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WE'VE HAD OCCASION TO VISIT THE LIBRARY three or four times this week – to return a book, or pick out another volume to feed our insatiable appetite for thrillers, or peruse the Thrift Shop (bulging this year!), and, once, to do our weekly stint as Librarian-in-charge. While there are usually a few people there, we're always surprised that the Library isn't busier. Besides being a comfortable and welcoming room, it's a wonderful resource for Heddingites of all ages. There's enough good reading material to satisfy almost anyone; Librarians Deb Clinton and Barbara Cullen, who takes care of the children's and young adult room, do a wonderful job of keeping the collection in order and up to date. If you haven't visited the Library in a while, why not stop in to pick up a book or just to chat? While you're there, check out the Thrift Shop – you just might find the nutmeg grater you've been wanting for years!

The Date Book

Friday, July 18, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group

4:00 p.m., the Studio.....Religious Life meeting

Saturday, July 19, 8:30 a.m., ballfield.....Olympic Day

1:30 p.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Memorial service for Jinny Kuhl

5:00 p.m., Community House.....HAA potluck supper

Sunday, July 20, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service

David Collum, preacher

Wednesday, July 23, 9:30 a.m., Library.....Ladies' Auxiliary meeting

Thursday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., Library.....Nature poems by Ian Davidson

Friday, July 25, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group

Saturday, July 26, 11:00 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Memorial service for Alice Goguen

5:30 p.m., Chautauqua steps.....Chau-Nachos and Fluesy!

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The Incredible Hulk.....Joe Sheppard
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▲ Around and About

The Camp Meeting Cook Crew has been gearing up for this year's feasts! We have been planning our menus and are happy to tell you that this year we have chosen an International theme. Sunday will be a traditional brunch after church with some new offerings; the rest of the week will feature (in order, M - F) foods from Britain, Mexico, Italy, China and America. We will also be serving your lunch favorites every day.

Plan your calendar! More menu information coming soon. Hope to see you all there!

— *Tom and Tracy Dwyer*
Chris and Susan Hutchins
Jamie and Jen Lawrence

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Wishing a big Happy Birthday to Charlie Tweedie, who turns 8 years old today, July 18. We love you!

— *Love, Mom and Dad*

Happy Birthday to The Mayor, our grandson Charlie!

— *From Nana and Pa*

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I will be holding a pickleball clinic on Tuesday July 22 in the morning for Day Camp. If you'd like to learn about the "fastest growing sport in America," come on by.

— *Jim Odian*

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A very happy birthday to Wesley Sheppard, who turned the ripe old age of four on July 16!

— *Love from Mom, Dad, and the whole family*

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Free Wood: We had several trees cut down last fall - maple, hickory and ash - and the wood is available for free for whoever is interested in taking it. It is in our back yard in 8-foot logs and needs to be cut. If interested, please speak to Will or Liz Kenney at 978-473-4264. First come, first served.

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

The *Industrial Journal* of Bangor, Maine, in its June 29, 1888 issue, brought its readers up to date on the activities of the Kennebec Framing and Lumber company of Fairfield, Maine. The article made mention of current projects such as a church in Brockton, Mass., a school in Waltham, Mass., etc., and "a large dining hall for the Methodist campground at Epping, N.H." That would finally be the replacement for the tent in use since 1863.

The buildings were delivered with the frames planed and framed ready for raising. The business was increasing, as contractors could see the advantage of machine framing with the saving of time and lumber. "The finish, window frame, and sash, door and blind departments are running full capacity." I should think this was a very early version of a "pre-fab" building. Still in use, it is our library.

The dining hall came very close to having a short life. It was backed up to Wesley Park, where the fire of August 6, 1891 burned nine cottages and damaged eight others. Men were at the windows and on the roof with wet blankets to protect the building so that it was scorched but sustained no serious damage.

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The Fair(e)!

Only two more weeks to go before the Faire! Here's the list of folks who've agreed to run tables this year. Thank you all for committing to making the Faire a fun time for all. If anyone has ideas for new tables, or if you have a business that you want to have space to set up, please let us know so we can make a space and be ready for you.

Set up/Breakdown: Dylan Colbert, Andrez Howorth and volunteers

Fair Table: Bethany Snyder, Paul Snyder, Casey Colbert, Sarah Howorth

Luncheon: Lisa Blackburn and Lisa Piazza

Coffee Shop: The Fuller Crew

Food Table: Tori Munley and Crew

Historian: The one and only Jim Robertson

Sausage and Peppers: Tom Dwyer and Chris Hutchins

Tonic/Soda/Pop: The Crowell Crew

Men's: Will Kenney, George Fisher

Books: Steven Doherty, Ted Wicks, Phil Conti, and Allen Fournier

Gifts and Crafts: Wicks Crew

Jewelry: Joyce Blanchard and Sue Hutchins

White Elephant: Diane, Deryn and Dot Dwyer

Photos: Darby and Tracy Dwyer

Information: Suzanna Laycock and Annmarie Langlois

Toys: Jen Lawrence (Danielle Dwyer)

Thrift Shoppe: Various volunteers

Christmas: John and Penny Davis

Towels: Sandy Bowers and Darby Dwyer

Vintage: Laura Lauter Smith

Face Painting: Sophie and Lucy (limited time)

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Not everyone knows exactly what the **Highland Games** usually consist of, so I wanted to give some information here so that you know what to expect and maybe get some practice in before the day. There will be a safe zone around the area where the games will take place. Signups will be posted at the Studio the week before the Fair so we have an idea of how many of our brave lads and lassies want to play.

Stone Put: This is a game of either height or distance. Similar to a shot put, but with a round-shaped rock. Competitors will throw this over an elevated pole (like a high jump hurdle), or for the longest distance. A game for little competitors is being planned with grapefruits or oranges instead of stones

Sheaf toss: This one is strictly for height. Using a pitchfork, the competitor lifts and tosses a bale of hay (we'll try different sizes) over the same elevated pole used in the stone put.

Chautauqua

Many thanks to all of you who made the Auction such a great success last week, and a special thank you to Anne Rockhold for her donation of a week's home-stay in California. Our next big event will be the ever-popular Chau-Nachos on the 26th. Just back from a whirlwind tour of Andalusia, Fluesie will again provide their unique brand of mellow munching music. We'll see you all there!

New Members:

Lisa Blackburn	Albee Wicks
Joyce Blanchard	Kristan Wicks
Sandy Bowers	Ted Wicks
Cindy Caruso	Joe Yates
Debbie Clinton	Brenda Zimmerman
Phil Clinton	Mr. and Mrs. John Angus
Mark Davidson	Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biondo
Doherty Family	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carr
Dot Dwyer	Dr. and Mrs. Phil Conti
Jen Fuller	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crowell
Linda Heath	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cullen
Jenni Lamb	Mr. and Mrs. John Davis
Annemarie Langlois	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Fournier
Suzanne Laycock	Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Fuller
Kathy Lord	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gibson
Alan MacDonald	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grimes
Phyllis McDonough	Mr. and Mrs. Terry Herring
Cynthia Nickerson	Mr. and Mrs. Will Kenney
Xia Ouyang	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lawrence
Evan Silva	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Parisi
Meghan Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Powers
May Steinruck	Mr. and Mrs. Rick Roche
Heather Stimmel	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wicks
Beverly Walker	Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkin
Shirlee Walker	

Caber toss: The crown jewel of the games. This game uses a pole, the caber, between 18 and 24 feet long weighing between 100 and 180 pounds, somewhat tapered at the bottom — no worries, we're planning on a shorter, lighter version. The competitor hoists the pole with hands cupped around the tapered end, takes a short trot to gain momentum then tosses the caber upward and away. The objective is to flip the pole so that it lands on its wider end and tilts over away from the competitor. Imagine looking down at a clock face. The "tosser" throws from the 9 o'clock position, the pole flips landing on the center of the clock and falls toward 12 o'clock. We will have a version for little competitors using either pool noodles or light PVC pipes.

Tug O' War: Good old-fashioned fun. Teams will be based on age: 20s/30s/40s etc. There will also be an opportunity for a mixed team.

Day Camp

It has been a wonderful start to the summer. We'd like to remind families that we have funding assistance for any camper who may need it. Please reach out to Dannielle, Robyn or Shandra if you have any questions regarding this assistance.

Thank you again to everyone who donated baskets and came out to our Day Camp dance. A special shout out to Sharon Powers for burning up the dance floor and showing the kids how it's done! This Saturday while at the Olympics, we hope you stop by the Day Camp bake sale table for some yummy food and some iced coffee! We are still looking for calendar donations for a fun August Please drop off any donations with Dannielle.

— Day Camp Committee
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This week we had a blast at **Day Camp!** It was a hot one, so we spent a lot of extra time down by the pool. We also spent some time preparing for the Olympics this weekend, starting practice for the Day Camp show, and working on sewing and cross stitch with Miss Erica. Thank you to all of the drivers who helped us get to blueberry picking at Tributary Farms and to everyone who opened their cottage to our campers to bake for the Olympics bake sale.

Our campers are looking forward to our annual Campout and trick-or-treating next week! We will not have camp Thursday afternoon. Campers will report to the ballfield at 4:00 p.m. Thursday to set up tents and start our campout traditions. They will have breakfast the next morning and then will be sent home. There is no day camp on Friday. Please message/text me if you can help with the following:

- If you would like to sign up to be a **trick or treat cottage** on Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m., please text me at (603) 923-3737.
- If you have any **tents** that we can borrow, please let me know.
- If you can help set up tents on **Thursday afternoon**, please send me a message.

Thank you again for all of your continued support throughout this summer and thank you in advance for all of your help with next week's campout!

— Jacqueline Fuller
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This week in **Kiddie Camp**, we are learning about fruits and vegetables and preparing for Olympic Day. We are also enjoying an array of sensory activities that are encouraging creativity, communication, and collaboration through play.

Our mystery reader this week was Jen Fuller, who inspired the campers with two bug books about perseverance and the joy of discoveries. The kids even left with fun bug catchers that we can now use in our newly-cultivated outdoor space, thanks to Jay McKinley's help providing us with lovely cut logs for the little ones to explore.

— Ms.Monica

Religious LifeLines

This week's service will be led by David J. Collum, CEO of the Pocket Testament League, a global movement that helps believers like you show the Gospel.

Flowers last week were given in loving memory of George and Millie Walker by Beverly and Shirley Walker; greeters were Tom and Tracy Dwyer. The greeters/ushers for this week will be Donna and Lloyd Crowell.

Growth Group will meet Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Studio. Terry will be reading from Chapters 3 and 4.

Music director Michelle Jaques has one date change for the Wednesday night hymn sign. There will be no hymn sign on August 13 — instead it will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Studio.

The Religious Life Committee will meet this Friday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Studio. All are welcome!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary
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Have you read God's love letter to you? Last week we read in the gospel of John that God loves all people and seeks to restore the love relationship with us that we were created for.

We also looked at how all believers have God the Holy Spirit living inside them and how he provides the supernatural gifts we know as the fruit of the Holy Spirit: namely, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness and self-control.

The first on this list is love. As the song says, "Love is all around u." This is true — God has blessed all people with the capacity to love and be loved. We see love between family members and romantic love between couples as well as love between friends. But there is another kind of love that is only available to believers in Christ: this is the love that is first on the fruit list. As it says in Matthew's gospel, chapter 5, verses 43-47, "You have heard that that law of Moses says, love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say, [Jesus speaking] love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way you will be acting as true children of your Father. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good and he sends rain on the just and the unjust too. If you love only those who love you, What good is that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different than anyone else? Even pagans do that." We cannot love like this without God.

I hope to see you all in the old roller skating rink as we meet as God's church on Sunday.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

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From the Trustees

Thanks to all who came out last Saturday to clean out the second floor of Wesley Chambers (not Epworth, as previously reported). It was a great team effort, filling a 30-yard dumpster in just over two hours — an excellent example of many hands making lighter work. The place looks amazing, and we've completed another part of our commitment to the Epping Fire Department.

The next Trustees' meeting will be Sunday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Studio.

If you want to be added to the distribution list for the approved trustee meeting minutes please send a request to heddingtrustees@gmail.com with Minutes in the subject line.

— Steve Doherty

H.A.A. News

Start stretching and drink lots of water, because Olympic Day is tomorrow, Saturday, July 19! Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and a community potluck will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Community House. Please bring your favorite side dish to share; hamburgers and hot dogs will be prepared for all.

You can also become an HAA member at either event: Individual: \$10, Cottage: \$30, and Sponsor: \$40.

Big thank you to Mike Fuller for his help around grounds with HAA needs. A basket has been attached to the tennis court fence for all athletic balls. Please make sure they find their way back in the basket when finished; this makes maintaining the grass much easier on mowing days.

New Members:

The Grimes family
Sandy Bowers
Bill and Elaine Stilwell
McGovern family
Bea Gazarian
Edward Gazarian
Susan and Chris Hutchins

HAA Sponsors:

Barbara and Doug Wilkin
Jenni Lamb
Beverly Walker
Shirlee Walker
Steve and Lindy Doherty

A giant monster hit the screen
I was so scared, it made me scream
Attracted to my guiding light
On a hot June day – On a June Bug night

By Ian Davidson

Ian will read his nature poems in the Library on Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies had their first official meeting of the season on Wednesday. We had 12 ladies and Lindy Wicks Doherty led the devotions. Here is what is happening with Ladies for the next two weeks:

On **Wednesday, July 23rd**, Deb Clinton is our guest speaker at 9:30 a.m., talking about her missionary trip this past year; **Wednesday, July 30th**, is our book discussion on *The Women* by Kristen Hannah, in the Library. There is a copy of *The Women* in the library. We'll also swap books and popular titles to read for the next year.

The **Fair Chairs** for 2025 are ready! Punchcards will be available. Venmo and cash will be accepted. Did you see those flower crowns on the Hedding Facebook page? Are you familiar now with the caber toss rules? As always, the Fair will take place the first Saturday of August, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tables are open from 10:00 to 1:00 and games will be held from 1:00 to 2:00.

The Ladies' Day program on August 6 starts with registration at 10:00 a.m. The cost for Ladies' Day is \$10. Church service is at 10:30 a.m., and luncheon is at 12 noon. The afternoon program starts at 1:00 p.m.

— Chris Copeland, Secretary

Library/Thrift Shop

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to be on duty in the library. Here's the roster:

Monday morning: Darby Dwyer. Evening: Jenni Lamb
Tuesday morning: Diane Angus. Evening: Donna and Jackie
Wednesday morning: Lindy. Evening: Brenda and nieces
Thursday morning: Dorothy Dwyer. Evening: Mark Davidson
Friday morning: Joe Sheppard. Evening: Will Kenney
Saturday morning: Xia Omyang

Substitutes: Joe Sheppard, Nancy Witherell, Kristan Price-Wicks

You can see in the library that we have received many wonderful donations this year, and I am attempting to sort them, as well as to cull older titles out of the collection. Please be patient with all the piles of books everywhere. Watch for some newly-purchased items as well.

Thank you to Dottie Dwyer for her donation of books for the Children's/Young Adult library. Come in and check out the new Nancy Drew mystery series books!

— Debby Wells-Clinton

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The **Thrift Shop** has been very busy lately, and is full of treasures waiting to be discovered. We especially have a lot of women's clothes, especially in the large

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sizes — so if you or friends of yours are in those sizes, please come and check it out. You can't beat the prices. We have a lot of men's clothes as well.

Some other things to note:

— If you still owe money from last year, please pay up before buying anything this year.

— We still need hangers that have clips on them to hang up pants and skirts, so if you have any extras, please donate them. We don't need any regular hangers.

— If you try on clothes, please hang them back up and return to where you found them. Do not just dump them in places for someone else to clean up. Parents: please talk to your children about this! Leave the place better than you found it. (A good rule for life.)

— Some money was found in the Thrift Shop earlier this week if you or your child lost some money: please speak to me.

— *Liz Kenney*

To the Editor

Linda Heath sent us this letter this morning. It raises an important issue, and we are happy to share it with you. — Ed.

“I think we are all saddened by the loss of lives, children, and adults in Texas. What concerns me about this tragedy is that there was no signal to warn those victims.

I started to think about our system here at Hedding of ringing the church bell over and over again in a ‘serious’ emergency. Fortunately, in my lifetime, I have not experienced this warning signal. I wonder how many have.

This raised additional questions in my mind: Is this current system known by all on the campus — young, adults, and new residents? Is this system enough, or should we have a more defined signal? Lastly, how will the notification of the current signal or updated signal be made — yearly assessment booklet, notice posted at the pool, in church, post office, etc., yearly Hedding Highlights?

This should be part of our security, health and safety plan going forward.

— *Linda R. Heath*”

Religious LifeLines, cont.

Booster Fund donations received this week:

Barbara and Doug Wilkin
Beverly and Shirlee Walker
Cheryl and Mike McGovern
Tom Robertson

See you in church!

— *Jenni Lamb*

50 years ago this week

From the Highlights July 20, 1975

THEME: COLOR WEEK

The Day Camp was divided into two teams, Red and Blue. Captain of Red – Bruce Davidson. Captain of Blue – Doug Winkfield. Each camper was given a piece of red or blue cloth to be worn as the sign of their team.

Points have been given for wearing this sign to attendance and for enthusiasm.

A love song contest was held with Blue receiving 10 points and Red 5 points. A softball contest was won by the Blue 6 5. The Red team piled up points in a Peet Contest with a score of 24 to Blues 12...

Thursday's events end up Color Week with the Blue collecting 48.5 points to the Red 38.7 points for picking up the most cigarette butts, papers, bottle tops, snap ring tops, candy wrappers and cigarette packages from around Chautauqua Hall.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

29 members of the ladies auxiliary met last Tuesday in the Studio for their second meeting of 1975. Delicious cake, and iced teas was [sic] served by Eleanor Rumery, assisted by her daughter Carol. Devotions were led by Jane Davidson. Miss Ruth Stimson from the Home Extension Service gave a talk and showed slides of quilts. The old designs were simply breathtaking! Many of the ladies brought quilts to their own to add to our program....

Next Tuesday Leonette Ward will present a talk and slides on colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. Devotions will be led by Marion Barker. Won't you come and bring a friend. We really have a good times together Tuesday afternoons.