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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler
LAKE WYOLA ART SHOW & BOAT TOURS July 16, 2011, 10am to 4pm at the Lake Wyola Association Lodge.

COMMUNITY PICNIC at Lake Wyola! July 20, from 6pm until 8:30pm. This is a Celebration of Shutesbury's 250th anniversary and 200th anniversary of Shutesbury Library put on by Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library and the 250th Committee. Bring a picnic- watermelon, cold drinks and cake will be provided. There is no parking fee charged after 5:30pm.

TRASH BAGS available at the market behind town hall, Saturday 8:30-noon only.

NEW SHUTESBURY LIBRARY is one giant step closer to reality!



The state awarded \$2.1 million to Shutesbury, 60% of the project, on Thursday, also the Harry Porter Party Day! Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the grant application. Well done! Fundraising work now begins in earnest. This is a project we can all benefit from and be a part of.

New Library Hours : M &W 11-1 & 3-7:30, T & Th 3-7:30, Sat. 10-1 and Sunday 3-6pm.

ED STUDY COMMITTEES from Leverett, Shutesbury, and Pelham met this week to further their discussion of a possible Outer Ring Region. Each town is coming to the table with many questions and many concerns. A profile of each community will show complicated funding, revenue sources with two communities having significant numbers of students "Choice-In" to their schools while Shutesbury does not accept "Choice" students. In Massachusetts revenue follows the child so there is concern that if the new Region did not accept Choice students it would have a negative revenue impact on the Region as a whole. Five-thousand dollars is paid by the sending town to the receiving town for every Choice student. Shutesbury officials shared their understanding that the Region could accommodate a mix of Choice and non-Choice schools.

All three committees separately voted to recommend that their Selectboard's support the creation of a Joint Regionalization Planning Committee to continue to explore the possibilities of a Small Town Region made up of Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury.



Also at SHUTESBURY FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET...

Saturday July 16, will be another special day at the market for children

- Pony rides!
- Breakfast bake sale & book sale to support the library!
- TRASH BAGS

Eggs, blueberries, lettuce, kale, maple syrup, basil, summer squash, compost, bouquets of flowers! Cucumbers, perennials, insect repellent, shiitake mushrooms, jewelry, clothes pin bags, bonnets, aprons, nature photos, fine wood work, and baskets

BROADBAND This week MBI awarded grants for last mile efforts. Wired West received \$50,000. Leverett also received a planning grant for \$40,000. They are talking with Crocker Communication about stringing their own fiber optic cable, which the town would pay for-fund itself, through a municipal bond. I have gotten inquiries why Shutesbury is not doing the same thing. Why is Shutesbury just working with Wired West? The answer is the \$2 million build out price tag. Leverett has clearly expressed their appetite to use their bond rating to fund the project. Shutesbury has not.

NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE

We need more help on Pelham Hill Rd., Leverett Rd. and town hall. I have black bags available at town hall if you need them.

SHUTESBURY 250th MOONLIGHT BALL on the BEACH, September 10, 2011. Mark your calendars!

MINUTE MEETING SCRIBE NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

www.union28.org/opportunities/Minute%20Taker%20Ad%20June%202011%20MD.pdf

The Shutesbury School Committee is looking for a reliable person to record minutes of monthly meetings. Meetings are normally 3-4 hours in duration and require some follow-up.

The minutes are a summary of the discussions at the meeting and serve as a record of decisions made and actions taken.

Location: Shutesbury Elementary School

Starting Date: September or Early Fall 2011

Hours: As needed for completion of the minutes

Compensation: \$100/meeting

Deadline: Applications accepted until position is filled

For a list of responsibilities, qualifications and how to apply,

If interested, contact Joan Wickman, Superintendent of Schools at (413) 423-3337 or u28supt@erving.com

TOWN COMMITTEE AND BOARD OPENINGS:

- Lots of room on the Recreation Committee
- 1 on Personnel Board
- 2 on Conservation Commission
- Lots of room on New Shutesbury Library Fundraising Sub Committees!

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