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Remind us never again to schedule a big, fat car repair job for a Monday and Tuesday when we know there's going to be an equally big, fat Highlights like this week's issue! The repair job was down home, of course, so we left after church on Sunday and got back Wednesday morning to a (normally) gratifyingly full Hedding Highlights inbox – including, as you will see elsewhere in this issue, the first "Official Notice Regarding the Frogs" ever to be published on this campground. The perps sound pretty serious, so you might want to just leave well enough alone.

That said, it is a busy week, so let's all get outside, breathe in that good Canadian wildfire smoke, and cheer the kids on this Saturday. And enjoy the cookout, as well as Rev. Katie Barner's sermon on Sunday. It'll all be done too soon!

The Date Book

Friday, July 17, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group
6:30 p.m., Community House.....Day Camp Game Night
Saturday, July 18, 8:30 a.m..... Olympic Day registration
8:30 a.m.....Day Camp bake sale
9:00 a.m., ballfield, etc.....Olympic Day!
5:00 p.m., Community House.....Community cookout
Sunday, July 19, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10: 30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service
Rev. Katie Barner, Epping Community Church, preacher
Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 a.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary meeting
7:15 p.m., the Studio.....Hymn sing
Thursday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. and evening.....Day Camp Trick or Treat and campout

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▲ Around and About

To the lazy person who threw a large box whole into the dumpster from Brio Lighting: You should take off the packing slip first. I could post who it is here, but you know who you are.

— Doug Wilkin

Come on, people. We lost our recycling because too many couldn't be bothered to follow the rules. Let's not lose our trash service for the same reason. — Ed.

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Please join our family in a Celebration of Life for my mom, Sandy Bowers, on Sat, July 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Chautauqua Hall. A light lunch at the Community House will follow.

— Tracy Dwyer

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Help me celebrate my fabulous cousin (and BFF since birth), Lisa Lauter Thompson, who turned 50 on July 14th! And to her husband Fred, who shares the same birthday and graciously lets her get the spotlight every year.

— Cam King

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One of the fastest growing sports in the country, pickleball is popping up everywhere! Want to learn how to play? I'll be running a pickleball clinic for Day Camp from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. All are welcome.

— Jim Odian

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Just a quick note of appreciation for the overwhelming support from the Hedding community after Larry's recent passing. It reminded us again what a special place Hedding is in our hearts. Thank you and bless you all!

— The Powers and Grimes families

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Ladies' Auxiliary

This week there were 14 ladies in the Studio. Dani Dwyer and Darby Dwyer Van de Veen served refreshments, and Deb Clinton offered devotions. She read a selection from *Life Together* and related it to a Christian community such as Hedding. Darby was our guest speaker; she talked about her experiences moving to Ireland. It was quite an adventure for her and Will. Thank you, Darby, for a fascinating talk.

Next week on Tuesday, July 21, Tracy Dwyer will be talking about our Hedding library and the new books that we have. On Tuesday, July 28, we have our book discussion. The book for this summer is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays. All ladies are invited to join us.

— Lindy Wicks Doherty

Library/Thrift Shop

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work at the Library this summer! I appreciate you all. We have many new book donations, the daily newspapers and puzzles are going at all time. The A/C is on for these hot days. Come on down and check things out!

— Tracy Dwyer, Hedding Librarian (2026)

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The Thrift Shop is open for business — please come down and find your treasures! A reminder: Please pay any money you owe from last year before taking out a tab for this year. Right now we have 11 people owing a total of \$124.75 for previous years.

We are still accepting donations during Thrift Shop hours. Please, no big items, and no large electronic equipment (TVs, monitors, computers, etc.)

— Liz Kenney

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A 1976 July Fourth Bicentennial Boston Globe was donated to the library by David Stone. Visit the library and check it out!

Also, a gentle reminder that any children under 12 need to be with an adult. Thanks.

— Jenni

REMINDER: Hedding assessments were due June 1.

If you haven't made your annual payment, please contact me to set up a written payment plan. I can be reached at 603-819-1714.

— Barbara Wilkin, Comptroller

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A very happy 5th birthday to Wesley Sheppard on July 16! He celebrated the occasion by taking his parents to Hampton Beach for the day.

Religious LifeLines

Our speaker this week is Pastor Katie Barner of the Epping Church. Last Sunday we enjoyed the sermon of Pastor Jeffrey Hunt. Flowers were given by the Roche family in loving memory of Fred (Ricky) Roche and by Beverly and Shirley Walker in loving memory of Millie and George Walker. Greeters were Steve Doherty and Ted Wicks.

Growth Group will meet Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Studio. Saturday, July 25 at Chautauqua Hall we will be singing along with Choral Majority at 7:00 p.m. The Memorial Service is Sunday, August 2. If you have a name of a loved one you would like remembered, please see Jen Lawrence. Also, we are bringing back Illumination Night on Saturday, August 8. If you are interested in showing your cottage, please see Darby Van De Veen. Sunday School for grades K-4 is available after the children's message.

The Religious Life Committee will be meeting this Sunday, July 18 at 3:00 pm in the Studio. All are welcome!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary
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Booster Fund donations received this week:

Debby Dwyer Smith	Charla and George Fisher
Wednesday and Zeld	Chris Copeland
Barbara and Paul Cullen	Tom Robertson
Lilie Bonzani	

Thank you and see you in church!

— Jenni Lamb

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Good news for Hedding

You may ask, So what is this good news? And why are you bothering me with it? I am relatively happy with my life and I just wish to be left alone to live it as I see fit. If this or some version of it is how you react to the gospel (good news), then this message is for you! It is written in Matthew's gospel chapter 28, verses 17 to 20, "When they saw Him they worshipped Him but some of them still doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this I am with you always, even to the end of the age'"

I too wanted to be left alone when I was in my early twenties But I thank God He and his disciples didn't stop bothering me, I received, by faith, the gift of salvation. This is the greatest thing that has happened in my life. Is God trying to tell you something? Please listen.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

Chautauqua

What a great auction we had! Thank you to all who came out to support the Chautauqua Association. A special thank you to Joanne Grimes and Lisa Piazza for helping us keep things organized. Without volunteers our events across the board would not be as successful.

New members this week:

Annalise Conti	Liz and William Kenney
Rebecca Munro	Heather Stimmel
Emma Munro	Heather and Matt Grimes
Mickey and Allen Fournier	Nancy Jacobson
Jeffrey Decoster	Mike Parisi
Debbie Clinton	Andrea and John Fuller
Penny and John Davis	Jodi and John Montalbano
John Peach	Darby and Will Van De Veen
Anna and Peter Wicks	Tom Dwyer III
Lisa and Fred Thompson	Jennifer Lamb
Gina and Nate Clinton	
Phil Clinton	

Dues are \$10 per person payable with cash, check or Venmo @Lisa-Blackburn-5

— Lisa Blackburn, treasurer

Day Camp

We can't believe we are finishing up week three of camp!

We will be having Game Night tonight, Friday, July 17 at the Community House. Come on time to set up with your chips and get your cards; be ready to yell out "Line!" when your card matches the numbers announced. (Old MacDonald wouldn't let his Bingo Dog in the Community House.) Winners will get to choose from our amazing prize table. Also, we have our traditional raffle baskets to purchase chance tickets for. If you are donating a basket (thank you so much!) drop it off at Jenn Clark's cottage ahead of time or bring to us on the night of. Word on the street is that we have a Games Basket and S'Mores basket already! What can you donate? Tomorrow morning at 8:30 we will be having our annual bake sale before the

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Usher list update:

7/19/26 - Charla and George Fisher
8/2/26 - Kris and David Stone
8/9/26 - Lisa Blackburn and Lisa Piazza
8/16/29 - Bill and Elaine Stilwell

There are still three slots open to usher. It's a great opportunity to say hi to everyone! Let Carol Carr (Carolcarr209@gmail.com) know if you want to sign up.

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

Back in the 1950s there was a lot more interest in baseball than there is now. The current day camp began in 1952 after an absence of several years. The previous camp was heavy on sports and had been operating in fits and starts since the 1920's.

In the interim, and the early years of day camp, the routine for the day was to return from the river (swimming), change clothes, have supper, and make a beeline for the front of the Hall. The reason for the rush was the good possibility of a softball game. Baden West Sr. and Jr. (Sonny) would be there to attempt some semblance of fun playing softball. Two teams were chosen with an equal number of players, at least for five minutes. No guesses as to how many changes by the second inning. There was no real age limit up or down. Down, they would have to be old enough to lift and swing a bat. Up, the oldest were the oldest of the "war babies", then there was a big jump to the next older group who didn't want to play with the little kids.

Mr. West pitched for both teams and Sonny was the catcher. They both acted as umpires. The field was there. The only sure thing was that the flagpole was third base.

Of course an attempt was made for "three strikes and you are out," but eight strikes and a "but I haven't hit the ball yet," was not uncommon. I can recall as many as fifteen strikes before a batter was walked as being the only way to give someone else a chance to play. Should the ball be hit, the next sound was a chorus of "Run, Run, Run, Run!" then with pointing fingers, that way, NO, that way. Batting order was usually something like "It's not your turn." We did better on changing teams after three outs....usually. I am sure the Wests were anxious for the chance to say "Game called on account of darkness!"

Day Camp, cont.

Olympics! We are happy to accept any precut and prepackaged items — even happier to have people purchase these scrumptious goods. Don't forget to come get your iced coffee from us, too.

Next week we will be doing our annual campout on Thursday, July 23. On that night, from 6:30 to 7:30, we will also be doing trick or treating! If you would like to sign up to be a trick or treat cottage, please let Emma, Robyn, or Shandra know. Tell us your cottage and address when you sign up. This is a community event and all who are young on grounds are welcome to join in the fun!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to a committee member.]

— Robin Renzelman, DCC co-chair
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Hello, Campers and Families,

Day Camp has been up to a lot of amazing things the past two weeks. Last week was water week, and not only did we have our first rainy day, the kids also went to Fort Foster for the annual beach field trip and built some beautiful sandcastles. I want to thank all of the families that helped, whether it be driving the children to the beach or having lent your beach toys. This week is FIFA World Cup week at camp, so the kids have been focused on team building and physical activity. The kids made trophies in arts in crafts and designed their own team posters for our soccer tournament Friday morning. We also prepared for the HAA Olympics this week by getting the kids ready to race, and also preparing some baked goods for the bake sale. Thank you to everyone who opened up their cottages and helped the children bake. Our field trip this week was to the seacoast science center in Rye, N.H. The campers had a lot of fun exploring exhibit as well as the state park. Thank you again to the drivers for this field trip.

I am excited for next week, as it is "Nature Week" and we will be having our annual Campout on the ballfield on Thursday. 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, including the trick or treat. They will have breakfast the next morning and then will be sent home. There is no day camp on Friday. Field trip forms have already been sent and should be turned in before Wednesday.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

— Emma Munro 781-854-8600

From the Trustees

SPRING UPDATE:

The Spring restoration project is still active, and the Board is working to obtain a quality bid to accomplish the desired results. A scope of work has been established so we can obtain the best bid for the restoration and we are entertaining bids from vendors.

The initial bids came in significantly higher than anticipated, north of \$70,000. Sandbox out of Ep-ping has entered a bid around \$55,000. This would replace the walls with a precast stone, not using the original. The Board continues to look for other options to complete the restoration project while maintaining a responsible economical outcome and desired results, which is to maintain as much of the original look of the spring as possible.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in the reconstruction project, please have them contact a member of the trustees.

DONATIONS for the Spring Reconstruction are still being accepted. As of July 15, 2026 we have raised north of \$10,000. Thank you all for your generous donations.

I will continue to try to update you as the project progresses.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

One of things that makes Hedding so special is that we still maintain the community feel that we all desire. We pride ourselves on knowing our neighbors and have the opportunity to let our children experience some of the freedom we enjoyed as children. In my day, that meant every adult I passed on the Avenue had my parents' permission to remind me of the rules and expectations; it was common to get yelled at by Jane Davidson or Beth Wicks for doing something I shouldn't be doing. While times have changed, one thing hasn't — keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you see something unsafe, please say something. As we enjoy the pool this summer, please remember to follow all

pool safety rules and give your child your full, undivided attention whenever they are in the water. A moment of distraction can make all the difference. It was great to hear that bike safety was being taught and reviewed at Day camp, but please discuss this again with your child so they understand the importance of stopping at all intersections and being aware of their surroundings.

We all have a copy of the rules and regulations at our house. Please make sure we review these with our family, guests and vendors. If you have outside vendors working on your house please verify that they have all the required insurance and review the rules with them regarding speed limits.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It was brought to my attention that we have some able and willing bodies looking to volunteer their time to Hedding. The following is a list of projects that need completion.

- Picnic table – scraped and painted
- Community House ramp staining
- Post Office complete paint Job – this will require a crew
- Community House third floor Cleaning
- Rec Hall front porch Staining

I am sure there are other small jobs that need completion if you are interested in volunteering just contact a member of the trustees so we can work with you to get you the supplies you need.

— John Fuller, Chair, Board of Trustees

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alixsheppard@yahoo.com.

Diane's Cottage Salon
Men, women and children
8 Cass Avenue
For appointment, call 617-365-2596

H.A.A. News

Olympic Day is this Saturday, July 18. Registration starts at 8:30 and the fun begins at 9:00 a.m. A community potluck and award ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Community House. Please bring your favorite side dish to share; hot dogs and burgers will be provided. This day always runs smoothly with the help of volunteers; please let us know if you're able to help out.

Update: There will be some construction occurring around the basketball courts. A new hoop and a new bench will be installed; please know these updates are a work in progress and take time to finalize. *If caution tape is up please stay away from this area until it is removed.* Thank you for your patience and understanding as these updates are being made.

New HAA members:

Sponsors:

Woodward Cottage
Sue and Bruce Davidson
Lilie Bonzani
Liz and Bob Gibson
Dannielle Dwyer and Will Pecoraro
Jenni Lamb
Patty and Billy Crowell
The Doherty Family
Mark and Deryn Smith
Ted Wicks

Cottage Members:

Bill and Carol Carr
Phyllis McDonough and Joe Yates
Mike and Tori Munley
Linda and Rich Biondo
Greg and Jules Angus

Individual Members:

Anne Kinney
Kathy Lord
Meghan Smith

If you want to become a member, see Chris Hutchins, our treasurer, on Saturday. We appreciate your support; see you all Saturday morning!

— Kindest regards, Your HAA committee members

~ This Week's Church Bulletin ~

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.

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Evening massage - 6 p.m.

The Fair!

Help get the word out for the Fair.

Color flyers will be available on the porch at 5 Adams Avenue by Saturday afternoon. If you have somewhere you can post it locally, thank you!

If you have ideas, but can't get there yourself, please let us know at: Heddingfair87@gmail.com

Thanks!

— Cindy and Norma

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Regarding the Frogs

Residents may have noticed that **two stone frogs**, locked in an eternal chess match, have taken up residence at 12 Chautauqua Avenue.

To be perfectly clear: **nobody should move them.** However, in the unlikely event that the frogs are moved, the following rules obviously apply:

1. The frogs must never leave the campground. They are Hedding frogs now.
2. Whoever moves them must submit a hint — but never the answer — to their new location for publication in the following week's Hedding Highlights.
3. The frogs must always be placed somewhere visible from a road, path, or porch. No burying them under Chautauqua Hall.
4. The frogs must be treated with the dignity befitting two gentlemen mid-game. The board stays level.
5. Whoever finds them may relocate them, subject to Rules 1-4.

Again, none of this should ever happen. The frogs are very happy where they are.

— The Management

[Identity hidden by request. They're legit. —Ed.]