

I've never repeated a front-page editorial, but I'm re-printing this one, from last summer's August 13 issue. I was disappointed that it got no response last year, at least not to me, and I'm wondering if I'm the only person who feels this way. If you have an opinion, please share it through the Highlights email address, and if there are enough responses, I'll share your thoughts (anonymously, of course) in a future issue. — JSS

I will go to my grave hating the fact that for the last dozen or so years, Fair Week, Camp Meeting, and the end of Day Camp have all been jammed into one hectic and exhausting week. Summer seems to screech to a halt, even though the active season at Hedding still has four weeks to run and there are still several events ahead.

I know the reasons for the change have to do with schools starting earlier than they used to and all that — they have been explained to me, sometimes condescendingly, by people who don't know that I was a teacher for 40-odd years — but really, what would happen if we moved Camp Meeting back to where it used to be, i.e. starting the second Sunday after the Fair? Would attendance at the Camp Meeting services suffer significantly? Personally, I doubt it. But, as they say, you never know until you try. Why not give it a shot next summer? It would certainly be good psychologically, feeling as if we've gained an extra week of the season. At worst, a couple of events might see a few less attendees; at best, Hedding wouldn't seem like the final scene of *On the Beach* quite so soon.

— Your Ever-Faithful Editor, Joe Sheppard

The Date Book

| Friday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., the Gazebo Candlelight Service |
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| Saturday, August 13,10:00 a.m., Chautauqua HallAnnual Meeting of the HCMA |
| 1:30 p.m., StudioChautauqua annual meeting |
| 7:00 p.m. the Gazebo (bring a chair)Grace Notes concert |
| Sunday, August 14, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua HallChoir rehearsal |
| 10: 30 a.mWorship service |
| Pastor Frank King, UMC retired, preacher |
| 2:00 p.m., Beth Wicks' houseLadies' Auxiliary budget meeting |
| Tuesday, August 16, 1:30 p.m., the StudioLadies' Auxiliary meeting |



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Around and About

A very happy birthday today to Chautauqua's eternally-young president, Tim Sheppard, who still has more hair than his father. For how much longer remains to be seen.

From the Trustees

The Cottage Pricing Committee presented a proposal to the Board of Trustees for approval which read as follows:

"The Board of Trustees shall not approve the Transfer Application for a cottage whose sale price is more than 5% above that year's Town of Epping assessed value for that cottage plus \$10,000.00."

The proposal was discussed and tabled by The Board of Trustees pending a final vote after discussing with our attorney whether we had legal authority to uphold these changes.

Our attorney reviewed our Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Deeds of Lease and has confirmed that since the wording "not for profit" has been part of our Rules and Regulations for quite some time and we have an established Constitution as a member of the Tri-State District of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church outlining our purpose, The Board of Trustees representing the Association has every right to deny a Transfer Application for what they believe to be excessive profit. He further stated that going forward we would be better protected as a revised motion would clarify how profit will be measured.

Our attorney recommended that the motion be revised to read as follows, as assessments by the Town of Epping are normally done every five years and then periodically as cottage owners make improvements to their cottages. As a general rule no one ever questions the Town of Epping when they feel their assessment is too low until it comes time to transfer their lot:

The Fair ...the aftermath, Part I

Thanks to everyone who baked or prepared something for the food table this year. We know it has been hot, so we are especially grateful for everyone who baked or donated some thing to the table. We greatly appreciated it and had a successful day thanks to the efforts of all who donated!

Thanks also to my family members who worked so hard at the table and at the snow cone machine: Dougie, Kathy, Jack, Katie, Mike and our friend Meg. You are the best crew ever!

- Tori Munley

I wanted to congratulate and thank all those who worked so hard "behind the scenes" for the great job on the Fair this year.

I was very happy to see the layout of the tables back to the way they were pre-Covid. I think it promotes a better feel to the event as people can stop and talk without causing a "traffic jam" as it did with the tables in the middle.

By my calculations this year is my 68th summer here, and the best thing is nothing really changes!

- Larry Powers

The Candy Table would like to thank the following people who so generously donated to our table. We had a stellar year.

— Linda Biondo

Margo Lee Louis and Judi Powers Kristina Parisi Jodi Montalbano Linda Biondo Nicole Parisi O'Donnell Nicole Bonzani Charlene Upham Lynn Mulholland Anonymous donor

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"The Board of Trustees shall not approve a Transfer Application for a cottage whose sale price is more than 5% above the equalized assessed value established by the Town of Epping for the current year plus \$10,000.00."

Upon receiving this recent information the Board of Trustees will be presenting the agreed-upon motion of the Cottage Pricing Committee along with the revised recommendations of our legal counsel at the upcoming Annual Meeting for a vote of the Association.

— John Fuller, Chair

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

In December of 1878, Charles Williams of Manchester came by and discovered that his cottage had been broken into with bedding, curtains, furniture and tableware stolen. A bit later, Rev. Otis Cole found that his cottage and several others had been broken into.

John H. Ganney, a professional burglar, had spent time in several of the area prisons, including the State prison in Dover, where, in time, he was pardoned due to ill health. A few days later he made his 1878 visit to Hedding, breaking into many cottages. He later stole a boat and acted as a pirate, stopping boats on the Piscataqua River between Dover and Portsmouth. He was caught and by his lawyer's plea, sent to the insane asylum at Concord, from which he soon escaped.

On August 27, 1880, Portsmouth City Marshal Entwhistle went to Newburyport to bring him back for trial for committing "extensive depredations" along the Eliot, Maine shore, He used the aliases of John Rogers, John Smith and others.

Day Camp

As our six weeks of camp come to an end, the Day Camp Committee would like to thank all of you for your extremely generous support for a successful season. We couldn't be luckier to have had our fearless Day Camp Director, Cam King, running the show for the last four years. We've been blessed to have Erica Tweedie heading up Kiddie Camp, and Darby Dwyer in charge of both arts and crafts and Teen Camp. You're all amazing, and we thank you!

— Day Camp Committee: Alix Sheppard, chair Brenda Zimmerman, co-chair Jen Lawrence, Secretary Dannielle Dwyer, Treasurer Mary Anderson, Anne Kinney, Jenn Clark Ross Clark, Robyn Renzelman, Stephanie Regan

Hello Heddingites,

It's a wrap! We had a full and fun final week. Our superhero trait of the week was Strength, and our verse was Isaiah 40:29: "He gives power to the weak, and strength to the powerless." I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who volunteered their time this summer to support our campers. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff, including the fabulous Darby Dwyer, who brought her incredible talent to arts and crafts to make it both fun and educational. Thank you to our counselors and CITs: Lindsay, Brooke, Nicholas, Anthony, Jack, Tori, Seamus, and Marygrace (and the volunteer counselors who filled in when needed: Kaylin, Kate and Ella). They are all truly an amazing group of teens! I'm thankful that I had

the opportunity to spend another summer with our Hedding kids. They're the best!

I pray that you all have a wonderful year...until we meet again next summer.

With gratitude and appreciation,

— Cam King 267-312-5551

I can't believe we just wrapped up our last week of Kiddie Camp for the summer. They say time flies when you're having fun, and boy is that true! This week we learned all about our five senses and how they help to make us aware of the world around us. We read tons of silly stories including *The Wonky Donkey, The Dinky Donkey,* and *Nibbles the Book Monster*. Thank you to the Day Campers for setting up a fantastic carnival for the Kiddie Campers to enjoy on our very last day. They were so excited.

Snacks this week were donated by Jennifer Fuller, Diane Capodilupo-Crowell, and Charlene Moran Upham. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to Kiddie Camp this year, and to the Day Camp Committee for all your support in my first year. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Lastly, thank you to my Kiddie Campers. I hope you guys had as much fun as I did! It was such a joy to get to know you all. I'm so proud of you and of everything we've done together this year. Great job, campers!

— Erica Tweedie, Kiddie Camp Director

Religious LifeLines

We omitted Cheryl's RLC submission last week through an error. With apologies, we print it here. — Ed.

Last week's sermon, "Three 'Greatest" was given by Rev. Gary McClenthen of the Maplewood Baptist Church, Malden, Mass. We were blessed to have some members of his congregation here with us to enjoy his sermon.

This week's worship service will be given by Bishop Suda Devahar, NE Conference, UMC. Assisting him with the Memorial and Communion services is District Superintendent Rev. Taesung Kang. If you have a name or names of loved ones to be read, please contact Cheryl McGovern.

Last week's flowers were given by the Holt family in loving memory of Tom Holt and Gladys Swanson and by the Lord family in loving memory of Alan Barker Lord. Greeters were Bill and Carol Carr.

Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m., Pastor Bill will lead the Vesper Service at the pool.

Our Camp Meeting speaker this year is Pastor Brian Smith. Services Monday through Thursday will be at 7:00 p.m. in Chautauqua Hall and the candlelight service will be Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo.

Saturday, August 13 Grace Notes will be performing at 7:00 pm at the Gazebo.

Thank you all who attended Sunday's worship service, led by Bishop Sudashana Devadhar. His message, "Do Not Be Afraid," encouraged District Superintendent Rev. Taesung Kang to share his beautiful singing voice, completing the Bishop's message with two verses of *It is Well With My Soul*. Thank you to Sophie Lawrence and Aubrey Renzelman for placing of the flowers for the Memorial service. Holy Communion was celebrated as well.

Flowers were given by Mary Jane Anderson in memory of loved ones; in loving memory of Joe and Rita Stone by the Stone family; in loving memory of Al Wilkin by Doug and Barbara Wilkin; and in loving memory of Ted Wicks by the Wicks family. Greeters were Bill and Elaine Stilwell. Thank you to Lisa Blackburn for creating a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner after service.

Sixteen adults and three children attended Vespers on Sunday evening. Unfortunately, Pastor Bill Humphrey was unable to be present, but we thank Rev. Cynthia Nickerson for leading us in prayer, Sophie Lawrence for the Bible reading and Terry Herring and Rob Lauter for their excellent guitar playing, as we had a good old fashioned hymn sing.

The Candlelight Service is tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo. Bring a chair.

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Fair was such a wonderful success! The Fair Chairs did an outstanding job. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Fair, from running a table, hanging up flags, helping to set up and clean up. The Fair would not be successful without the community pitching in to help.

On that note, we have the Fair Chairs for 2023! Thank you to Monica Fuller and her team for stepping up.

The annual Ladies' Day had 28 ladies (and gentlemen) from a variety of churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, along with ladies on the grounds. We were fortunate to have Cynthia Nickerson to lead us in prayer. This was followed by a wonderful luncheon in the Community House. Lisa Blackburn and her crew did a wonderful job. After lunch we emjoyed a beautiful and informative presentation by Mike and Tori Munley on bee keeping. Special thanks to Nancy Bergeron, Anna Wicks, Diane Angus, and Jenni Lamb.

This Sunday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies will hold their annual budget meeting at Lindy Doherty's (also known as Beth Wicks' cottage) back porch. If you have any suggestions or ideas, let Lindy, Anna or Diane know.

Next Tuesday, August 16, is the Ladies' annual budget and voting meeting in the studio at 1:30 p.m.

— Lindy Doherty



Sunday School News

This past Sunday we had six younger students and one older.

We continued our study of John's gospel, chapter 12. In verse 37 we read, "But despite all the miraculous signs he had done most of the people did not believe in him." This brought up the question about our time, why some trust Jesus but most do not? The Bible says elsewhere, "men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." We read in verse 44, "Jesus shouted to the crowds, 'If you trust me you are really trusting god who sent me. For when you see me you are seeing the one who sent me. I have come as a light to shine in this dark world so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness".

Which will we choose — light or darkness?

Chautauqua

NOTICE: Chautauqua's Annual meeting will be held this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Studio. Members, please attend.

Yes, folks, the Great Chatauqweekend is just one short Chautauqweek away! On Friday night, join us in front of our eponymous hall for ChauNachos and Fluesy! The band, fresh from a smash-hit tour of Cranston, Rhode Island, is in top form and eager to play for one of their favorite audiences.

As for ChauNachos, you'd have to travel a long way to find a tastier blend of native and imported cheeses, all curated from the milk of carefully selected cows, goats, sheep, and other barnyard creatures and aged to perfection in New Hampshire's own Mystery Hill Caves. Peppers and other vegetable accoutrements were personally selected and prepared by renowned vegetable chef Jacques LéGume of Le Taco in Bayonne, New Jersey. And the meats, Oh là là! Each morsel of beef, each shred of chicken, came from specially-bred animals, guaranteed organically raised, pampered to perfection, and given their own beds in their owners' homes when it's raining. The nachos themselves, of course, were hand-formed and hearthbaked by native New Hampshire nachoists, each piece individually seasoned and given a final inspection by a representative of the Governor.

You'll get all this for a measly \$10 per person, or \$5 for kids 5 and under. Seconds will be \$5. (Sorry for the price increases, but they can't be helped.)

Then, Saturday night, gather *inside* the Hall for the summer's greatest Auction! The bidding frenzy gets underway at 7:00 p.m. Come early to get your bidding number. Collection trucks will come around Saturday morning between 10:00 and noon, or you can bring contributions to Chautauqua Hall Saturday afternoon between 2:00 and 4:00. (Please stick to these times, as we need to label everything and get the stuff ready for sale. And PLEASE don't bring things in at 7:00!)

See you next Chautauqweekend! Just a reminder: You can still join Chautauqua by giving your \$10 to Mary Anderson this week or at the Auction.

New members this week:

Ann Clinton Cassidy Doherty Madison Doherty Danielle Dwyer Jan Jillette Will Pecoraro Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biondo Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clinton Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clinton Mr. and Mrs. Steve Doherty Mr.and Mrs. Tom Dwyer Mr. and Mrs. Mumford Blotz Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone Sheila Lord Hickey Sarah Lord Holloway Kathy Lord Anne Lord Rockhold Mr. and Mrs. Skip Henry Mr. and Mrs. John Steinruck Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor Mr. and Mrs. Michael Munley Mr. and Mrs. Michael Biggins

Library/Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open until Labor Day weekend. However, no more donations will be accepted. I have gone through the "tab box" and as best as I can tell (some cards don't have dates on them) the following people owe money from previous years, not including this summer: Gaybe Adams, Ashley Bowers, Caruso, Ross Clark, Cullen, Tracy Dwyer, Penny Davis, Darby Dwyer, Sue Hutchins, Brooke/Sophie Lawrence, Tori Munley, Renzelman, Rick Roche, May Steinruck, and Katy Williams. Please come down and pay your balance. This represents about \$80 owed. Also, children are not supposed to open tabs. Finally, if you have "borrowed" clothes or other items from the Thrift Shop, please return them or come pay for them.

H.A.A. News

- Thanks, Liz Kenney

The two- person best ball tournament happens on Aug. 20. Please call Paul Capp at 1 617-777-7957 to register your team and any information needed.

We are till looking for a person to run horseshoe and shuffle board tournament on the 27th. They usually run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please let me know if you can help .

The HAA annual meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 4 at 1:00 p.m.

New Members:

Paul Capodilupo Christine Capodilupo Norma Biggins Kathy Lord Shelia Lord Hickey Sarah Lord Holloway Anne Lord Rockhold Ann Clinton Randy Clinton Lisa Clinton Bob Clinton Robin Clinton Bill Kenney Liz Kenney Margot Lee John Breiten Joe Stone Betsy Stone Bob and Sherry Lauter Fred and Lisa Thompson Skip and Aletta Henry John and May Steinruck

Food Flash!

Thanks to all who attended the meals this week! Friday's menu has changed: Steak tips Grilled bone-in chicken thighs Corn on the cob Green beans Tracy will still make a big shepherd's pie! Also: pot luck will be right after annual meeting. Bring containers to get some leftovers . We had fun! — The Kitchen Crew