



MR. MICHAEL J. AND DR. COURTNEY N. LIGGERA  
(She is the former Dr. Courtney Norris Bender)

## Miller-Cory Plans Program On Leather and Bead Work

WESTFIELD - Craftsman Tim Truedson of Scotch Plains will present a program on "Native American Leather and Bead Work" this Sunday, October 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Additionally, Diane King of Cranford and Jean Peters of Edison, members of the museum's cooking committee, will demonstrate open-hearth cooking using authentic early American recipes and cooking utensils. Taste treats will be available for visitors to sample.

Costumed docents will guide guests

through the furnished 1740 home and answer questions about life in Colonial New Jersey. The last tour will begin at 3:30 p.m. Visitors are also invited to stop by the museum gift shop.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under age six.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, the museum will be among 23 historic sites open for free tours during Union County's celebration of Arts and Humanities Month. For more information about the museum, please call (908) 232-1776.

## Dr. Courtney N. Bender Weds Michael J. Liggera

Dr. Courtney Norris Bender, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Bender of Westfield, was married on Saturday, August 14, to Michael Joseph Liggera of Philadelphia, Pa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Liggera of Clark, formerly of Westfield.

The Reverend Roland Perdue, 3rd and the Reverend Joseph Kukura officiated at the late afternoon nuptials at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. A black-tie reception immediately followed at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, white Duchess satin gown by designer Ron LoVece of New York City. The A-line gown was adorned with ivory French Alençon lace, crystal trimmed roses and scattered rosebuds. It extended into a cathedral-length train beginning with a cluster of satin roses and crystals. The cathedral-length mantilla, also by Mr. LoVece, was trimmed with matching lace, satin roses and crystals, and cascaded from a matching rose and crystal hairpiece.

The bride carried a large, lush, round bouquet of creamy white Hollywood roses. The stems were wrapped in white satin ribbon with an overlay of ivory satin braiding with pearl accents.

Mrs. Meghan Erin Parsons of Charlottesville, Va., served as her twin sister's matron of honor. Her bridal attendants included Ms. Vicki Ann Liggera of New York City, the sister of the bridegroom; Ms. Ashli Elizabeth Jane Baker of San Francisco, Calif.; Ms. Daniela Maria D'Amato of North Plainfield, Mrs. Hayley Elizabeth Jacobsen of Westwood, Ms. Shannon Jean Stone of Antibes, France, Ms. Karen Lynn Siedlecki of Charlottesville, Va. and Dr. Kathleen Michelle Westhoven of Alexandria, Va., all friends of the bride.

All wore A-line, black lamé Vera Wang empire waisted gowns with a back inset and ivory grosgrain ribbons tied in a bow at the back. They carried very large nosegays of yellow, orange and raspberry roses with touches of electric blue delphinium. The stems were wrapped with sage green, double-faced satin ribbon.

Maulik Mahesh Sanghavi of Scotch Plains, a friend of the couple, served as the best man. The groomsmen included Michael Paul Parsons of

Charlottesville, Va., the brother-in-law of the bride; Brian Byong Gul Cho of New York City, Calvin William Christopher of London, England, Paul Michael Hayes of Westfield, Matthew Thomas Pasion of Kailua, Hawaii, Peter Mairs Smith of Philadelphia and Thomas John Vella, Jr. of Westfield, all friends of the bridegroom.

John Daniel Ruvolo of Hoboken, a friend of the couple, read I Corinthians, 13 and "On Marriage" from "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran. William Baton of Westfield and Ms. Colleen Kraft of Scotch Plains were the soloists, with Charles Banks of Westfield serving as the organist.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are 1995 graduates of Westfield High School. The bride received her Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude with honors in Psychology and Certification in Elementary Education from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. in 1999.

She was awarded her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 2003, and for the past year has been a trauma clinician at the Children's Crisis Treatment Center in Philadelphia.

The bridegroom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science in 1999 from Princeton University where he was president of the all-male a cappella group The Princeton Footnotes. He is currently in his third year of law school at Temple University in Philadelphia.

An engagement brunch was held at the Clark home of the bridegroom's parents last summer. A fall engagement party took place at the Westfield home of Dr. and Mrs. John Wiley and was hosted by Mrs. Elizabeth Bellezza, Mrs. Jane Stepanski, Mrs. Eva Wiley and Mrs. Bebbins Yudes.

This summer, Mrs. Meghan Parsons and Ms. Vicki Liggera hosted a bridal shower at the home of the bridegroom's parents and a bachelorette party in Washington, D.C.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the bridegroom's parents, was held at the Novita Restaurant in Westfield. The bridegroom's parents also hosted a Sunday brunch at Novita for out-of-town guests.

Following a wedding trip to Galley Bay in Antigua, the couple resides in Philadelphia.



MR. AND MRS. DIRK JAMES FOLE  
(She is the former Miss Melissa Susan Lies)

## Miss Melissa Susan Lies Marries Dirk James Fole

Miss Melissa Susan Lies, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lies of Plainfield, formerly of Fanwood, was married on Saturday, June 12, to Dirk James Fole. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Fole of Jackson.

The afternoon ceremony took place at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit, with the Reverend Bruce Harger officiating. A reception followed at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, Duchess satin gown designed by Vera Wang with a cathedral-length veil trimmed in satin. She carried a bouquet of assorted

white stephanotis, peonies and ranunculus.

Miss Kathryn Lies of New York City was the maid of honor for her sister. The bridal attendants included Miss Erin Fole of Glassboro, the sister of the bridegroom; Miss Meghan Kennedy of East Northport, N.Y., Miss Jessica Patti of Royersford, Pa., and Miss Suzanne Liberti, Miss Kelly Novitski and Miss Lauren Rabadeau, all of New York City.

All wore sage green satin strapless dresses designed by Bill Levkoff and carried bouquets of pink and sage green peonies and ranunculus.

Patrick Cavanaugh of Hoboken was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Peter Billows of Ocean, James Foley of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Brian Korn of Hoboken, John Lane of New York City, Daniel Pappalardo of Tuckahoe, N.Y. and Brian Sarcopski of King of Prussia, Pa.

The bride grew up in Fanwood, graduating from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1996. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing from Villanova University in 2000, and is employed as a media buyer for General Motors Media Works in New York City.

The bridegroom, who grew up in Jackson, graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in Red Bank in 1996. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from Villanova University in 2000. A Certified Public Accountant, he is employed as Controller for Zimmer Lucas Partners in Jersey City.

Bridal showers were hosted by the bride's aunt, Marilyn Rubino, at her West Caldwell home and by the bride's sister and the bridal attendants at the Plainfield home of the bride's parents.

A bachelorette party, hosted by the bride's sister and the bridal attendants, was held in New York City. The bachelor party was hosted by the groomsmen in Las Vegas, Nev.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom the evening before the wedding at the Grain House Restaurant in Basking Ridge.

Following a two-week wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Hoboken.

### Hartzells Welcome Son, James Charles

Cate and Chris Hartzell of Berkeley Heights have announced the birth of their son, James Charles Hartzell, on Tuesday, August 3, at 12:56 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Jamie weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Charlotte and Charles Steele of Princeton, Mass.

His paternal grandparents are Lynne and Larry Hartzell of Westfield.

### Sermon Series to Focus On 'Seven Wonders'

SCOTCHPLAINS - A seven-week sermon series entitled "The 7 Wonders" will begin on Sunday, October 3, at the Scotch Plains Christian Church. The church is located at 1800 Raritan Road, next to the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

The series is based on seven basic questions that people often wonder about - Why do I exist? Is there a God? Am I unique or significant? Why is life so unfair? Why do I feel alone? Why do I struggle with doing what I know is right? Is there life after death?

The church's worship services are at 11 a.m. each week. For more information or to receive a "7 Wonders" booklet, please call (908) 889-1690 or visit [www.commonjourney.com](http://www.commonjourney.com).



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