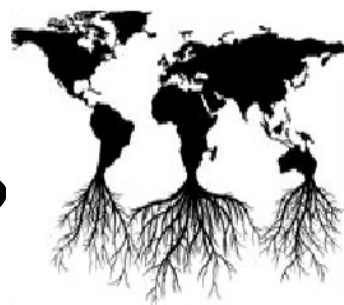


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in it's heart



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Happy New Year!
Our best wishes
to you and
yours!



January 2021

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Thoughts about January 6

For more than two hundred years, the day that the Electoral College submitted state electoral votes in our country's Presidential elections went on without most of us even knowing that the event was happening.

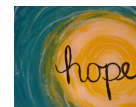
This year was sadly, appallingly different. Even though I was sitting far away from the terrifying events of the day in Washington D. C., here on the edge of camp, I felt paralyzed by the situation unfolding in our nation's capitol. By evening, I couldn't see a path forward that would bring us back to our values, our purpose as a country, our sensibility.

Now, a week later, hope inserts itself in some of the news reports. Perhaps we can rediscover our better selves as a nation.

Hope rests in what each person in our country can contribute to bringing our people together again. The camp experience gives us practice. We live together in cabins--people of all sorts figuring out not only how to get along, but to love and celebrate the fun of getting to know others! When problems surface, we sit and talk them through to a good resolution. When we gather together weekly for Vespers, we hear girls speak their minds, their convictions,

their passions and their dreams, in civil fashion. We learn that everyone's voice should be heard and respected. We talk of peace, of a better world on many levels, and we watch for opportunities at camp and in our off-season lives to make a positive difference.

In the aftermath of the events of January 6, 2021, may each of us contribute, in our own ways, to assuring that our country will never experience such a day again.



NEW YEAR'S FUN!

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are holidays that for some of us hold less excitement and interest than the December holidays that precede them. After all, in a normal year, these two events, for most of us, herald the pending return to school and jobs.

But wait! Clearly we need to learn about New Year's traditions around the world! There are some fun-filled, crazy and delightful traditions, some of which you could incorporate into your own celebrations! Some might take you some time to put together before the big night and day marking the start of 2022. Here are some possibilities!

**Around the world, some people believe that wearing colorful underwear gives you a shot of good luck and maybe even*

romance! In Argentina, you'd need to wear pink underwear on New Year's Eve. In Italy, it must be red. In Bolivia, bright yellow! Start shopping!

** In Brazil, some people throw white flowers into the sea and ask the Sea Goddess to grant their New Year's wishes!*

**In Canada, it's a polar-bear swim. Cut that hole in the ice and hop right in! Brings good luck, assuming you survive! Our own Elaine Griffith has a history of this tradition!*

**Some people in China paint their front doors red each year as a symbol of happiness and good fortune for the next year.*

**Some Danish people wish their neighbors a happy New Year by smashing china plates on their doorsteps. The more broken pottery, the more luck!*

**In Iceland, a country where trolls play a role even in modern days, it is thought by some that on New Year's Eve cows can talk, elves move into new houses, seals take on human forms and other spooky activities may happen!*

**In the Netherlands, some people burn their Christmas trees on New Year's Eve.*

**In Singapore, many people write messages on white disks that are then placed on the river with candles. Beautiful candle-lighting situation!*

**And finally, one that BC people would love, in Spain, some people eat one grape for each of the bells at midnight.*

You have a year to choose which of these global traditions you might want to experience! Have fun!

News from near and Far...

Emma Pilz and **Mary-Ann Eastman** were the first two to appear after our BIG snow. Sleds in hand they trekked up to Sugarbush for a ride down to the lodge. **Emma** will head to her college campus later this winter and **Mary-Ann** is enjoying her time on site already. She is doing a lot of swimming. **Emma** is working a bit at nearby Mountain Top Inn where she met a Betsey Cox alumna from long ago!

Tamar Epstein (a community member back when **Diana Capaldi** and **Karen Iker** were kids) arrived with her partner and small dog. It was fun to reminisce about those long ago days. Her partner brought a drone that he uses for his work in real estate. The videos it produced were fun to study! They promise to return during camp next summer to catch some on-season images!

Louise and **Nell Falvey**, along with their two brothers visited. They are all well and engaged in various sorts of good work in the world.

Iyla S. with her sisters **Ruby** and **Faye** and their parents, **Sybren** and **Robb** have skated on Burr Pond. **Priya B.** and **Clara C.** along with **Amara** and **Zora B.** slipped and slid in good measure. No matter what the season, the pond is FUN!!



Kim and **Steve Spensley**, **Marcy** and **Laird Covey** and **Lorrie** have all donned their cross-country skis for a tour around camp. Recent snow stayed on the trees, making camp a winter wonderland!

Devri has also been on her skis in Western Maine! Both types- downhill and cross country. There is something about playing in the snow... We highly recommend it!



Nina AS and **Emma P** got together a zoomed camp solstice gathering! Virtual fire to chase the dark away! **Nora Y.**, **Evie** and **Thea S.**, **Aine P.**, and **Lorrie** were there. Others may have joined after **Lorrie** departed. SO good to see everyone! **Devri** celebrated with a fire and rituals outside in Rangeley, and shared Susan Cooper's "*The Shortest Day*" poem with a

friend there for her own celebration out on frozen Saddleback lake!



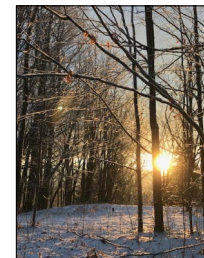
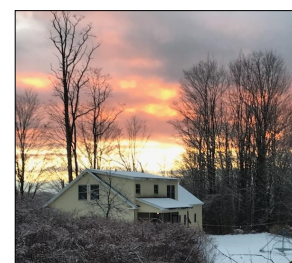
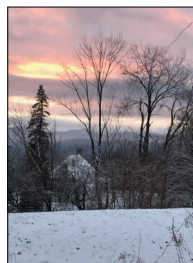
Listen to "*The Shortest Day*" <https://www.npr.org/2020/12/19/948316320/read-the-shortest-day-to-celebrate-the-winter-solstice>

Sarah Hardy reports that **Elizabeth F** and **Carlo M** are busy and happy in Vail, Colorado this winter/spring season. **Elizabeth** is working in a ski rental shop and **Carla** is a lift operator. Fun place to spend the winter!

Many people have been in touch with New Year's wishes. Thank you all!

Here are some winter photos of camp, captured by **Lorrie**.

Take special note of the photo of the dishroom late in the afternoon. The sun lit up the south-side windows as if a Christmas tree was inside!

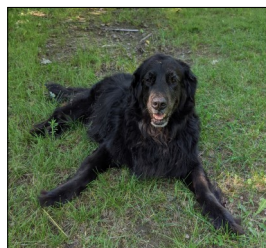
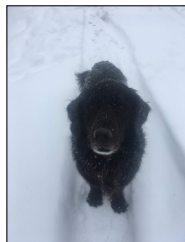


Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!

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

IN MEMORIAM

Early in December, camp dog **Rosa Parks Byrom** was hit by a car when she chose to walk across Sangamon Road after dark. Rosa was a model Betsey Cox community member. She loved our land. She offered friendship to everyone. She worked on the problems she had with Pearl, Penn and other visiting family dogs. She offered respect to the horses and farm animals. She loved many activities and visited most, following along faithfully after Lorrie. She will be missed by us all. Rosa was 12.5 years old, and had a very happy life. Here are a couple photos of her to stir your own memories.



Campers 2021! Applications are rolling in! Come Join us!

(applications as of January 20, 2021)

Elizabeth Atherton, Vermont S1
Sarah Bevere Vermont, S2
Ursula Brueggeman, Maryland, S123
Priya Byrom, Vermont (TBD)
Sasha Chajet Wides, New York, S23A
Adele Dalsimer, New York, S2
Leah Desforges, North Carolina, TBD
Lilly Ehlinger, Massachusetts, S1
Celia Fallis, Vermont S1
Augustine Fell, New York, S123
Eliza Feltz, Massachusetts, S2
Vivi Frecceri, California, S123A
Evelyn Fuller, Vermont, S2
Alexa Gillespie, Maryland, S12(3?)
Lila Gray, Massachusetts, S2
Alice Green, New Jersey, S23
Josie Happel, Massachusetts, S12
Audra Harrison, Georgia, S2
Sloan Harrison, Georgia S2
Lexa Hernandez, Texas, S1
Isabel Herrero, Massachusetts, S3
Sophie Hickman, New Jersey, S23
Meredith Hill, Washington, DC. S12
Makenna Houston, Vermont, S23 (S1?)
Iris Ibara, Massachusetts, S2
Ginger Knabe, Massachusetts, S2
Rosie Kopelman, New York, S23

Ramona Lamoureux, Massachusetts, S2
Chloe Laird, Colorado, S12
Abby Letendre, Vermont, S1
Carmyn Litchfield-Farrar, Vermont S1
Grace Marble, Massachusetts, S2
Ida Marcus, Rhode Island, S2
Luna Meshberg, New York, S1
Mitra Minovi, New York, S1
Immy Mistry, Massachusetts S12
Mirabelle Moss, New York S1
Sasha Moss, New York, S1
Olivia Ojukwu, Massachusetts, S23
Eilie Orne, Massachusetts, S3
Macy Palmer, Vermont, S2
Goldie Philipp, New York, S2
Taylor Pyle, Maryland, S23
Avalon Rheume, Vermont, S1
Maddie Roskelley, Massachusetts, S2
Jossy Sanchez- Gonzalez, Vermont S2
Yvie Schermerhorn, Massachusetts, S3
Olivia Seidenberg, New York, S12
Maeve Sheehan, Massachusetts, S123
Iyla Spensley, Vermont, S12
Ruby Spensley, Vermont, S12
Bea Spondike, Rhode Island, S12
Tessa Stoelk, Massachusetts, S3
Greta Suter, Vermont, S1

Rachel Tabb, New York, S23
Addie Talbott, Connecticut, S3
Olivia Talbott, Connecticut, S3
Elizabeth Traber Hill, Massachusetts S23
Mya Van Buskirk, Florida, S1
Ada Van Dyke, Massachusetts, S12
Astrid Van Dyke, Massachusetts, S2
Hettie Van Dyke, Massachusetts, S12
Ruby Weinstein, New York, S23A
Willow Weiss, Massachusetts, S2
Luna Weiss Massachusetts, S23
Audrey Wilbanks, New Jersey, S3

There are still quite a few families who have spaces saved in 2021 from 2020 that have not confirmed a place for summer 2021.

If you are one of those campers, please send along an updated application for this new season. That will connect us and confirm your place for the season.

Thanks!

<https://campbetseycox.com/application/>



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5 Vermont Winter Trivia Questions for you!

1. What is the coldest recorded temperature in Vermont?
2. What was Wilson Bentley, a farmer from Jericho, Vermont famous for discovering?
3. In 1947, Readsboro, Vermont received a record breaking amount of snow from one 3 day storm. How many inches of snow?
4. Winter 1970-1971 is recorded as the winter season with the most snow. How many FEET of snow?
5. What was the first rope tow (ski lift) in Vermont powered by?

Answers: 1. -50 degrees, 2. "Snowflake Bentley" proved no two snowflakes are alike, 3. 50 inches, 4. 26.5 feet!, 5. Ford Model T engine.

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/vermont/facts-vt/>

Nature Moments!

- The archery field is a maze of animal tracks. Deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, fox, voles, shrews and others who winter over are enjoying camp!

Did you know that small animals spend much of the winter in the "subnivean zone"? That is the zone beneath the snow and above the frozen ground. A whole world beneath the snow!



- Winter birds keep the Farmhouse backyard busy. Chickadees, Blue Jays, Doves, an occasional crow or two--all appreciating the feeder hanging from our old cherry tree.
- Winter tracks seen in Western Maine: fox, snowshoe hare, moose, deer, turkey and grouse, and lynx!

Send us your Nature Moments and we will share them!

Spread the Word about Betsey Cox!

Tell a new family about Camp, and if they enroll for 2019 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!



Action!