



The camp with a song in
it's heart



Happy Autumn!

Missing camp?

Send us a note about a favorite thing you miss about camp, and we'll put it in the next addition of the BC Bubbler!

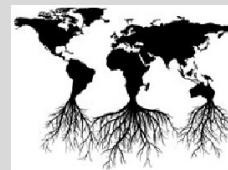
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BC Jack-o-lantern carved
a few moons ago by
alumnae, Alex Lee

The Bubbler



October 2020

Lines from Lorrie- Autumn at Camp!



The colorful fall months always bring activity to camp, whether that be in the form of projects being finished up, whether that be attending

to the continuing harvest in the camp garden, whether that be visitors that can't resist a peek at camp in the golds, oranges and reds of the fall woods. It is a beautiful time here!

There are a lot of projects that are being worked on this particular fall. **Steve Spensley** is pounding the final nails into the new laundry shed. Wait 'til you see it in person! Four feet longer, with windows on two sides, you will be able to see your cabin's laundry bags easily and you'll find it much easier to move them out and up to your cabins. I can't wait to hear your compliments, and neither can Steve!



The other significant projects underway this fall involve our cabin fireplaces. You'll see two pictures of this project so far. The first includes Jack, one of the masons we hired to do these important fireplace rebuilds professionally. Jack is standing in Shrewsbury. If you look carefully you will see a brand new hearth and you'll see the remaining work to be done, the addition of new rocks and masonry to seal in the fireplace. Next door is Deers' Leap. That fireplace has been finished with a sturdier support structure to host its cabin sign! Our masons will continue to work into the fall. Sugarbush's fireplace is next followed by Killington and...who knows? You'll see!



In terms of harvesting, the garden continued to offer

up tomatoes and flowers for the Pittsford Food Shelf. The brussel sprouts are still growing! **Priya B.** has agreed to tend them until harvest time and will help with that process in return for having a few for her supper thereafter!

The biggest harvest we've had involves apples. **Steve Spensley** gathers up apples from around camp and our neighborhood and then...the camp apple press appears and Camp Betsey Cox cider is produced! Steve and helpers (BC campers **Iyla and Ruby S.** along with Sangamon campers **Cameron and Larkin M.** joined **Kim Spensley, Elly Moriarty, Robb Spensley** and others in this tasty endeavor! See photo!).



The team produced 16 gallons of cider! That should get us all through the winter months when fresh apple cider reminds us of the glories of the fall season!

And yes...there have been visitors! **Christie Belanger** and her friend **Karl** were among the first fall visitors. **Audrey E.** appeared with a friend when they toured a few Vermont colleges. **Courtney Robinson** and **Nate** arrived. **Jane Krausman** and two friends from her college arrived on their day off from a job harvesting hemp for CBD products on a farm near Middlebury. They are living in a tent and working hard! **Marcy Covey, Kim Spensley** and **Elly Moriarty** continue to be around camp frequently and were a great help putting the boat house to bed for the season. Each group that visits brings us news of other camp friends. We have loved both the visits and the news!

Warm fall colors will soon transition to the soft grey of stick season when all the creative twists and turns of tree branches become visible. We will be ready to enjoy that season, too, as every season has its unique features to love!

News from near and Far...

Please share your news with us! Send any bits of news to info@campbetseycox.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



From the pond!
Kim and **Lorrie** have enjoyed

keeping a record of their latest fall swims! This year, **Kim** was the swimmer who spent the longest time in the water latest into September. She swam ½ mile on September 28! **Lorrie** was in the same day, but her courage didn't last as long! **Christie Belanger** jumped in twice in September and **Jane Krausman** took the plunge on her visit. **Courtney Robinson** should be counted in the mix, too! **Priya, Amara** and **Zora B.** jumped in one warm September day. **Marcy Covey** was in briefly in early October. **Laird** more recently. **Lorrie** continues to wait for another warm spell to see if there is an opportunity for an additional plunge! It is so much fun to have a pond!

Kathy Pominville is enjoying her job as school nurse in Vermont. She reports good health across her elementary school. **Pearl** is not as happy to have school starting up! **Don Willis** traveled as far as Boston this fall, where he checked in with **Ava** and **Ruby S.** along with his daughter, **Michelle**.

Angela, Todd, Evan and **Mya VanBuskirk** moved into a new and fun house in Venice, Florida. **Angie, Evan** and **Mya** are all back at school while **Todd** continues to work in his accounting business.

Elaine Griffith spent much of the summer on Cape-Cod. **Elaine** continues to teach painting, of course, and to swim regularly, also of course! **Theary Meas** is engaged to **Brent Young**! **Theary** has done a lot of painting around the lodge. You will be

impressed!

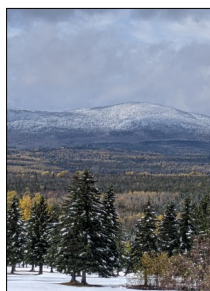
Anna Mathewson appeared in a great soccer photo published in the Rutland Herald!



Kim and Steve Spensley performed for a Harvest Gathering at the Pittsford Village Farm. **Judy McCarthy** attended along with **Laird and Marcy Covey**. **Jane Krausman** reported that **Elizabeth Farnham, Rose McKay** and **Moirra Griffin** are housemates in Burlington, Vermont. We hope they will wind their way down to camp at some point! **Devri Byrom** along with her partner **Sean Donegan** made a big move to Rangeley, Maine this fall. You will see the winter office address change! They have a rustic, off the grid, Maine "camp" on a river there already, and last spring, purchased a bit of land closer to Saddleback Mountain to build a year round home. They sold their house on the Coast in Rockland, Maine to move the Western Maine Mountains.

It is another beautiful part of Maine,

These Maine mountains have lots of nooks and crannies and many are filled with lakes and rivers. As of October 17, there were already been a few snowflakes in Rangeley! It should be a good snow-filled winter for them!



Sam Herren sent **Devri** a note with a picture of a wonderful birthday cake she created. A six-minute vegan chocolate cake that is a favorite of theirs! Sam frosted it, and then decorated it with tiny chocolate chip cookies! Cute! Must be that she was remembering all the years she lived in a tiny house! Thumb is for scale! BC women can create some fun and delicious things that's for sure!



It is fun to follow Camp on social media! **Lorrie** posts pictures of camp in all seasons on Instagram. It is a treat for those of us who live far away and the images help us stay connected. The leaves are covering many of our favorite paths these days. Make sure to follow camp if you don't already:

[@campbetseycox.com](https://www.instagram.com/campbetseycox)

It also helps us stay connected to BC women past and present. **Rachael Thornton** is teaching at an international school in Shanghai, China. She transferred to China after 2 years in Mexico. Awesome! **Kim Viders** has been traveling about the world too. Tough to keep up with her sometimes!

We love to hear about what you are all up to! Don't hesitate to share your good news!



This is a spooky Vermont ballad, perfect for Halloween!
Steve Spensley has written a tune so that it can be sung!
Perhaps he will sing it for us this coming summer!

ALONZO THE BRAVE AND THE FAIR IMOGENE

Alonzo the Brave and the Fair Imogene,
 A warrior so bold and a maiden so fair,
 Conversed as they sat on the green.
 They gazed at each other in tender delight.
 Alonzo the Brave was the name of the
 knight,
 And the maid was the fair Imogene.



"Alas," said the youth, "Since tomorrow I go
 To fight in a fair distant land,
 Your tears in my absence will cease for to flow,
 Another will court you and you will bestow
 On some worthier suitor your hand."

"O stop such suspicions," fair Imogene said.
 "Offensive to love and to me;
 For if you are living or if you are dead, I swear by my hand that
 none in your stead
 Shall the husband of Imogene be."

If for such another my heart should decide,
 Forgetting Alonzo the Brave,
 God grant that to punish my falsehood and pride,
 Your ghost at my wedding will sit by my side,
 Tax me with perjury, claim me as bride,
 And bear me away to the grave."

To Palestine hastened this hero so bold,
 His love, she lamented him sore;
 But scarce had a twelvemonth elapsed when behold
 A baron all covered with jewels and gold,
 Arrived at fair Imogene's door.



His looks, his behavior, his spacious domains,
 Soon made her untrue to her vows.
 He dazzled her eyes, he bewildered her brain,
 He caught her affection so light and so vain,
 And he carried her home as his spouse.

But scarce had the wedding been blessed by the priest,
 The revelry scarce had begun,
 The tables that groaned with the weight of the feast,
 And scarce had the laughter and merriment ceased
 When the bells of the castle tolled one.



Then to her surprise fair Imogene found
 A stranger was placed by her side.
 His breath was sulphuric, he uttered no sound.
 He moved not, he spoke not, he looked not around
 But earnestly gazed at the bride.

His visor was closed and gigantic his height.
 His armor was sable from view.
 All laughter and pleasure was hushed at the sight,
 The dogs as they eyed him drew back in a fright.
 And the lights in the castle burned blue.

All present with bosoms filled with dismay.
 The guests sat in silence and fear.
 Till at length spoke the bride white, she trembled, "i play,
 Sir, 'tis right your armor aside you will lay,
 And deign to partake of our cheer."

The lady was silent, the stranger complied.
 His visor he slowly unclosed.
 And, oh, what a sight met fair Imogene's eyes,
 No words can express her dismay or surprise
 When a skeleton's head was exposed.



All present then uttered a terrified shout,
 And turned in disgust from the scene;
 While the specter addressed Imogen.

"Behold me, thou fair one, thou false one," he cried,
 "Behold thy Alonzo the Brave.
 God grant that to punish thy falsehood and pride,
 My ghost at thy wedding shall sit by thy side,
 Tax you with perjury, claim you as bride,
 And bear you away to the grave."

So saying his arms round the lady he wound,
 While Imogene shrieked with dismay.
 Then fell with his prey thro' the wide yawning ground,
 And never again was fair Imogene found,
 Or the specter that bore her away.

Three times in the year her spirit is seen,
 While mortals in slumber are found.
 Arrayed in her bridal apparel of white
 She appears in the hall with her skeleton knight
 And shrieks as he whirls her around.



They drink out of skulls newly torn from the grave;
 Dancing round them pale specters are seen,
 They howl to the health of Alonzo the Brave,
 And his consort the false Imogene.



A Tribute to our Long Time Camp Horse— Blaze

A favorite camp horse, and four footed friend, Blaze passed on a bright autumn day, October 15, 2020.

Blaze lived an incredible, long, and happy life. Her summers she shared with all of us, at the riding ring, stable and trail. She was the Queen of the Upper Horse Pasture during her summers. She was the matriarch of our camp horses, in charge overall. I am not sure how many of you knew that! Many, many of you have been carried on her back over many summer seasons.

How many of you knew she made a funny face when she gets her belly scratched? Sarah Hardy shared a picture of that funny face and memory with us!



*Blaze always
smiled like this
when she got
her belly
rubbed!*

In the winter months, Blaze lived with Chris Giddings and Fred Helmuth in an amazingly loving barn. They treated Blaze as if she was their horse. Sarah Hardy found her this home, and it was the perfect winter home for Blaze, and just down the road in Pittsford. Just this summer Black and Twister joined Blaze at this same farm. Blaze and Fred were fast friends.

Sarah Hardy was able to make a trip to Vermont this fall to see all the Camp horses— Black, Blaze and Twister. She does that from time to time. In fact, as it happened, the weekend before Blaze passed away Sarah and Chris went on a trail ride together in the woods around Camp and their farm. Sarah rode Black and Chris on rode Blaze. Sarah shared that Blaze was very happy on that trailride. She is a lucky girl.

We share the sorrow of a favorite four-footed friend passing with each of you. We are sure she had a very happy bunch of years, and we are grateful to have been in her life. She passed peacefully, at end the of her time.

Peace to you Blaze, and Happy Trails!



Blaze in the Happy Trails Stables with horse and camper friends!



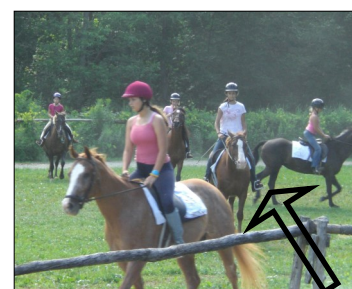
Bareback!



Beginner lessons in the ring



*Blaze in the Susan Komen
Ride for the Cure*



Drill team member!



Drill Team line up a few years back



Attention!

New Winter Office US Mailing Address

Please share all traditional US mail with us this winter addressed to:

Devri Byrom
Camp Betsey Cox
PO Box 1195
Rangeley, Maine 04970

Autumn Fires



In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!



-Robert Louis Stevenson

Nature Moments! I had a Nature Moment!

From the Western Maine Mountains...

- Devri spotted a Mama Moose and **two** baby calves! Moose usually have one baby, so seeing a Mama and twins is particularly neat! They are busy munching away to get ready for the winter months where there is less food available. So cool!
- Gray Jays are a bird of the Western Mountains. They are relatively new to me, but relatives to the more familiar Blue Jay. Very friendly, they will eat out of your hand if they like what you have! Gold fish crackers are a favorite!



Returning Betsey Cox families!

Tell a new family about Camp, and if they enroll for 2021 your family will receive a \$150 discount off your daughter's tuition.

If you recommend a family to our brother camp-Sangamon, your family will receive a \$100 discount.



Thank you for spreading the word about our camp community!

Camp Betsey Cox is accepting 2021 applications!

Returning camper and Muggie Leader invitations for 2021 will be headed out soon!

We recommend that you sign up by the end of January to guarantee the session of your choice!

Sign up by December 31, 2020 and receive an early enrollment discount!

Online Applications are available now on our website.

