



HEDDING HIGHLIGHTS

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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

Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m., Chautauqua steps.....HAA annual meeting
10:00 a.m, Chautauqua Hall.....Annual Meeting of the HCMA
1:30 p.m., Studio.....Chautauqua annual meeting

Sunday, August 15, 9:30 a.m., the Grove.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., the Grove.....Worship service

Rev. Carroll Moore, UMC ret., preacher
2:00 p.m., Wicks cottage.....Ladies' Auxiliary budget meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 1:30 p.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary annual meeting

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The Post Office is open from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Day Camp ice cream Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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Growth Group final meeting this morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Studio. See Page 3.

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▲ Around and About

Thanks so much to everyone for such an amazing Fair this year! I'm proud of how it turned out. Thank you to everyone buying things. Thank you to the people that made things and donated to tables. Thank you for my table heads for working so hard to make every table count. We couldn't have had a Fair without all the tables and people to work them! Thank you to Mike Parisi, Mia VanBuren, and Will Van De Veen for helping bring all the tables up on Friday afternoon; to Will Van De Veen and Melissa McGovern for helping set up the iconic flags along the Avenue; to Aiden and Kaelyn Gormley for helping set up the tables and decorations the morning of the Fair. Ross Clark and Maddi Doherty worked really hard on the cornhole the day of the Fair, and I'm very glad it worked out. Congrats to our winners, Nick Crowell and Paul Capodilupo! Thank you to Chris Hutchins and Mike Parisi for letting us use your trucks during cleanup. Thank you Dave Mylott, Eric Hull and Alec Silva with putting the tables away and cleanup. Such a great Fair and we couldn't do it without you all!

— *Darby Dwyer and Ross Clark*
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Congratulations! Kudos! Bravo! Way to go! Hats off! Felicidades! Well done! to Darby, Ross, Maddie, Alec, Kalen and Will for an absolutely tremendous job on this year's Fair. It is so great to see the newest generation getting so involved!

— *The Dwyers*
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Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food table! Thanks to you we had lots of delicious food to sell and we helped to make the fair a success!

— *Tori Munley and crew*
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Thanks to all who visited the photo table at the Fair. For those who didn't get a chance, I will have the photos out

**Ask an eight-year-old if you don't know who we are this week.. —Ed.*

at Annual Meeting. They are a \$1 each and are available on the spot (no order forms). Come grab some memories!

— *Tracy Dwyer*

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A happy August 12th birthday to Chautauqua President Tim Sheppard. He doesn't look a day over...umm..

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Back in our midwinter issue last January, Peter Wicks announced that he was planning to create a new Hedding directory, since it has been several years (over ten, by our reckoning) since the last one, basically a phone list, was published. He sent out a PDF form to those who had signed up to be listed in the new directory; the response was nowhere near sufficient to make the publication useful to anyone.

We think this is a really good idea, for all the reasons Peter listed in his original article. He's still willing to do it, if enough people sign up. Here's an excerpt from his article in the midwinter *Highlights*. Please note the sentences in italics if you're concerned about privacy and security:

As it has been quite a few years since the last telephone directory was published, and cell numbers are now able to be transferred throughout different carriers, I am willing to create a new one.

The listing I am thinking of creating would include: last name, first name, cell number, (and whether or not you can accept text messages), Hedding and main residence landline numbers, (if still using), a personal email address if you have one, and any comments or other information you would like published with this list. *Every field is optional to submit for publication in the directory. This would be distributed only to those who submit their information. They must be affiliated with Hedding Campground in some way.* I have felt for some time that this directory could be invaluable to the Trustees, Winter Security personnel and in situations where a neighbor needs to get in touch for safety reasons, not to mention the possibility of needing to do contact tracing, like last year.

If you are interested in participating, please email a request for a form to be filled out and submitted to me at heddingdirectory@gmail.com. Please put your full name in the subject line so I know it is not spam mail. Once I have created the PDF form, I will email it out to everyone who signed up, to complete all information you would like to be in the directory and then to email back to me. I would try to have the directory completed and distributed before the April opening of camp.

— *Peter J. Wicks (603) 479-2677 pospeter@aol.com*

Chautauqua

PLEASE NOTE: Chautauqua's annual meeting will be held **tomorrow, Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Studio.** Yes, this is after the Association's Annual Meeting, but time is tight and we don't want to conflict with the H.A.A., whose meeting is at 9:00 a.m. Besides, there's no logical reason why we have to meet before the Annual Meeting, except for tradition. New officers, etc. will be announced in next week's *Highlights*. Please come to this meeting if you're a member. We have quite a lot to discuss and we need your input.

On another note (F#): The **meatloaf dinner** is scheduled for next Saturday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community House. Prices will be \$10.00 per person; children 5 and under \$5.00. Seconds, if available, will be half-price. We are still looking for people to help in the kitchen on Saturday, and to set up, serve, and clean up afterwards. Please see Joe Sheppard, text him at 978-877-3060, or call 679-8783.

New Chautauqua Members:

Dot Dwyer	Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous
Heather Fuller	Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biondo
Monica Fuller	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Feeney
Maura McGovern	Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacDonald
Melissa McGovern	Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGovern
Doreen Odian	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Powers
Jimmy Odian	Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith
Brian Roche	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone
Cynthia Tripp	Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkin
Tim Sheppard	

H.A.A. News

Hedding Fair. It was a great day! Thanks to everyone that came out and enjoyed the great time.

H.A.A Meeting. Our H.A.A. annual meeting will be this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in front of Chautauqua hall. Please come out and support us and provide your valuable input.

HAA dues can be dropped off with Chris Hutchins or Tom Dwyer: \$20 per adult, flat rate. Kids under 18 are members at no cost. Venmo is an option as well. Dues can be sent to @Hedding_Athletics. *Note:* When you search on Venmo select "Business Account" to find us.

Thank you to those who paid HAA dues this week:

John Montalbano	Christine Price Wicks
Jodi Montalbano	Will Kenney
Mark Smith	Liz Kenney
Deryn Smith	Dorothy Dwyer
Jami Stoll	Mike Munley
Brad Stoll	Tori Munley
Lilie Bonzani	Jack Munley
Albee Wicks	

— H.A.A. Committee

Religious Lifelines

Contributions to the Booster fund last week were from:

Charlene and Vin Upham
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacDonald
 Chautauqua Association
 Charla Holt
 Joe and Betsy Stone
 Joe Yates and Phyllis McDonough
 Philip and Kathleen Lord
 Philip and Kathleen Lord in honor of Ted Wicks and John Lamb
 — *Thank you! Jenni Lamb, your Booster Lady*

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Historically, the **Growth Group** was a Bible study on Fridays. About seven years ago, the group was reactivated and renamed the Growth Group. We began reading and discussing a book each season by noted Christian authors, past and present. The topics are designed to stimulate lively discussion as we grow in our faith walk together.

We will continue to invite all, at each Sunday service, next season, as we did this year. In addition, next season, we will endeavor to write a little piece each week to inform and encourage attendance. Additionally, we will ask that it be posted as an event each week in the *Highlights*. Come join us! All are welcome.

— Charla Holt

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Please Take Notice:

The Annual Meeting of the Hedding Camp Meeting Association will take place on **Saturday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Chautauqua Hall.**

If you are a cottage owner and you can not attend the meeting, you may vote by proxy.

Proxies are available at my cottage, 5 Barrows Avenue. The forms are on my porch. If I am not there, please go onto the porch, fill out the form and leave it there. The forms are in a binder on the rocking chair by the door.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call, text or email me if I'm not there.

My info is in the binder.

Thank you!

— *Tori Munley, Secretary*

NOTE: Because of the increase in the COVID variant, please wear a mask to the Annual Meeting. We are holding it inside because of the uncertainty with the weather but we want to be as safe as possible and don't want anyone to be fearful of attending.

— *Thank you so much, Tori Munley*

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

A committee was sent from the Dover District camp meeting of 1862 at South Newmarket to look over the property of Ezra Barber at Epping as a potential location for their camp meetings. They liked what they saw and the process was started to buy and prepare the grounds for the 1863 camp meeting.

An article in the *Portland Daily Press* on August 10, 1869 by "Steve", a correspondent of theirs, gives further details which made sense as time passed.

A shrewd presiding elder, Rev. Albert G. Manson, went to the Concord and Portsmouth Railroad and told them that he knew of a place suitable for a camp meeting at Epping and that he could probably convince them to buy it. Rev. Manson suggested that he could pay for half the purchase price of the land and the railroad the other half.

The C & P Railroad considered the number of passengers they had been carrying to the meetings at South Newmarket and the number of Boston & Maine passengers who would have to transfer to their railroad for those last few miles to East Epping station and agreed to the deal. Over the years the C&P made many times the cost of the land in ticket sales.

This *Portland Press* article fills in some of the blanks in our history. Rev. Calvin Holman was the presiding elder in 1862 and did much of the leg work in the purchase of the lots, but Rev. Manson, the p.e. in 1863, did the actual transaction. Rev. Manson preached at the camp meeting and may have been on the search committee. The deeds were made out to him and sold to the HCMA in 1864 after Hedding was fully organized and incorporated.

The price of a railroad ticket to the camp meeting was half fare for the round trip plus five cents. Railroads and camp meetings were a good match, with the camp providing crowds of people not likely to tear up the railroads' cars and all going to one destination. Get away from New England and the railroads weren't usually as generous as half fare and weren't as apt to put on extra trains or cars, and I know of no other that charged "plus five cents".

The five cents added to each ticket was the Concord and Portsmouth's way of showing appreciation for the kindness of Rev. Manson. Each year the C&P made a donation to Hedding from the sale of camp meeting tickets. The practice was continued until 1910 by the Boston & Maine Railroad, lessor of the C&P Railroad.

From the Trustees

Reference Library: As chairman for the past four years, I have had many people ask me questions about the rules and regulations at Hedding and the history of those rules. I have spent many hours reading over notes from Annual Meetings, which is where the rules are typically made. I have the luxury of having access to read these reports out of what is known as the "secretaries' book." The current secretaries' book has the annual meeting notes from 1988 to present. There are previous books, stored in a safe, that have annual meeting notes going back to the early 1900s (which are fascinating to read). All of this got me to thinking, that while the annual meeting notes are made available to everyone, I doubt that many read them and even fewer save copies of them to refer to later.

These annual reports, along with the financial statement books published every year, contain vital infor-

mation that needs to be preserved and available to everyone. To that end, I want to create a Hedding Documents reference section in our Library. The reference section would contain Annual Reports and Financial Statement Books as well as a copy of our constitution and rules and regulations.

Please let me know if you have past copies of any annual reports at your cottage, that I could borrow and copy. (While the secretaries' book has copies, it is a hard back book, and the pages are pasted in the book, which make it very difficult to make copies from). Also, I am looking for extra copies of the financial statement books if you are willing to donate them to be placed in the Library.

— Mike Munley, chair, Board of Trustees

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Day Camp

Thank you all for a successful Day Camp table at the Fair. Cam and Co. did an amazing job on the Day Camp show! I heard lots of laughter and saw more than a few wet eyes in the crowd after that walk down memory lane. It'll be hard to top that one next year.

On another note, the Day Camp Committee is actively looking for a new **treasurer**. Someone who is familiar with Quick Books would be a plus. Please contact me or another member of the committee as soon as possible if you are interested! Michelle Mylott has been a great asset to the committee, and we are sad to see her go. She is willing to familiarize a new treasurer with the way she has been doing things. The need to fill this spot is immediate, so please let us know. Thanks so much!

— *Alix Sheppard, chair, Day Camp Committee*

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I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun, because this summer just flew by! We went out with a bang for 90s week. The kids (and adults) had a blast at Aquaboggan on Wednesday, enjoyed archery with Mr. Sean on Thursday, made friendship bracelets and slime with Darby (2 camp faves) and had an amazing time at the Water Carnival on Friday put on by the Day Camp committee (led by the fabulous Alix Sheppard)! The campers completed their swim tests this week. It's always so awesome to see their progress. They worked hard this summer. Thank you again to all of the volunteers this summer, who made camp extra special for our kids. Our final verse is one of my favorites and also my prayer for the campers and counselors as they enter a new school year: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your paths." Have a safe and blessed year... until we meet again.

— *Cam King*

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I sit here and think about what to say and how to say it, this being my last submission to the *Highlights* as Teen Camp Director. After four consecutive years I have made the decision to pass the torch on to the next leader. Over the past four years I have really enjoyed getting to know the teens, a.k.a. the future leaders, of Hedding. I am so happy I took on this role. I feel it was important to get to know the youth of Hedding and help guide them and teach them the importance of volunteering, respect for one another, cooking, having fun and what teamwork looks like!

Over the past four years these kids have put together plays; they've cleaned up trash from the entrance, helped the elderly with household chores, cleaned up the pool garden, and more. If you were to stop anyone of these kids and ask for help they would, so stop a teen and say thank you! They really are a great group of kids, and oftentimes "teens" get a bad rep.

Thank you, Chris Piazza, for putting together and donating a Paint Night for the kids this week! They had a professional come in and they got to paint the Hedding

sign. We all had so much fun and learned some new artistic techniques.

The teens helped out in and around the kitchen during Camp Meeting Week. They helped take out the trash, washed dishes, helped serve food and cleaned the tables.

Thank you, Teen Campers, for all your help this summer. Good luck and be safe going back to school this year. See you all next Summer.

— *Ryan Crowell, Teen Camp Director*

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Did you see the show? It was a little different but awesome!

I only had three kiddies in the show, but there were thirteen all together in Kiddie Camp.

This was our last week of Kiddie Camp! We have printed, glued, cut, stenciled, learned songs, checked the weather, gone to the library, the park, on a scavenger hunt, had swimming lessons and many papers. We have mainly learned how to be independent and kind to one another!

I want to thank the Regan Family for the DD Munchkins and the Caldwell Family for the gummies. I also want to thank my helpers this week, James Capodilupo, Shanya Thompson and Anthony Crowell.

A special thank you to the Day Camp Committee for their support and to everyone through my nineteen years as Kiddie Camp Director. It was truly a pleasure to be with your children!

— *Miss Diane, Kiddie Camp Director*



Wesley Park, we hardly know you! We'll miss all those rocks and bumps and twisted ankles.

Religious Lifelines, cont.

Sunday school news

This week I had five students in my class.

We studied John chapter 3:1-14. In this chapter, one of Israel's leaders comes to seek Jesus under cover of darkness. We read, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.'

'How can a man be born when he is old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born.'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the spirit gives birth to spirit.'"

He says a lot more in verses 7-14. You will have to look these up yourself.

I hope to see you all in church.

— Will Kenney

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Fair was wonderful! The Fair Chairs did an outstanding job. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, from running a table, setting 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 are looking for **Fair Chairs for 2022!** If you are interested, please talk to me.

The annual Ladies' Day had 25 ladies (and gentlemen) from churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, along with ladies on the grounds. We were fortunate to have Vin Upham to lead us in prayer. The service was followed by a luncheon in the Community House. Lisa Blackburn and her crew did a wonderful job. After lunch, we enjoyed an outstanding presentation on butterflies by Heather Stimmel. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thanks to Nancy Bergeron, Anna Wicks, Diane Angus, Jenni Lamb and Kris Stone.

This Sunday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies will hold their annual budget meeting at Lindy Doherty's (also known as Beth Wicks') cottage, on the back porch. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just let Anna, Nancy or me know.

Next Tuesday, August 17, is the Ladies annual budget and voting meeting in the Studio at 1:30 p.m.

— Lindy Wicks Doherty

Around and About, cont.

Please take a moment to look at the ballot posted on the porch of the post office. It is a list of those who are running for positions for the Hedding Association. Voting will happen at the Annual Meeting. If you are running, please make sure that the listed information is correct. If there is an error, please notify the nominating committee or Tori Munley before the Annual Meeting. Thank you!

—Tori Munley

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We hear that Larry Powers had a birthday recently. Happy day, young feller!

— Secret admirers

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A very happy birthday to Will. His special day is today, Friday, August 13. I hope your day is special, like you are. My favorite son-in-law!

—Alice Goguen

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As usual for an old man, I forgot to tell everyone that last Friday was my Penny's birthday. You can guess how old but as a hint the next day was the anniversary of our first date, some 49 years ago. Yes that means I was a cradle robber. Love you, Penny.

— John Davis

Many thanks to Cynthia Nickerson, Mickey Fournier, and others for weeding the triangle garden in front of the Post Office. It looks so much better and is certainly appreciated. Bravo to all our wonderful volunteers who make Hedding the wonderful community it is.

— Barbara Cullen

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Thank you to everyone for the prayers for the safe travels for Ian Mulholland as he begins his studies for a Master's Degree in Information Management and Systems at UC Berkeley. He arrived safely last Friday and is looking forward to his new adventure.

—Beverly and Shirlee Walker

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