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WHEN WE WERE KIDS, it seemed that everything in Hedding was run by the old folks. Most of the Trustees were old (and invariably male); all the ladies that met in the Studio every Tuesday had gray hair, and the variety shows were put on by and for older people. You didn't get to help run anything in Hedding until you were at least 50, we figured.

Though kids now grace the stage of Chautauqua Hall more than adults do, at least for shows, not much else has changed, or so it seemed during some of the meetings last week. A good number of kids go to church, and the Day Camp program thrives, but where are they once they outgrow Day Camp? Very few, if any, teens or twenty-somethings join Chautauqua or the H.A.A., and young women at Ladies' Auxiliary meetings are a rarity. Someone at Chautauqua's annual meeting remarked that a lot of the kids think you have to be a cottagowner to join. Not so! Any resident of Hedding can join Chautauqua or the H.A.A. or the Ladies; any young adult can run for office in these organizations or even for Trustee.

This has definitely been an "off" summer in terms of involvement in the things that matter most to Hedding's community health. If this season's trends continue, the campground's existence could well be threatened. (See Jim Robertson's Excerpts from July 3. It was real, and it could happen again.)

What is "off?" Attendance at Chautauqua's big functions, the Auction and the band concert, was off, for one thing. The Auction netted a few hundred dollars less than in recent years, and the Dave Whitney Orchestra concert, which was heavily advertised both on grounds and off, attracted barely a hundred people. Memberships in the organization are off, too, though Chautauqua's has climbed lately thanks to a "red alert". Even contributions to this publication are off; people are submitting few news items, and weekly reports from some of the organizations, including the Trustees, are spotty. Last year and the year before we carried at least one full column of Fair news in the three weeks leading up to the event; this year we had about one-third that quantity.

On an even more troubling note, Jim Robertson reports that church attendance is down by an average of 20 to 30 people each Sunday, and Camp Meeting, as has been the case for several years now, is poorly attended.

Where is everyone? It may be that fewer people than usual are coming to Hedding on the weekends. A more likely explanation is that a good-sized group of residents just can't be bothered with concerts, or auctions—or church. They have lost sight of, just don't get, or don't care, what Hedding is all about. On the other hand, we have another group, the young people, who *are* involved, who are already giving back to the community, and who will one day be the "old folks" who run the place.

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The Date Book

- Saturday, Aug. 15**, 9:00 a.m. (registration on Chautauqua steps).....HAA Olympic Day
- 9:00 a.m., the Studio.....Day Camp bake sale
- 4:00 p.m., Community House.....Cookout
- Sunday, Aug. 16**, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship service. Rev. Vinton Upham, New Hartford, N.Y., preacher
- Tuesday, Aug. 18**, 12:15 p.m.....Ladies leave for annual luncheon
- Saturday, August 22**, 6:00 p.m., Community House.....Chau-Tacos!

Please note: This will be the last week for home delivery of the Highlights. Pick up your copy at the Studio through Labor Day.

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There will be no more ice cream sales this season. You'll just have to buy your own. So there.

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▲ Around and About

Notice: Post office hours are changing to 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting Monday, August 17. Last day for the post office is Saturday, September 12.

—Jen Lawrence

Thank you, Fair goers, for your patronage at the Coffee Shop. We had several scrumptious donations, as well as two incredible prizes. Barbara Wilkin’s patio set was won by Molly McGovern; Nan Lamb’s coffee nook was taken home by Ann Piasecki. Anthony Crowell won Superman! Our cooks, John and Steve Fuller, assisted by Monica Fuller, manned the grills and contributed to a most successful year!

—Jenn Fuller

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I want to thank Mark Odian for finding my purse in front of my cottage and putting it safely on my porch.

—Diane Crowell

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Congratulations to this year's Fair chairs on a fun-filled day. Thanks as well to all the people who stopped by the book table to say hello and pick up on some old-fashioned entertainment. We appreciate your continued support. You were the super heroes on this day, helping us battle the e-book nemesis!

As always, a huge thank you to all who donate books throughout the year. To Jack Witherell, Al Fournier and Phil Conti, thanks for all your efforts. Thanks also to Emma Munro for all her help writing signs and sorting and stocking. And especially thanks to those who helped getting the books to and from storage: Austin Kelly, Ross Clark, Kaelyn Gormley and Maddi Doherty.

—Steve Doherty

The Towel Table had another successful Fair day. Huge thanks to Darby Dwyer and Laurie Dudley for their assistance, to Jen Lawrence for the heavy lifting as well as the Fire Starters, and as ever to Jinny Kuhl for the ever-popular afghan. (The afghan was won this year by Betty Hamilton.)

—Sandy Bowers

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Happy birthday to Will Pecoraro. Hope you have a fabulous day.

Thank you to Alice Goguen and Will Pecoraro for all your hard work at the toy table. Thank you all for the donations. Don't forget to save items for next year when cleaning out for new purchases.

—Dannielle Dwyer

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Eternally youthful Tim Sheppard celebrated his birthday on Wednesday with family and friends at the old homestead on Mallalieu Avenue. He was presented with a giant card made by all the “Mallalieu Avenue kids,” including niece and nephew Lucy and Elliot Marro and Sophie, Brooke and Cooper Lawrence, who came over to wish “Bacon” a happy day.



The crew, taking a break from their card-creating labors. L to R: Lucy, Sophie, Brooke, Elliot, Cooper.

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Hedding Organizations

Chautauqua

New Members

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Bunny Huddleston	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kenney
Jan Jillette	Mr. & Mrs. Max Mulholland
Reta Roche	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Mylott
Alec Silva	Mr. & Mrs. Lou Powers
Evan Silva	Mr. & Mrs. John Steinruck
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bergeron	Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biondo
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Biggins	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor

Back by popular demand, **ChauTacos!**

When, you ask? Saturday, August, 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Where, you ask? The Community House.

What to expect, you ask? An all you can eat delicious chicken or beef (soft or hard) Chau-Tacos with all your favorite toppings, plus dessert and drink.

Price, you ask? \$8.00 for adults and children 12 and older, \$4.00 children ages 3 to 11; under age 3 free.

Come and spend an evening of fellowship with your Hedding neighbors and enjoy live music by the band Fluesy, featuring Hedding's own Ethan Marro on drums!

—Tim Sheppard

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Come one, come all to the second annual **Hot Dog Festival** on Saturday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community House. There will be many delicious toppings to choose from, so come on down and make your own hot dog creation. (We promise to have plenty of rolls this year!) It's cheap at any price:

Adults and children 12 and older: 2 hot dogs, chips and a drink - \$4.00

Children under 12: 1 hot dog, chips and drink - \$1.00 and children under 3 free.

Gentlemen, start your mixers! The **Gentlemen's Cake Auction** will be held after the Hot Dog Festival on August 29 at the Community House. We had a good time last year at the cake auction and found out we have many creative gentlemen at Hedding! What delicious and imaginative cakes will be entered this year? Don't forget to bring lots of extra money for bidding!

Please let Donna Kauppila know if you can help with either the Hot Dog Festival or the cake auction.

All proceeds benefit Chautauqua.

—Donna Kauppila

Religious LifeLines

On behalf of the Religious Life Committee, I'd like to thank the many people who volunteered to do the refreshments after the evening services. Some of the generous people are: Nancy Bergeron, The Wicks family, Laura Lauder and her helpers, Charla Holt, Day Camp and Cheryl McGovern and friends. As they say, "Many hands make light work" and there certainly were many. We can't thank you enough.

—Marsha Taylor, Religious Life Committee

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Thank you to Barbara and Paul Cullen for being greeters last Sunday. Greeters this week will be Susan Peace and Jack Witherell. We also still need greeters and/or ushers for Sunday, August 23 and 30, so please volunteer for one of these dates.

—Peter J. Wicks

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Booster Fund

Bunny Huddleston	Susan Lord Peace
Norma & Michael Biggins	Nan Davidson
Barbara & Doug Wilkin	Janet Jillette
Jack Witherell	Penny & John Davis
	Betty Hamilton

Day Camp

This was our last week of **Kiddie Camp!** We had 14 kiddie campers this year.

We made picture frames for our craft this week. Wednesday we went on another scavenger hunt and had snacks at Vincent Rock. Friday the Day Campers had a carnival for us in the morning and invited us to their water carnival at the pool in the afternoon. What a year of learning and especially fun! Hope to see you all next year.

I want to thank Emma Munro, Ross Clark, Elijah Holt and Caleb Herring for their help at Kiddie Camp this year. I also want to thank Alix Sheppard for the snacks of Rainbow Fish last week.

—Miss Diane, Kiddie Camp Director

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Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies held their annual business meeting on Tuesday, August 11. The agenda included the election of officers: Lindy Doherty, President; Anna Wicks and Jenni Lamb, Co-Vice Presidents and Program Coordinators; Marsha Taylor, second Vice President; Jinny Kuhl, Secretary and Liz Kenney, Treasurer. Librarian is Margot Lee, Thrift Shop is Liz Kenney, Auditor is Linda Biondo with Norma Frye is the Tea Chair. The Fair chairs are Chris Hutchins, Jesse Holt and Mike Potter. The nominating committee are Diane Angus, Barbara Cullen and Sandy Bowers.

The 2016 budget was approved. Income for this year was \$7732.51, all of which has been assigned to benefit Hedding. Ten percent is always designated to Heddingites participating in missions as well as to Epping Emergency Services. Money was put towards the Hedding Booster Fund and Epping Food Bank. Funds also go to support Day Camp, the Hedding Library/Thrift Shop, Post Office, and Lisa Blackburn for her service and food for Ladies' Day. This year the trustees asked for money to go towards lattice work around the Day Camp building, the Community House porch roof, and restoration work beside Chautauqua Hall once the trees are removed. Other monies are always earmarked for the Water Fund, Community House and Pool Fund.

It is time to start planning for next year. The book for next summer is *The Gate* by Dann A. Stouten. We are encouraging men and women to read it and participate in our book discussion.

Ladies' luncheon trip is next Tuesday, August 18, to the Old Salt. We are leaving at 12:15. The signup sheet is at the Post Office. Men and women are invited to go with us—the more the merrier!

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful summer!

—Lindy Doherty

H.A.A.

New Members:

Sponsor

Joe and Betsy Stone
Bill and Elaine Stilwell
Dave and Michelle Mylott
James and Nancy Bergeron
Danielle Pecoraro
Alice Goguen

Bruce and Sue Davidson
Tom and Cindi Fuller
Peter and Anna Wicks

Cottage

Bunny Huddleston
Andy Gamble

Don't forget Olympic Day tomorrow morning! See the Date Book for details.

Library/Thrift Shop News

The last day the Thrift Shop will be open is Saturday, September 5. The \$1.00 per bag sale will start this coming Monday, August 17. Please come down and shop and *please* pay your tabs if you have one.

The following people still owe money from previous years: S. Anderson, C. Caruso, C Clark, D. Clinton, E. Silva, M. Doherty, Dwyer, J. Lawrence, J. Montalbano, J. McKinley, Katy Decoster Williams, J. Zimmerman.

If you are around after September 5 and can help pack up the Thrift Shop, please let Liz Kenney or Gladly Swansen know. Thank you.

—Liz Kenney

Front Page, cont.

We, the adults, need to set a better example for the young ones. What does this mean? It means move your golf game to another day or re-arrange your social life so that you can attend shows and activities—and go to church.

We have a double challenge for next season, then: reach out to the young folks to get them to join the organizations and participate in them, and, "old" folks, get involved ourselves—not just once in a while, but all the time. This summer must not be the norm for the future.

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

Fifty years ago the Day Camp program ran from July 12 through August 27 with Arthur Jillette as director and Linda Heath as assistant. Judy Strong led the games and sports activities and with a crowd of 61 campers taking part the first week, Judy Powers, Bill and Gene's daughter, joined them as nature activities leader.

Holley Winkfield held a baseball clinic two or three times a week by age group. This proved useful as the senior campers hosted Trinity Episcopal Church camp and played Camp Fireside, an evangelical camp in Barrington, in home and away games. They also played at Don Bosco, a Roman Catholic camp in Barrington, but without the support of the girl campers as they were not allowed at the all-boys' camp.

Other than preparation for the Day Camp show on August 21, an emphasis was on bicycle hikes with ever-longer rides culminating in an overnight ride to end the season. Among games, "chipmunk" was a favorite, at least in the press it received in the Highlights. Perhaps it still would be if instructions could be found.