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# HEDDING HIGHLIGHTS

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THE OTHER NIGHT AT SUPPER, we got into a conversation about haunting and haunted places – which led, naturally, to our wondering about haunted Hedding. Most of us who grew up here have heard stories about scary places and abandoned cottages, shared on one of the green benches after the street lights had gone out. One cottage, we remember, was rumored to have an arm in it, lying under a bed in an upstairs bedroom. When our generation got to be the Big Kids, we'd try to con the little kids into breaking into the abandoned house and stealing the arm. No such luck. The cottage is gone, so we'll never know 🙌

During dessert, one of the kids said, "Hey, why don't we ask people if their cottages are haunted? You know – weird noises at night, stuff moved around, and all that!" We agreed enthusiastically, so:

👉 *If you have a haunted-cottage story, or if you've experienced anything paranormal-ish anywhere in Hedding, write it up this week and send it to [heddinghighlights@gmail.com](mailto:heddinghighlights@gmail.com). We'll publish them next week and maybe after that, if there are a lot of stories. (True ones only, please!)*

## *The Date Book*

**Friday, August 11**, 9:00 a.m., Community House.....Final Growth Group  
7:30 p.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Candlelight Service  
**Saturday, August 12**, 10:00 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Annual Meeting  
**Sunday, August 13**, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a.m., Community House.....Sunday School for grades 4 and up  
10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service  
Rev. Kevin Lowe, preacher  
**Tuesday, August 15**, 1:30 p.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary business meeting  
7:30 p.m., the Library.....Poetry reading by Ian Davidson (see p. 5)

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### ▲ Around and About

#### Notice

The **Annual Meeting** of the Hedding Camp Meeting Association will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, in Chautauqua Hall. Any cottage owner wishing to vote by proxy for the Annual Meeting can obtain a proxy voting form at my cottage at 28 Chautauqua Avenue (I have moved from 5 Barrows). Please fill it out and leave it with me. If I am not there, help yourself to a form (they are on the bench near the door). Please fill it out and leave the form in the envelope provided on the bench. I need to have all proxies done by noon on August 11, the day before the Annual Meeting. Please remember that only cottage owners can vote by proxy.

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**Please take notice:** The slate of candidates who are running this year (and who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting) will be posted on the Community House since the Studio is under construction. Thank you.!

— *Tori Munley, Secretary of the Association*

Happy birthday to Will Pecoraro on August 13th. We hope you have a great year.

— *Dannielle and Alice*

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And a very happy birthday to Tim Sheppard tomorrow, August 12. Eternally youthful!

— *The Whole Fan Family*

Chautauqua is looking for one or two adults willing to learn about the PA system in Chautauqua Hall and to run it for some church services and other events. You need to be here all summer, or at least every weekend, and to be a churchgoer. Please see Joe Sheppard or call 603-679-8783 if you're interested.

## H.A.A. News

A reminder that the two-man best ball tournament will be held on Saturday, August 19. You may arrive at 7:00 a.m. for putting practice and breakfast goodies. Tee-off time will be at 8:00 a.m. Price per player is \$60. Food will be served in the clubhouse following the tournaments.

To sign up, see Paul Capodilupo, or call him at 617-777-7957.

Hope to see as many as possible at Rockingham country club August 19.

— *Paul Cullen*

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We had 33 athletes for Olympic day this year! Thank you to all our volunteers, including coaches, parents, cooks and food runners. We could not have done it without all your support.

#### New HAA Members:

Tom and Tracy Dwyer  
Sandra Bowers  
Annalisa Conti  
Philip and Ruth Conti  
Meghan Smith  
Joyce Blanchard  
Lisa Blackburn  
Bev and Shirlee Walker  
David and Kris Stone  
Greg and Jules Angus  
Paul and Bethany Snyder  
Casey Colbert

Sarah Anderson  
Carrie and Charla Holt  
Patty and Billy Crowell  
Mary Jane Anderson  
Bob Lauter  
Andy Gamble  
Bill Kenney  
Chrissey Copeland  
Paul and Christina Capodilupo  
Mrs. Anonymous  
Betty Hamilton

## Chautauqua

Chau-Nachos are just a week away! Join us on August 19 in front of Chautauqua for a nacho feast with all the trimmings, along with the always-fresh music of Fluesy. Details in next week's issue, once we've figured them out. ;)

#### New members this week:

Danielle Dwyer  
Betty Hamilton  
Jan Jilette  
Liz Kenney  
Phyllis McDonough  
Will Pecoraro  
Joe Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lauter  
Mr. and Mrs. John Montalbano  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robboj  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Tweedie

If you have paid your Chautauqua dues and have not seen your name in the Highlights, please let me know. Thank you.

— *Mary Anderson*

## The Fair: The Aftermath

We want to thank all who donated to the gift table and made it such a success. We have some super talented crafters and artists on grounds, from Jenn Clark's beautiful etched vase and the old bottles and Tanya Sheppard's painting of giraffes to Jules Angus' mom's cute little crocheted Hedding teddybear. Shandra Wall and Kristan Price-Wicks painted some glasses, Brenda Zimmerman crafted pillows, garlands, purses and cushions. Thanks to all the ladies that participated on craft night.

— Jenni, Lindy and Anna

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Thanks to everyone who baked or prepared something for the food table this year. We greatly appreciated it and had a successful day thanks to the efforts of all who donated!

Thanks also to the food table crew of Doug, Carol, Meg, Katie, Terry, Jack and Mike, who helped to set up and sell all of these goodies! It was a fun day and I thank you all!

— Tori Munley

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Thank you to Will Pecoraro for helping at the toy table. Thank you all who donated to the toy table.

— Dannielle Dwyer

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**RLC presents**  
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## Ladies' Auxiliary

WOW! What a great Fair! It was a beautiful day, with many fun games and so many people. The Fair Chairs did an outstanding job. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Fair, 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 have the Fair Chairs for 2024! Thank you to Jen Lawrence, Stephanie Regan, Andrea Odian, and Mark Odian for stepping up. They already have a fun theme for us.

The annual Ladies' Day had 24 ladies (and gentlemen) from a variety of churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, along with ladies on the grounds. We were fortunate to have Martha Lee Lowe 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 had an outstanding presentation by Jim Robertson on Hedding history. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thanks to Nancy Bergeron, Anna Wicks, Diane Angus, Chrissy Copeland and Jenni Lamb, and to pianist Charlene Upham.

This Sunday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies will be having their annual budget meeting at Lindy Doherty's (also known as Beth Wicks' cottage) back porch. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just let Lindy, Anna or Diane know.

Next Tuesday, August 15, is the Ladies' annual business meeting and vote on the budget and officers for next summer in the Studio at 1:30 p.m.

Pura Vida.

— Lindy Wicks Doherty

## Library/Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop continues to be open for business and is regularly receiving new donations. If you haven't been down lately you might find some new treasures. Speaking of donations, thank you for all that you have given. **The last date that donations will be received for this year is this Saturday, August 12.** After that, please save anything you want to donate for next summer. Also, if you owe any money for purchases made this summer, please pay up before you leave. All money goes to the Ladies' Auxiliary, who uses it for Hedding. Finally, the following people still owe money to the Thrift Shop from past (not this) summers: Gaybe Adams, Ashley Bowers, C. Caruso, S.Hutchins, Sarah Walker and P. Davis. Please come settle your accounts. Thank you.

— Liz Kenney

## Day Camp

Hello, Heddingites,

It's a wrap! We had a full and fun final week. Our animal theme of the week was "Winged Creatures" and the verse was Psalms 104:12: "The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches." Thank you to all who came and cheered on our campers at the Day Camp Show! Thank you to those who drove on the Aquaboggan trip, which is always a fan favorite. The kids also enjoyed the water carnival put on by the Day Camp Committee (led by the amazing Alix Sheppard), a fun scavenger hunt (created by Robyn) and finishing up their swim tests. I'd like to extend a final thank you to our wonderful staff, including the fabulous Darby Dwyer, who brought her talents to arts and crafts to make it both fun and educational. Thank you to our counselors and CITs: Seamus, Manny, Lucy, Sophie, Roman and Kyle. They are 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 love and gratitude,

— Cam King • 267-312-5551  
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That's a wrap! Just like that, **Kiddie Camp** is over. It goes by so fast! We spent a lot of time this week talking about Hedding, and about all the little special parts that make this place so wonderful. We discussed the importance of slowing down to explore our environment, using our imaginations, and wondering about the world around us. Rainy Monday and Tuesday didn't stop us from playing games and making crafts. The books we read this week were *Wonder Walkers*, *In the Tall, Tall Grass*, *Not a Stick* (again!), *Yoga Animals in the Forest*, and *When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left*. On Friday, the Day Campers planned a wonderful carnival for the Kiddie Campers. Such a great way to end a fantastic season!

Thank you to Mark Davidson for donating a Whirley-Pop and everything to make popcorn to Kiddie/Day/Teen Camp. They will enjoy it for years to come.

I am beyond blessed that I get to spend so much time with these amazing kiddos. I am so very proud of all of them, and more importantly, they are proud of themselves. What a joy watching life long friendships beginning to emerge for yet another generation. It has been a pleasure. See you next season!

— Erica Tweedie, Kiddie Camp Director

### EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

At the close of the earliest camp meetings on Saturday morning following the 7 a.m. Love Feast, a circle was formed around the benches in the Public Circle auditorium. In two lines led by the ministers, each person shook hands with everyone in the other line, as they passed while singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and the Doxology, and shouting praises to God.

The October 3 issue of *Zion's Herald* reported the events of the 1923 camp meeting. Dr. J. E. Wagner, pastor of Wesley M.E. church in Worcester, Mass., was the evangelist for the week.

"On Sunday he gave a great message in the morning and in the evening closed the series with a sermon before a congregation that included every one who could get in to hear him in Chautauqua Hall. This was followed by a beautiful pageant, "Follow the Gleam," under the direction of Miss Halford and Miss Nute. When at the conclusion the Hedding Circle service was used, all felt that they had seen demonstrated anew Methodism's need of Hedding and God's blessing during the week of this camp-meeting."

That would make this year year the 100th anniversary of the candlelight service.

Miss Olive Halford was director of music for the camp meeting.

Miss Gladys Nute, a Hedding resident, was in charge of the girls' camp.

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## Religious LifeLines

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend starting with the annual Hedding Street Fair. Saturday evening gave us awesome entertainment from the Kiddie, Day and Teen campers. Thanks to Erica, Cam and Darby — great show!

The start of Camp Meeting Week we were blessed to have Rev. Taesung Kang, Granite District Supr. NEUMC as our guest pastor for our Memorial and Communion Service. The following names of Hedding residents and friends of Hedding who have passed since last season were read: Bishop Sudar Devadhar, Rev. Bill Humphrey, Mildred Frye, Jean Fisher and Grace Thompson. Thank you to the flower girls, Aubrey Renzelman and Avery Stoll. The flowers were given by the Munley, Stone and Witherell families in memory of loved ones. Greeters were Donna and Lloyd Crowell.

Another kick-off to Camp Meeting Week was Tenley Westbrook and Friends performing their gospel and patriotic songs at Chautauqua Hall Sunday evening. Tenley's voice was amazing.

Our Camp Meeting Week speaker is Rev. Kevin Lowe from Burlington, N.J., with his message of Holiness. Services each night were held at 7:00 p.m. with a full choir, hymn sing and refreshments. This Friday will be the Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall. Rev. Lowe will end the week on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Vinton Upham led the Bible Study each day and Martha Lee Lowe led the Ladies' Day gathering on Wednesday.

Lunch and dinner were served by the fabulous Dwyer family and crew. Save your appetite for Saturday's potluck luncheon following the Annual Meeting.

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

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### Good news for Hedding

Continuing with our question, who is this Christian God? Please consider Paul's letter to the Colossians 1:15-22: "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation. Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and on earth, he made the things we can see and the things we can't see, kings, kingdoms, rulers and authorities. Everything has been created through him and for him. He existed before all else began, and he holds all creation together. Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and by him God reconciles everything to himself. He made peace with

everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross. This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends. He has done this through his death on the cross in his own human body, as a result he has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault."

Say what! The creator and sustainer of the universe! Can this be true? Are you betting your eternal existence that it is a lie? Christ calls you; He is only a prayer away. Ask him for forgiveness and trust him. He wants you for a friend.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

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### Booster Fund Donations received last week:

Cindy and Harry Eddy  
Jinny Kuhl  
Penny and John Davis  
Jan Jillette  
Laurie and Ted Wicks

There is still time to donate. I'll be at the annual meeting and church and around grounds.

Thank you!

— Jenni Lamb

## NATURE POEMS

by Ian Davidson

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