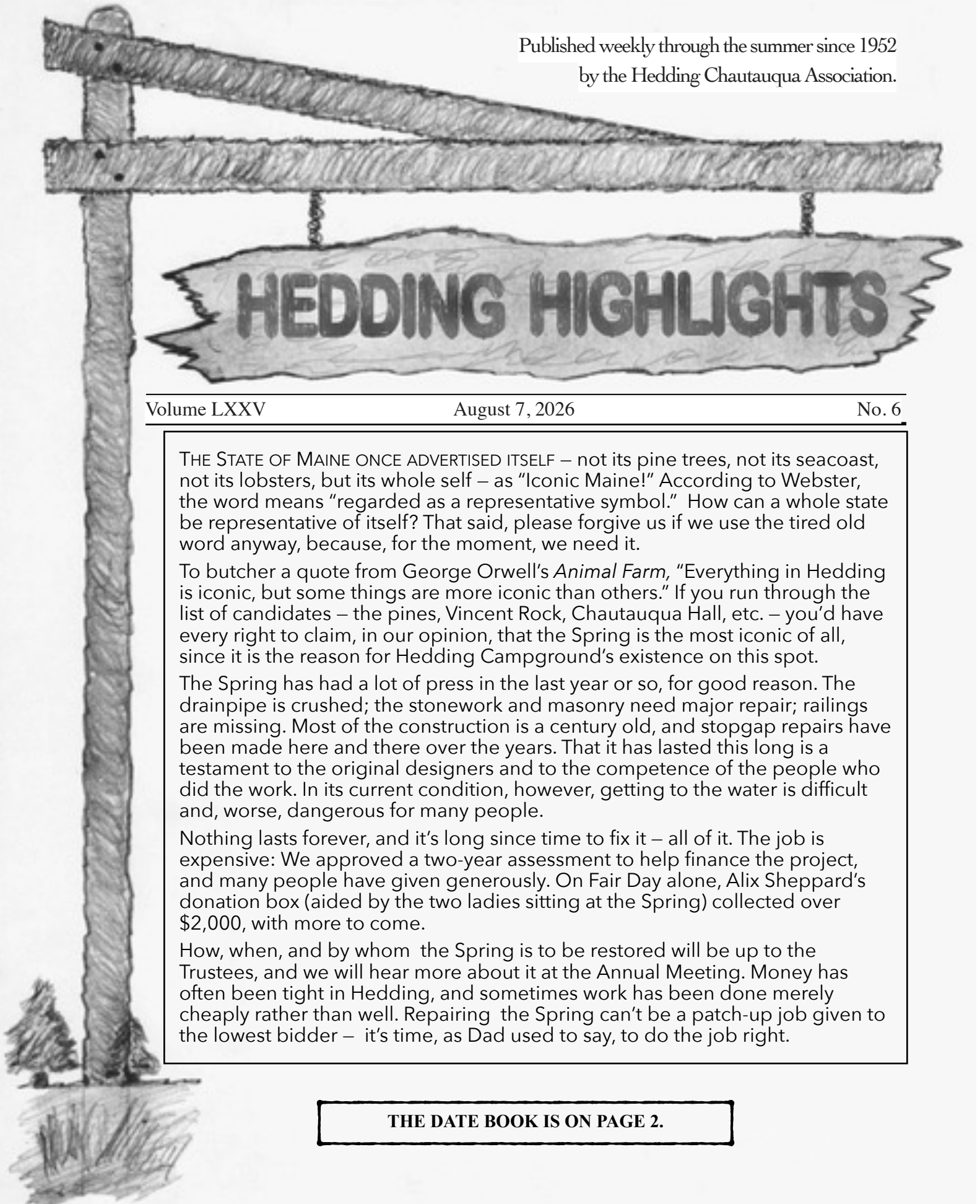




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THE STATE OF MAINE ONCE ADVERTISED ITSELF – not its pine trees, not its seacoast, not its lobsters, but its whole self – as “Iconic Maine!” According to Webster, the word means “regarded as a representative symbol.” How can a whole state be representative of itself? That said, please forgive us if we use the tired old word anyway, because, for the moment, we need it.

To butcher a quote from George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*, “Everything in Hedding is iconic, but some things are more iconic than others.” If you run through the list of candidates – the pines, Vincent Rock, Chautauqua Hall, etc. – you’d have every right to claim, in our opinion, that the Spring is the most iconic of all, since it is the reason for Hedding Campground’s existence on this spot.

The Spring has had a lot of press in the last year or so, for good reason. The drainpipe is crushed; the stonework and masonry need major repair; railings are missing. Most of the construction is a century old, and stopgap repairs have been made here and there over the years. That it has lasted this long is a testament to the original designers and to the competence of the people who did the work. In its current condition, however, getting to the water is difficult and, worse, dangerous for many people.

Nothing lasts forever, and it’s long since time to fix it – all of it. The job is expensive: We approved a two-year assessment to help finance the project, and many people have given generously. On Fair Day alone, Alix Sheppard’s donation box (aided by the two ladies sitting at the Spring) collected over \$2,000, with more to come.

How, when, and by whom the Spring is to be restored will be up to the Trustees, and we will hear more about it at the Annual Meeting. Money has often been tight in Hedding, and sometimes work has been done merely cheaply rather than well. Repairing the Spring can’t be a patch-up job given to the lowest bidder – it’s time, as Dad used to say, to do the job right.

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▲ Around and About

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Camp Meeting Association will take place at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8 in Chautauqua Hall.**

Any cottage owner needing to vote by proxy for the meeting can obtain a proxy voting form at my cottage at 28 Chautauqua Avenue. If I am not there, please help yourself to a form. They are on the double chair to the left of the door on my front porch. Please leave the proxy with me or in the envelope provided on the chair.

I need to have the proxies in my possession by **3:00 p.m. on Friday August 7.** I have to review the proxies before the Annual Meeting to make sure that the proxy can be used. Please do not hold on to the proxy form.

Please remember that only cottage owners can vote by proxy.

— Thank you, *Tori Munley, Secretary of the Association*

On Saturday, August 8, 2026, due to Annual Meeting starting at 10:00 a.m., the Library and Thrift Shop will be open from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. instead of the usual 10 a.m. – 12 noon timeframe.

— *Xia Ouyang and Alan MacDonald*
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Don't forget to say thanks to the person who baked 17 loaves (five full size and 12 small) and 60 blueberry muffins. What did you bake? I don't know where she has the time to do this and still chase people for taxes!

— *Doug Wilkin*
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Thank you to everyone who baked or prepared food for the food table at the Fair! Due to everyone's hard work of baking and preparing many items, we were able to raise a lot of money for the Fair.

Thanks to all who helped run the food table, the snow-cones booth and the fruit...including my extended family who traveled from far away to help, my cousin Dougie, and the Carr family!

— *Tori Munley*
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A happy August 12 birthday to Chautauqua Veep Tim Sheppard. We heard a rumor around the editorial offices that he plans to celebrate the occasion by eating an inordinate quantity of whole-belly fried clams somewhere in Hampton. We sincerely hope this is not the case!

— *A concerned relative*
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Also on August 12, the Sheppard - Marro clan leave for a nine-day trip to California. We wish Alix, Ethan, Lucy, and Elliot bon voyage, and hope they have a wonderful time!

— *The old folks*
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The **Forestry info session** and walk-through has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 3:30. Please join us to learn about our newest forestry project — and please bring the kids! See you behind Vincent Rock!

— *The Forestry Committee*

The Date Book

Friday, August 7, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Final Growth Group
7:30 p.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Candlelight service
Saturday, August 8, 10:00 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Annual Meeting
1:30 p.m., the Studio.....Chautauqua annual meeting
7:00 p.m.....Illumination Night
Sunday, August 9, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.....Worship service
Rev. David Palmer, D.S., preacher
2:00 p.m., Doherty cottage.....Ladies' Auxiliary budget meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10:00 a.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary business meeting
3:30 p.m., behind Vincent Rock.....Forestry info session. NOTE NEW TIME!
7:15 p.m., the Studio.....Final hymn sing

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

In last week's issue, I made mention of the love feast, which some gremlin changed to "love least" – which it definitely is not. It is more than 100% in the opposite direction. In some denominations it is called a "ring meeting".

Usually held on the last day of a camp meeting or the morning after, for content it is not like the preaching services listened to all week. It is the result.

It is a group of people, probably several hundred, who are not ready to admit the week is over and it is now time to pack the tent and go home. The crowd is not particularly organized and no effort is made to make them so. There is singing, praying, shouting and testimonies all at the same time, lasting for the hour the discipline prescribes, but until the presiding elder can shut them down.

These are some of the testimonies from various years of Zion's Herald articles reporting the Hedding Camp Meeting:

I love God with all my heart, and bless his for full salvation.

Glory, glory. glory to the Lamb forever. This Jesus has given me the victory again and again.

For two years I have been walking in the King's highway of Holiness.

I stand upon the Rock Christ Jesus, glory to His name.

I am fixed trusting in God.

Christ saves me today.

Glory to God for salvation. I amen my way to heaven with joy in my soul.

I know that God is love. O that the world might taste and see that the Lord is good.

H.A.A. News

Next weekend, Saturday, August 15 is our annual Hedding Open Golf Tournament. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00. Registration is \$60. Please sign up prior to the event with an HAA committee member or on the sign-up sheet posted at the studio.

From fairways to favorite dishes: Please join us at the Community House for a potluck at 5:00 p.m. on the 15th. While we celebrate our golfers and present tournament awards, we'll also be crowning **Hedding Best Side Dish Champion!** Who will take home the title? Bring your best side dish, sample all the deliciousness, cast your vote, and let the taste buds decide. Whether you're aiming for the lowest score on the course or the highest praise at the buffet, there's something for everyone to celebrate.

— Monica Fuller

New HAA members:

Sponsors:

Joe and Betsy Stone
Carrie Holt
David and Kris Stone
Norma Biggins

Individuals:

Joyce Blanchard
Chris and Susan Hutchins

The Fair!

I just want to say thank you to all the volunteers that helped in the kitchen with the Fair luncheon: Bill Stilwell, Elaine Stilwell, Lisa Piazza the lobster roll Queen, Andrew Perry, Annie and Bill Kinney. Also a special thank you to Bill Kinney, who took all the trash from the kitchen and the avenue to the dump and didn't stuff it all in the dumpsters! It would be awesome if more people took the extra step to just go to the dump! Thank you all so much! Until next year,

— Lisa Blackburn

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A huge thank you for all the generous donations to the Spring restoration fund on Fair Day. (The Spring ladies, Esther and Muriel, couldn't be more pleased!) Keep an eye out for the ladies in the future for further fund raising.

— Alix Sheppard

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Religious LifeLines

District Superintendent David Palmer will be with us this Sunday to end our Camp Meeting Week services. What a wonderful week it has been with our speaker this year, Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey. He preached the Parables of Jesus, explaining spiritual truths using everyday things in our lives. Friday night will be the Candlelight service, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Also on Friday, Terry Herring will be holding the last Growth Group of the season at 9:30 a.m. in the studio.

We would like to thank Rev. Peter Hey for being here for our Memorial Service last Sunday. Thanks also to Ty Anderson and Cooper Carey for placing the flowers on the altar when the names of our loved ones were read. Our greeters were David and Kris Stone. Flowers were given in loving memory of Joe, Rita and Roger Stone by the Stone family, in loving memory of Patricia Robertson by the Robertson family, in memory of loved ones by Nancy Witherell, and in loving memory of Tom Dwyer Sr. by the Dwyer family.

Thank you to Deb Clinton, who led the Bible Study this week each day at 1:00 p.m. Many thanks to John Peach for a miraculous cleaning job of the minister's apartment. Rev. Hey and his wife appreciated the accommodations for the weekend.

A huge shout out to the CMW Cook Crew, who feeds the community with amazing lunches and dinners. We can't thank you enough. If you have not reached out to Darby Van De Veen about showing off your cottage for Illumination Night this Saturday, you still have time.

We thank all of you who take the time to help with Camp Meeting Week, especially all of the behind-the-scenes volunteers. The committee will be meeting again before the end of the season at a time to be determined. Please feel free to share any of your ideas or concerns during these meetings. All are welcome!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

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Good News for Hedding

You may ask, "I'm a believer so why do I need to be part of a church?" Perhaps you have a problem with organized religion and feel you are worshipping God on your own; why do you need to do anything else? The short answer is that God has designed His church with no allowance for lone ranger Christians. As it is written in Paul's letter to the church in Rome, Romans

Day Camp

Hello, day campers and families,

We are finally coming to a close on this year's day camp season. I can't begin to say how grateful I am to have been a part of it this summer. Everyone on grounds has been so supportive and helpful, and it is all very much appreciated.

Last week was "Theater Week," and it was rightly named as we spent a lot of time working on our play for the Day Camp Show. I am proud of the campers and all of the hard work that they put in! They had a fantastic show, and I couldn't have asked for a better performance. We also stayed on theme for the week and saw The Palace Theater's performance of "How to Train Your Dragon: The Musical". Thank you to all of the drivers who got us there, even with all of the school bus traffic!

This last week of camp flew by! We celebrated our final week with spirit days — PJs and Movie day, Dress Like a Counselor day, and Favorite Color Day — had Youth Night at Tuesday's Camp Meeting Week service, played our final Camouflage game of the season, went to Aquaboggan (thank you drivers, and Altas for helping for the day), and finished the week with our Kiddie Camp and Water Carnivals! It's safe to say we had a busy, but very rewarding week.

I want to thank the Day Camp Committee for their support this summer, the parents for all that they do, and the campers for the most amazing summer! I couldn't have done this without you all.

I can't wait to be back and see what happens next summer!

— Emma 781-854-8600

12:5, "We are all part of his (Christ's) body and each of you has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." While we come to Jesus individually, God's plan is that we become part of a church wherever we live, and he uses us with the gifts he gives us to worship and serve him and to be a blessing in our communities and around our world. A perfect church does not exist and if it did you would spoil it when you joined it. So join us for worship here at Hedding and consider what church you are to be part of for the rest of the year. Pray for wisdom and may God bless you in your search.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

Ladies' Auxiliary

WOW! What a great Fair! And it didn't rain! The Fair chairs did a fabulous 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. It is a thankless job at times being Fair chairs or running a table or doing the luncheon. However, The Fair would not be successful without all of you doing what you do. If you didn't run a table or such, take a moment and say thank you to the people who did.

On that note, we have the Fair Chairs for 2027! Thank you to Bill Carr, Mike Munley and Doug Winkfield for stepping up to be Fair chairs. They already have a great theme for us. Also, thank you to all of you who said yes, that you would do your table again next summer! I really appreciate what you do.

The annual Ladies' day had 25 ladies from a variety of churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, along with ladies on the grounds. Michelle Jaques played the piano for us and we had a wonderful message from Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey, followed by a luncheon in the Community House. Lisa Blackburn and her crew did a wonderful job. After lunch Joy True from the Epping Historical Society gave a talk about the history of Hedding and Epping intertwined. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thanks to Nancy Bergeron, Anna Wicks, Diane Angus, Jenni Lamb, Chris Copeland, and Tori Munley.

This Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies will be having their annual budget meeting at Lindy Doherty's back porch. If you have any suggestions or ideas just let Lindy, Anna or Diane know.

Next Tuesday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Studio, is the Ladies' annual business meeting and vote on the budget and officers for next summer.

— *Pura Vida, Lindy Wicks Doherty*

Library/Thrift Shop

In the past two weeks, the Thrift Shop has received many new donations, especially in women's clothes. Come check out the new arrivals. Last date for donations was August 3; no more donations will be accepted this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Also, thanks to the Fair people for putting up that nice big sign directing people to the Thrift Shop. We had a steady stream of people in and out on Fair day. I also want to thank the person who gave a donation in loving memory of Gladys Swansen to pay off the remaining debt that people owed from last year. Gladys was a regular helper and customer of the Thrift Shop, and she is missed.

The Thrift Shop is open until the end of August. If you are leaving Hedding before then and owe money for the year, please, please, PLEASE pay up before you leave! I hate chasing people for prior years of debt. Remember, all money from the Thrift Shop goes to the Ladies' Auxiliary to help pay for the upkeep of Hedding campground.

— *Liz Kenney*

Day Camp, cont.

What a wonderful Day Camp summer we just finished up. We give thanks to everyone who helped make this summer a success, especially Emma, Erica, and Cam. Another shout out needs to go to Terry Herring for working with the teens on Tuesday nights.

We are excited to announce that we will have Emma again next summer as the director of Day Camp. Day Camp will start on Monday, June 28 and will run for 7 weeks, ending on Friday, August 13.

We are looking for a new Kiddie Camp director for next summer. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them reach out to any committee member. The dates for Kiddie Camp are the same as Day Camp.

We will not be having Teen Camp next year. We will be offering a summer community service project and an off grounds field trip once a week. This is something we have discussed in great detail and will reassess at the end of the summer.

As always if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the committee co-chairs, Robyn Renzelman or Shandra Wall.

We hope all our campers and their families have a wonderful school year.

— *the Day Camp Committee:*

*Robyn Renzelman, Shandra Wall, Jen Clark,
Ross Clark, Stephanie Regan, Jen Lawrence,
Dannielle Dwyer, Jami Stoll, Sharon Powers*

Chautauqua

Thank you all for joining the Chautauqua Association 2026. Please share any ideas for next year's entertainment or educational opportunities with us. We are always looking for new ideas!

New members this week:

Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous
Diane and John Angus
Phyllis McDonough
Joe Yates
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone
Penny and Jay McKinley
Cynthia Tripp
Norma and Mike Biggins

More Signs O' the Times

Actual signs posted across America

At a Santa Fe gas station:

We will sell gasoline to anyone
in a glass container.



On a Tennessee highway:

When this sign is under water,
this road is impassable.