

WEDDING



Christopher Andrew Widmer

Christopher Andrew Widmer and Lauren Whitney Errington were married May 27, 2011 at Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena, Maryland, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Pastor Patrick Linnell officiated at the ceremony and a reception followed at Kurtz's Beach.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She is the daughter of Dr. Douglas and Linda Errington of Naples, FL. The groom is the son of Bill and Cathy Widmer of Amherst.

The bride's sisters, Lisa Errington and Julie Errington, both of Naples, FL, shared the honor of Maids of Honor. Bridesmaids were Cathy Loikith of California, MD, Stephanie Miller of San Clemente, CA, Katrina Okoniewski of Leonardtown, MD, Monica Reynolds of Bogota, Colombia and Erin Tennyson of California, MD.

Greg Widmer of Amherst, the groom's brother and the groom's lifelong friend, Nick Barraford, also of Amherst shared the duties of Best Men. Other groomsmen were Adam Errington and Zack Errington, brothers of the bride and both of Naples, FL, Andy Barraford of Amherst, Mark Mendelsohn of New York, NY and Geoff Ostrega of Westfield, NJ.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Leonardtown High School in Leonardtown, MD. She attended the University of Maryland, College Park where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neurobiology and Physiology in 2007. She earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2011 and plans to continue her post-graduate studies in Orthodontics at the University of Maryland. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Souhegan High School in Amherst. He also attended the University of Maryland, College Park, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 2007. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2011. He was commissioned a Captain in the US Air Force and is stationed at the Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility in Camp Springs, MD.

After a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple has made their home in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Christopher James Callan

Suzanne Alexis Winiecki, daughter of Alexander and Rani Winiecki of Amherst and Christopher James Callan, son of Kenneth and Evelyn Callan also of Amherst, were married in a double ring ceremony on July 2 on Peaks Island off the coast of Portland, Maine. They were attended by the bride's brother, Robb Winiecki, and groom's sister, Erin Sevilla, along with the bride's three nieces, Morgan and Emma Winiecki acting as ring bearers and Alexandra Winiecki as flower girl. Mark Sevilla, brother-in-law of the groom and Colin Vandenburg, a high school friend, provided the music before and throughout the ceremony. The ceremony was presided over by the bride's godfather, Albert Widman of Cincinnati, OH, and the officiant was Sara Hellstedt, JP, a close friend of the couple in Portland. The ceremony took place on beautiful sunny day on the lawn of The Inn on Peaks overlooking Casco Bay. Poems chosen by the couple were read by Erin Sevilla the groom's sister and Janine Urbaszewski, childhood friend of the bride. After the ceremony there was a dinner followed by a reception held in the Inn's event area where "The Jason Spooner Band" performed for the evening.

Suzanne and Chris both graduated from Souhegan High School where they first met and became friends. Suzanne has her BS degree in Business Management from the University of Colorado Boulder, CO and her MS degree in Merchandising from Academy of Art University, San Francisco CA. She is currently a product developer for Casual Outerwear and Accessories at L.L.Bean in Freeport, ME. Chris holds a BS in Business Administration from Appalachian State University Boone, NC and currently is a project manager for IBM. The couple currently resides in Portland, ME along with their golden retriever Lincoln. The couple spent the week following the ceremony relaxing and enjoying the island. They plan to honeymoon in Belize during the winter.

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different outcome". On this day, it was an incredible moment not only for me to achieve a lifetime dream of winning a National Title, but to watch my daughter win her first pageant and a National Title to top, was amazing! Having been able to do this with my her, is something I will never forget, it's an unbelievably priceless moment in our family and knowing that we represented the wonderful state of NH in the process was the icing on the cake! Pageantry for me is about pushing myself to a personal limit, yes, you compete with others, but the reality is; only one can win, although there are many deserving. For my daughter who showed an interest in competing this year, I said to her, "you have to be really ready to start down this road. It can be tons of fun, but you have to also be ready for the lows of not winning. Once she was ready, we researched the various pageants that would be a good fit for her. I wanted it to be about getting to know the girls, their personality, having a scholarship and talent aspect to it and of course there would always be the beauty part. I wanted to stay clear of anything you see on Toddlers and Tiaras. Honestly, that is not

for us. Young girls should be themselves and showcase their "Natural Beauty". So, we found a pageant system that had everything we were looking for that would allow her to compete in a full end pageant covering all the above aspects. She spent a lot of time over the summer practicing her piano and singing, which is what she performed for the talent portion, practiced interviewing skills, prepared for current events and also practiced lots of stage presence approaches which are essential in the presentation aspect of competition. Some of the wonderful takeaways from preparing to compete at her age the life-long skills being built that she will use in her everyday life both today and in the future, not to mention new friendships".

As the winners of Little Miss US of America 2011 and Mrs. US of America 2011, not only did they each receive a fabulous prize package and win a \$1,000 scholarship fund, but will now represent our nation and make various appearances throughout the year promoting volunteerism, bringing awareness to skin cancer prevention and foster the empowerment of young girls & positive self image.

Neighborhood Yard Sale Jasper Valley - Amherst

Saturday, October 1, 8 am- 2 pm
Hemlock Hill area. No early birds!

LOST CAT!



Claude is a male, long-haired cat (white with brown and black markings) who has double paws and a paint brush tail. He was last seen on Fri 8/26 in the Conifer Lane area of Amherst or near Souhegan Woods Golf Course. He is primarily an indoor cat and may be hiding and frightened. We miss him. Please call 603-672-6318 or 603-801-2699 with any info. **REWARD**

More Letters

Amherst Fire Department Was Prepared for Tropical Storm Irene

To the editor:

Hurricane season took on a whole new meaning this year in New England and tropical storm Irene kept Amherst Fire Department busy for several days. Prior to the storm Amherst Fire Department personnel spent several days preparing for the worst. Conference calls were held with state emergency management officials and the Governor. Emergency Operations Plans were reviewed and Fire Personnel were briefed on the storms track, response plans and staffing plans for the weekend.

Despite having homes and family to worry about Amherst Firefighters spent the majority of Saturday August 27th fueling apparatus, running and testing small engines, checking equipment and filling spare gas cans. Sunday got off to an early start at 3 a.m. with a motor vehicle accident on Lyndeborough road that was unrelated to the storm. Throughout the day Amherst fire personnel answered multiple calls for trees down, trees and wires down, fire alarm activations and a tree on a vehicle. Over a 24 hour period 34 calls were answered by Amherst Fire Department. As the storm pulled away from New England we continued monitoring river levels, power outages and responded to two additional calls for service during the overnight.

The Town of Amherst is fortunate to have so many dedicated, knowledgeable and committed Firefighters. I want to thank everyone for the hard work preparing and responding to the events over the weekend. As Fire Chief I want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the Amherst Fire Department. The 30 paid-on-call firefighters that volunteered their time on Saturday preparing for the storm deserve a sincere thank you. The same 30 personnel spent Sunday away from their homes and families to staff both Amherst Fire Stations putting themselves at risk responding to calls to protect and serve the citizens of Amherst. Thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to the Town of Amherst.

Respectfully
Mark R. Boynton
Fire Chief, Amherst

Tea Party Prosperity?

To the editor:

Why is the Tea Party apparently so popular? Their messages are simple: "Your taxes are too high," "The deficit is a horror," "Government is too big." With astounding confidence, they say we must cut them all to restore jobs and prosperity. Easy to do. Unfortunately, none of these is the cause of our economic woes.

First of all, with the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, our tax burden is now the lowest in 60 years, and lower than most developed countries. Secondly, our national debt, while too high, is fixable. It is largely the result of the above tax cuts, plus financing two Mideast wars on the national "debit card." Thirdly, the idea that government is too big begs the question, "How big should government be?"

Is the Tea Party really about prosperity? They proudly claim so. But their solution of tax cuts at all levels (individual and corporate) will not work. The poor do not pay taxes. The middle class, for decades, has lacked sufficient spending power (aside from second incomes and borrowing) to boost demand. And cutting taxes at the top merely increases available investment cash. Businesses, small or large, expand and add jobs ONLY to meet increased market demand. Where will that demand come from?

Well, let's forget about prosperity. Many openly say cutting government – at all levels – is the Tea Party's main objective. Of course, this COSTS jobs, but they don't appear to notice. They say reducing the deficit is all that matters. Revenue increases would help balance the budget, but they claim that will slow growth. This would be true only if that revenue came out of consumer pocket books. Should the budget be balanced at the lowest possible level? Along with total economic collapse, our quality of life – including investment in public health, infrastructure, education and the social safety net – would vanish.

Whether you think the Tea Party is about prosperity or simply slashing government, we are in deepest trouble if we believe their promises. Their plan to cut taxes and "free" businesses to create jobs, will not add a single job. It will result in continued stagnation. And if the extremists severely cut government, we will end up back in the middle ages, where ALL wealth and power was at the top, and the masses toiled in poverty. Is that what we want?

John G. David
Amherst

Killing the Goose that Laid the Golden Egg

To the editor:

The American middle class is being slowly strangled. The disparity between the rich and the rest of us now is the same as that discrepancy was during the "Gilded Age" in the 1890's and during the decade leading up to the Great Depression in the 1930's. Just 1% of the richest Americans control 20% of our wealth which is up from controlling 8% of it in the 1970's when taxes were higher, but economic advantage was more equitable. In our current era, that upper 1% has gotten richer while the rest of Americans have not seen increased wages since the 1970's.

Current Federal fiscal policies will exacerbate the wealth gap because the Republicans refuse to allow any tax increase on the wealthy who are currently paying lower taxes than they have since the prosperous Clinton era. Yet the Republicans want to cut spending which will affect the poor and the middle class disproportionately because they depend on unemployment benefits, student loans, and the social security safety net.

The growing wealth gap is compounding our economic woes because 95% of American consumers do about 70% of the spending. If they don't have money or they fear the loss of their jobs, they won't go out and buy anything. This defunding of our governmental social and educational networks when added to private sector job loss becomes a vicious cycle of economic downward spiral.

In NH, the Republicans with their ¾ representation in the House Legislature and Senate have insisted on defunding NH government as well. Our unemployment rate has risen from 4.9 in June to 5.3% in just the short time since the Republicans' job killing budget was passed. Due to budget cuts, various NH hospital systems have laid off about 900 workers, and the University system has laid off 200 people so far. About 45 snow plowmen will no longer be funded by the DOT either.

Cutting taxes and government spending at the Federal and state level are recipes for economic disaster in a down economy. In a society where private industry is not spending profits here in America to make jobs (new jobs are going to Asia instead), government needs to step in to underpin the middle class and poor until corporate America decides that manufacturing can be done profitably in America. If we are to have a viable economy, government fiscal policies need to favor the Americans who do most of the spending. If government both in DC and NH continues to cut everything that benefits 95% of us, the goose that laid the golden economy of the latter half of the 20th century will die, and we'll limp along like the other nations that historically squandered their economic advantages by concentrating wealth in a few hands.

Nancy Iannuzzelli
Amherst

ENGAGEMENT



Czasonis - Fitzgerald

Jeffrey and Donna Fitzgerald, formerly of Amherst, announce the engagement of their son, Kyle of Branford, Connecticut to Sara Czasonis of Branford, Connecticut. Sara is the daughter of Thomas and Joan Czasonis of Bristol, Connecticut. Kyle graduated from Souhegan High School in 2005. Kyle and Sara graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont in 2009. A September 2011 wedding is planned.

Jill had just
one last thing
in her life to
get straight.

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