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CROP Hunger Walk 2014 – May 4th



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MILFORD – May is almost here, and that means another Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk! The date is Sunday, May 4th. This will be the twenty-fifth year for the annual event. Why walk? One reason is to share, for a few hours, the daily routine of one-sixth of the world’s people who have no choice. Of course, walking is not the hardest part of their lives: think about access to clean water, sanitation, medical care, food, shelter, education. When Walkers get sponsors, or sponsor themselves, the Walk raises money to help those in need, locally and globally.

The Chair of this year’s walk is Rev. “Wes” Palmer, Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Milford. He will be talking about the Walk with area clergy and helping to promote the Walk in the community. Last year’s CROP Walk, on May 5th raised \$34,099, with 293 Walkers from age 7 – 86. The

money has been put to work bringing relief and development assistance to those in need around the world, with over \$8,500 going to our own Souhegan Valley neighbors, through SHARE Outreach in Milford and Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton. Local businesses fund the production of the Walk, so no expenses are deducted from the amounts raised by Walkers. The CROP Walk Organizing Committee has set a goal for the 2014 Walk of having 350 Walkers who will collectively raise over \$35,000.

The Walk is for all ages. Strollers, Wheelchairs and dogs are welcome. There is just one shorter Walk of about 3.6 miles, for everyone this year. It begins with Registration at 1:00 PM at St. Patrick Church in Milford. The Walk makes a loop which includes the Oval, First Congregational Church, the Unitarian Church, the SHARE center and winds up in Emerson Park for ice

cream, music and celebration of our Walks 25th. On the Thursday following the Walk, May 8th, there is a free Celebration and Awards pizza party where individuals and families are recognized for their participation.

CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, the community appeals program of Church World Service (CWS), Elkhart, IN, www.church-worldservice.org, one of the largest non-governmental world-aid organizations. CWS sponsors and fosters the nation-wide CROP Walk Program. Last year, nearly 1,500 locally-run CROP Walks were held across the U.S., raising close to \$22M for emergency relief, disaster recovery, food aid, water and sanitation projects, and basic development in over 70 countries (including in the U. S.) through CWS and

its USAID partner agencies. In recognition of our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Walk, a custom-designed T-shirt is available Free to those who walk and ask for pledges. Go to www.svnhcropwalk.org to Pre-Register for the Walk.

In a time when human suffering around the world and at home might lead us to withdraw in apathy or resignation, you can make a difference: join in the CROP Hunger Walk! Carry a sign! When we walk together, we raise awareness and show our concern. And by asking those who are not walking to be Sponsors, the Walk generates resources to help relieve suffering and build hope for a better world.

For more information, contact Walk Coordinator John David, email: JGDavid@aol.com or phone 801-7108.



Start of the Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk



2014 Kitty Angels Fundraiser, “The Power Of Angels!”

AMHERST – Treasures Antiques, Collectables & MORE! will be the place to be on the weekend of May 3rd & 4th, as preparations for their annual Kitty Angels Fundraiser and adoption days are heating up. This event, their 20th, continues to grow and will run both days from 9AM to 5PM rain or shine.

Kitty Angels, Inc., a no-kill cat shelter, has been the beneficiary of these awesome events at Treasures, not only gaining much needed funds but getting quite a number of the countless felines in their care, adopted into loving “forever homes.” Kitty Angels, Inc. itself, is made up of only unpaid volunteers and is dedicated to rescuing stray and abandoned cats, furnishing them with treatment for injuries or other health issues and then placing them into these “forever homes” with compatible owners.

All steps are taken to insure the well being of the cats, including screening for infectious diseases, spaying and neutering, providing rabies, distemper and other necessary vaccinations. They are a non-profit, charitable corporation where all donations are fully tax-deductible and every penny of every donation is used in the caring of cats. (View their website at: www.kittyangels.org).

Also attending the event will be representatives of the Amherst Animal Hospital, who has helped Kitty Angels over the last 20 plus years by taking care of hundreds of the worst case kitty patients; some sadly mangled or critically ill and given them a second chance at life. They will be available to explain their services and to answer any questions you may have concerning the kitties or any other pet/animal.

The 2013 event had 138 amazing vendors who filled the grounds surrounding Treasures in an entertaining crafts, flea market, yard sale and county-fair type atmosphere. In addition, there will be other skilled artisans & crafters, even a whimsical face painter. There will be baked goods and other natural product foods, and a growing list of other vendors as they steadily continue to sign on. Along with the various “yard sale” items that can be found, you’ll be guaranteed to uncover a bargain for yourself, your pet, your home, or your garden sanctuary including jewelry, candles, soap, florals, sports, clothing and much, much more.

An electrifying raffle, of numerous and diverse prizes, will be featured throughout the fundraising weekend and into the month of June.

This annual fundraising event for “Kitty Angels, Inc.” is the “pet” charity of Treasures’ owners, Rick & Sherry Tobin. To date, their fundraising efforts have far exceeded \$40,000.

If you’d like to make a donation through Treasures, but can’t come to the event that weekend, you may send a check or money order made out to Treasures (with a note in your memo section: “Kitty Angels, Inc.”). The address is Treasures Antiques, Collectables & MORE! 106 Ponemah Road, Amherst, NH 03031. If you can’t make a monetary donation at this time, but would like to help, material donations will be happily accepted.

You PAW’SITIVELY have to attend. Hopefully, you can adopt a new, life-long, forever-friend as well. Visit their website at www.TreasuresNH.com.

Nashua Historical Society

Kevin Martin – Big Trees in NH

NASHUA – Many of us see big trees while traveling throughout New Hampshire but do not know how they compare to others in the state. At the Nashua Historical Society’s next meeting, held at the Florence Speare Museum, 5 Abbott St. in Nashua at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 15, Kevin Martin, author of “Big Trees of New Hampshire,” will discuss some of New Hampshire’s largest trees that are on public land or in cities where the public can see them up close. Some are on public trails while others take you off the main trails and into the woods. Focusing on the giant trees provides a unique way to see the land, unlike simply walking through the woods to see other landmarks.

New Hampshire is home to seven national champion “Big Trees?” These are the largest examples of their species discovered nationwide. New Hampshire hosts the largest black locust, mountain-ash, pitch pine, eastern white pine, black spruce, staghorn sumac and

black birch in the entire US. They’re among 760 champion trees documented by The NH Big Tree Program.

Kevin, interested in working with wood all of his adult life, put in a four year apprenticeship as a union carpenter before starting his own business. During the past 33 years Kevin has carried on the tradition of boatbuilding, making well over one hundred small crafts and restoring many more. His interest in working with wood led him to admire the giant trees he came across as he traveled the woods of New Hampshire, first looking at them as prime sources of good lumber for his work. While serving on the Epping town Conservation Commission, and then the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, he learned of their many other important benefits.

Call 883-0015 or go to www.nashuahistoricalscociety.org for further information. The office is open from 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday through Thursday.

Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

Pets of the Week



Hi! My name is B.B. King (aka Mr. B or Boomer). I am a 4 year old neutered male Burmese mix. I am shy in new situations and am hoping to find a patient, loving home where I can slowly adjust. You may find me under the bed initially, but give me some time and I will start to come out to say hello. Once I know and trust you I look forward to seeing you and am happy to sit by your side while you read to me. If you have a calm home and are looking for a loving friend, ask about me!

Hey! Over here! My name is Galen and I am 9 month old male Terrier/Mix. I am a little bit of a shy guy but once you get to know me I



have a lot of love to give. It might be nice if you could even visit me more than once before I go to my new home. I came in here with my bro, but he found a home before me. I really liked having him around and I would prefer having another dog friend at my new home so they could show me the ropes. Even though I am on the shy side, once I am comfortable I think I am a lap dog and want to be right next to my person. Feel free to ask staff about my bad hair day! Some think I look a little silly, it will grow back in time, honestly!

Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH, call 472-3647, or visit: www.rescueleague.org

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Ryan – Gummer

John and Peggy Silva of Amherst are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Ryan, to Kevin Gummer, the son of Charles and Joan Gummer of Baltimore, Maryland. Kerry attended Souhegan High School before graduating from Brown University in 2002. She is the administrative manager for the Educational Theatre Program at the Oregon Children’s Theatre, and is a stage actress in Portland, Oregon. She is appearing in a sketch comedy show called PDX Live for the local Fox affiliate. Named the Best Dog Trainer in Portland in 2013 and 2014, Kerry also owns and operates Dog Adventures Northwest.

Kevin graduated from Frostburg State College in Maryland, and works for the Bureau of Development Services for the City of Portland, Oregon. Kevin and Kerry plan to open a Bed and Breakfast at their home in Southeast Portland this fall.

In announcing their engagement on Facebook, Kerry wrote: “In the wind and the rain and the hail of a tremendously beautiful Oregon Coast storm, Kevin got down on one knee in the sand, put a ring on my finger, and asked me to marry him. And I, of course, said yes. And then hugged him and kissed him and cried. And then moved the ring over to my left hand.”

Kerry and Kevin plan to marry in a small family ceremony this September in Oregon. Following their honeymoon, they will continue to live at 2227 S.E. Tibbets Street in Portland.

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Conti – Smith

Sydney and Robert Conti of Amherst are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Conti, to Christopher Smith, son of Terry and Roger Smith of Springfield, NH.

Ashley is a graduate of Bowdoin College with an A.B. in economics and Spanish. She also earned her MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Ashley is employed by DDJ Capital Management in Waltham, MA.

Chris is a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelors of Arts in History. He also earned his MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Chris is employed by Veolia Energy North America in Boston, MA.

A November 2014 wedding is planned at the Congregational Church of Amherst.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at www.amherstcitizen.com) to Editor: The Amherst Citizen, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031. Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos.

Household Hazardous 2014 Waste Season Kicks Off April 19

MERRIMACK—The first collection of 2014 will be held on Saturday April 19 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. Visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw for the rest of the 2014 collection schedule.

Residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham are welcome to attend.

There is a \$10 user fee per vehicle, which covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Residents who bring more than this amount will be charged accordingly to help offset the additional costs.

A variety of common household hazardous waste (HHW) products are accepted at the collection events, including non-latex paints, solvents, oven cleaners, pool chem-

icals, pesticides, drain openers, and auto chemicals. For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-424-2240.

Electronics are also collected at all HHW events. Televisions and computer monitors each cost \$10per item. All other electronics are free. For a complete list of accepted electronics, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw. If you only bring electronics to an HHW collection you do not have to pay the \$10 user fee. However, if you bring electronics as well as other household hazardous wastes, you do need to pay the \$10 user fee in addition to the electronics charge.

For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-424-2240.