

**TA Report 6.17.11**

**250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler**  
**FARM & GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2011**  
**TICKETS FOR THE FARM & GARDEN TOUR AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET**

**NO FIRE WORKS AT LAKE WYOLA THIS YEAR** The Shutesbury Selectboard, Fire Chief Tibbetts and Police Chief Harding are requesting that fireworks not be shot off this year. Over the last few years the firework displays have grown from a small local event to a destination event. Last year tailgating stretched down Lake Drive, cars were parked on both sides of the street making emergency vehicle access impossible. This situation can't continue. Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts. Town officials are responsible to their residents to keep them safe. We appreciate your support on this issue.

**250<sup>TH</sup> PARADE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!**



**Special request from the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee: VIDEO TOTING PARENTS please SUBMIT video footage to share with 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for an archival video of the 250<sup>th</sup> Shutesbury Parade. The committee wants to collect as much footage as possible to make sure no one is missed and edit it all together. Please email or call me, thanks so much, Becky, [townadmin@shutesbury.org](mailto:townadmin@shutesbury.org) or 259-1214.**

TO ALL OUR AMAZING PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS, OUR POLICE DEPT., FIRE DEPT., AND HIGHWAY DEPT., LIBRARY, SCHOOL and THE ATHLETIC CLUB FOR HOSTING THE BBQ! TO THE GRACIOUS 250<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE FOR THEIR VISION and TENACIOUSNESS – THANK YOU !

AND A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO 2 TIRELESS INDIVIDUALS FOR THIS AMAZING PARADE - JANIS GRAY and DAGEN JULTY !

**LETTER OF REQUEST SIGNED** between the five towns of Union 28, and the Swift River region regarding setting a proportionate, more consistent formula for the payment of Union 28 administrative staff health insurance benefits. Currently the

“lead town” determines how much each town pays which results in Union 28 employees getting a different proportion of their benefits than other town employees, some times less and sometimes more depending on which town has the largest number of school population. The letter is to Representative Stephen Kulik to ask for help to get special legislation to allow the town to share costs as they agree to do. It is not clear how this can be done but Kulik and Rosenberg’s office staff are working on the problem.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE** in search of new members

**PERSONNEL BOARD** in search of a new member

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** in search of new members

**COUNCIL ON AGING** in search of a new member

**Bountiful Eggs** are available at the market. Our farmers raised more chickens this year to keep up to your demand. Make the market part of your Saturday routine, swing by market field behind town hall and stop by the library.

**NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE-** If you are interested in working to help control the knotweed around town, starting at the town hall let me know, thanks. We hope to get teams together to meet one time a month to focus on specific sites to fight this invasive plant. The plants need to be pulled out, with roots and dried in the sun before disposal in plastic bags. Knotweed can be disposed of in black trash bags if brought to town hall. Please let me know if you do this, thanks.

The Lacy Knot Weed team worked on Locks Pond Rd. by the dam this week. Their mission is to keep the knotweed that is thriving on Rt. 63 from creeping into town through Leverett. Please let me know where you are pulling up this menace!

**SHUTESBURY FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET** is open!

Lots of plant starts, greens, sprouts, maple syrup, and MUSHROOMS

Bonnets, clothes pin bags, baskets, nature photos, jewelry, woodwork, and 250<sup>th</sup> hats & tshirts.

Last week in the rain we had 4 farmers under tents keeping the market open. They did close early at 11am. Please stop by, rain or shine!

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