope so. How much longer before we have exhausted all the natural resources this world has to give up and mankind simply falls asleep with nothing to wake up to?

OK, assuming we are ready to do something

other than searching the galaxies for other planets to inhabit, let's focus on the solution and not the problem. We need to stop treating the earth like our giant sandbox and learn how to do what we were, through Adam and Eve, created to do. The Lord put them in charge, making them managers of the resources of the entire planet. Each subsequent generation is handed management responsibilities from their fathers. We must handle the earth as if we plan for our children's children to inherit it. It seems that perspective was thrown out during the industrial age. Can we salvage what's left, so we can pass on to our children more than our national debt?

Throughout history we see where generations of indigenous people lived in tune with their surroundings; only using and taking what was necessary to sustain them for the seasons of their life.

Chaos ensued when a foreign people invaded their land and proceeded to harvest their natural resources, with no regard to the future nor their children's need to survive. What happened to the inhabitance of Easter Island? They depleted the land of trees, their source of fuel and building materials, leaving the remnant to move to Hawaii.

Remember, we have more than an island at stake; the whole world is in danger of another reboot, like in the days of Noah. We must do more than separate our plastics and paper trash. We need spiritual intervention to govern and manage this earth the way God intended.

Adam and Eve started in a garden designed by God himself and intended to spread out as they managed it. God told man to manage the garden. God knew what he wanted, but Adam and Eve were not faithful enough to be in charge. Thank God for the second Adam.

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Historical group has state meeting

Chapter Regent Sharon Maurath of Oakley and Vice Regent Gayle Bremenkamp of Colby attended the 115th Kansas State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution April 26 to 28 in Topeka.

The society's membership numbers are growing and two new chapters have been organized in Basehor and Desoto.

Visiting state regents of the District of Columbia, New Mexico and Virginia attended. Lt. Col. Jennifer Voigtschild Minus, graduate of West Point in 1993 and Daughters member, has served in many areas both here and abroad. She spoke on her service and serving as the National Chairman National Defense Committee. She writes the *National Defense* newsletter which we share with our members at each meeting.

Awards to youth state winners were presented and awards to each of the chapters in Kansas. The John Athey Chapter was honored with 100 percent participation in the President Generals Project, the Magazine Editors award, the top 10 chapters with 53 percent subscription earning a silver award, Outstanding American History Programs, achievement in American history print coverage for recycling and conservation, schools projects, Project Patriot and adding five new members this year. In

service for veterans, the chapter was third place in chapters under 30 members, and exceptional support for junior members.

Also recognized were Kay Weber, Hoxie, who made and donated quilts, Judy Watkins for donations to the St. Joseph's and northern Alaska Indians and Sharon Maurath for serving as a volunteer genealogist, past Kansas Chapter Regents Club treasurer and installed treasurer of the Northwest District for the next three years.

Much encouragement was received for the chapter's active members. Anyone interested in joining that has an ancestor that served in the American Revolution can contact any member or call (785) 671-3388.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.29
Corn (bushel)	\$6.98
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.86
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.49

Senior Progress Center

Monday the Senior Progress Center will be closed for Memorial Day.

Activities: **Monday:** closed, no meals and transportation. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. backgammon. **Wednesday:** sno cones. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii bowling.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** closed. **Tuesday:** Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, cook's choice fruit. **Wednesday:** taco salad, mixed fruit, chips, brownie. **Thursday:** oven-fried chicken, potato salad, cook's choice vegetable, cantaloupe. **Friday:** ground beef stroganoff, corn, spinach salad, noodles, fruit crisp.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older to lunch at the senior center.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Sunday:** Gary Hibbs' birthday. **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows; Loretta Trevino's birthday; Memorial Day. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
May 16

2:34 a.m. — Walk through at Walmart.
7:42 a.m. — Caller reported barking dogs. Spoke with owner.
11:31 a.m. — Helped ambulance crew.
12:33 p.m. — Illegal dumping.
12:48 p.m. — Caller reported possible drunk driver.
5:05 p.m. — Subject came to station about hit and run accident.

Report filed.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
May 16

8:33 a.m. — Caller reported stalled vehicle on County Rd. 27. Everything OK; ran out of gas.
10:02 p.m. — Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop in the 3500 block of U.S. 24.
6:58 p.m. — Caller reported teenagers driving recklessly in vicinity of Taft and Veteran's Memorial Drive. Not found.

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| <p>FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.</p> <p>CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Eric Overmiller. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org</p> <p>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 Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 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. First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.</p> <p>REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.</p> <p>COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Markdock, 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</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST, 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</p> <p>OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Beginning Sept. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.</p> <p>LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.</p> |
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