

Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in  
it's heart

### Happy Autumn!



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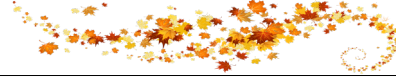
*BC Jack-o-lantern*

# The Bubbler



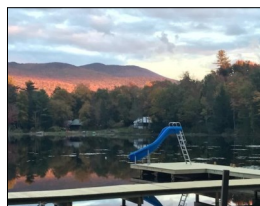
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## Lines from Lorrie



Just last week, a long-time Camp Betsey Cox community member sent a note saying that her college professor had just assigned a project in which each class member would write something about “Home”--what the word suggests or means to them. This staff member had thought over the various homes she had lived in and while she acknowledged the unique and special nature of each one, the place that most vividly came to mind was....Camp! She and I found time to talk about her project, and I now find myself thinking about how camp is a home for each of us, for more or less time, but over time, powerfully a capital “**H**” **Home!**

October is a very beautiful month here at camp. I always wish on these glorious October afternoons of orange, yellow, red leaves and warm breezes (most days this October!), that camp should be open in this month! There’s so much beauty in which you would find yourselves! Standing on the brand new dock, the pond is a bright blue reflection of the sky and behind the pond, Blue Ridge mountain stands aflame in color!



The environment our camp rests upon is certainly one that confirms the beauty of the natural world--in all seasons, of course, though each of us has our favorite! For most us, the place we identify as “Home” should be beautiful and either in or near the orderliness of the natural world. And then there’s the security of the camp schedule. The bell WILL ring when things are to be done, food is to be consumed, or gathering should happen. We all play a part in the workings of our community and that gives us a comforting sense of ownership. Whether you are working a dining room job, a cabin job, or have the luxury of being “garden”, you are doing your part to build community! We all feel each person’s contribution and appreciate it!

And of course, and for us all, there are the friends--across generations, from across our country and the world. Camp culture tells us all to learn deeply about each person with whom we share time in this magic setting. We learn to listen to each other’s stories, to acknowledge their power, to understand the differences and similarities that enrich our whole community. We all call back to each other when we are not at camp--for fun conversations, for offering support if there’s a need, for knowing what each of us are going to be on Halloween! Even that!

By the time we leave camp, no matter how many weeks we spend, we are deeply connected, deeply fond of each other and....we have become BC people!

We would say that camp is our “Home” and our friends are a unique and special family! How lucky we are! I will let you know when our staff member submits her work and I am sure we will agree heartily with her feelings!



*Our way home  
Recognize this view?*



*Home- Killington*



*Home.*

News from near and Far...

**Abby P** was the last full-time resident at camp, leaving in the first week of September for her leadership role at school.

**Clara C and Lorrie** worked together with **Steve and Dave** to put camp away. **Kim** helped in the October jobs that required 4 hands! **Clara** traveled to Italy for three weeks with her grandmother.

**Alley** worked in the pottery this fall and arranged to have necessary repairs done on our older kiln. **Dave** re-roofed a few cabins, did some repairs on others and reroofed the library.

The “Dock boys” worked through September along with Thor the Great Pyrenees dog! There is only one section left to do—from the land out to the diving platform. You will be impressed with its beauty! The Dock boys (**Brock and Conrad**) enjoyed camping out in **Deers’ Leap**!



**Steve** pressed cider in early October and in one day pressed enough to give treats to a number of people who came for the fun and community spirit and to fill the ice cream freezer! Among the participants were camp people **Sybre, Iyla, Ruby and Faye, Priya and Amara, Nora, Lizzy, and Judah, Elly, Larkin, Cam, Kim, Jane and Lorrie**. A few good some mores were consumed in the birch grove in addition to the very healthy fine cider!

**Anne Willis** who worked at both Sangamon and Betsey Cox for many years returned from Florida and Michigan to pay camp a visit in mid-October. **Anne** is mom to **Angie, Michelle** and **Jason** and grandma to camp people **Mya, Ava and Ruby**. **Avery** too, some seasons.

**Kim, Marcy and Lorrie**, and occasionally **Laird** swam in the pond well into September this year. It has been a warm fall! **Kim** and **Lorrie** swam until around September 21. **Kim** was in again October 3! **Marcy** was in for a bit until October 7 I think. \* But **Nina and Christie** were in the latest! They stayed in Killington over Indigenous People weekend and dropped into the pond while here. Oh, yeah...cold-weather swimmers!! \*the editor will make corrections about dates if needed!

**Lizzy and Nora**, along with **Judah**, came a few times to advise **Lorrie** about the garden. It has been prolific this year! We are still eating plenty of good veggies and enjoying gorgeous flowers! Thanks to all for your help making it such a good garden! Beautiful flowers thrived thanks to **Ed and Yvonne’s** care in the Right Mind Farm. It is a treat to see them there!

**Sandi** and her golf partner won the club championship in golf! Lots of you have played brilliant soccer, we are sure. **Lorrie** sees **Ellie, Amara, Anna, Ruby** and others on various fields!

Word has it that **Linnea** has been enjoying life at Smith College and is getting playing time even as an entering student there. No surprise there!

**Jolene’s calf Marble** is so handsome and well brought up that he will be the new sire at a farm in near Shelburne Farms. Yay BC Farm!



**Lucy and Mike** were married at Camp Wildwood in Bridgton, ME this Labor Day weekend. It was a glorious day, with lots of camp alumni. **Devri** was the officiant! A very fun time!

**Lily, Jessa, Nick, Alex, Caroline, Devri and Lorrie** are pictured below:



Our Florida family members (**Don, MJ, Angie, Todd, Mya, Zena, Evan, Jason and family**) all survived the two hurricanes that devastated our country. We are very grateful. **Jen** came north during the hurricanes and visited with several camp people! Among them were: **Elaine, Gretchen and Lorrie**.



A garden pumpkin that we shared with a camp critter!

Our gorgeous Farm Maple tree all dressed up! This tree was planted in honor of **Barb Schneider**, “Mrs. Camp”.



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

## A PASSING OF NOTE

In mid October **David Hazen** passed on. David was head camp chef for 11 years. He was father to Hannah and Gretchen who were campers (Gretchen was also a BC staff member for several years) and to their sister Abby. He was grandfather to campers and staff members Eamonn (Sangamon) and Aine and to campers Olivia and Amelia. David and his wife of over 50 years Carolyn, have two more grandchildren, Eva and Phoebe.

*David will forever be remembered for his wonderful laugh, joyful spirit, and generous heart; he has been beloved by all who have known him.*  
-Rutland Herald, October 19, 2024

As head chef, David ran one of the happiest kitchens in camp history. On Sunday mornings, he and kitchen staff member Rob, danced their way through the morning to the strains of Vermont radio's Polka Hour. Back then such dishes as Tuna Pea Wiggle and Welsh Rarebit (cheese sauce served on saltine crackers) were mainstays and David made even those dishes taste good! He baked remarkable banquet cakes as he both loved to bake and loved to decorate.

His sense of humor infused the entire camp community. He put up with various pranks and mischief and when they involved the old lodge/bell, he was known to stand in the mainyard with a large pot and a big spoon that he banged loudly to wake up the camp. He was an actor at heart and played a brilliant Betsey Cox in the annual camp rendition of the Betsey Cox story.

David was actively involved in each community in which he worked. Educator, chef, knitter, shop owner, singer, church leader, he made a difference to each person with whom he came in contact. He is a part of each of us who worked, played and dined with him over all those years! We are lucky that his family home is at the top of Sangamon Road as we have been able to stay in touch for all these many years and will continue to do so through his extended family.

This summer there will be an all-camp program in honor of David. It will be fun, funny and a real tribute to this fine human being!

## Campers enrolled for 2025...as of Oct 31!

Tori'Elle BB, NY  
Alfrenque B, Bahamas  
Merin B VT  
Jazz B, MD  
Priya B, VT  
Amara B, VT  
Zora B, VT  
Jo C, Canada  
Sophia C. VT  
Riley C, VT  
Annika C, CA  
Iris H, VT  
Zoey H, NJ  
Piper J, VT  
Riley K, NJ  
Nora M, CT  
Winnie M, VT  
Anjali N, NY  
Dottie O, VT  
Grace P, MD  
Amelie O, MA  
Avalon R, VT  
Elsa R, VT  
Nala R, VT  
Suzie S, NY  
Grace S, NY  
Faye S, VT  
Ruby S, VT  
Iyla S, VT

Ivy S, MA  
Talia S, MA  
Helena S, MA  
Zara T, VT  
Astrid VD, MA  
Molly W, VT

**First Campers signed up for 2025...  
Drumroll please...**



**Jazz B  
Maren J  
Iris H**

**Enrollment is moving right along, and applications are rolling in everyday!**

**Returning campers:  
Please don't hesitate to send in your applications to be sure there is space in the session of your choice!**

## We have had a few Birthdays since Camp ended!



Ivy S, Tori'Elle B, Louisa E, Suzie S, Nora B, Celicia L, Vinnie EO, Yaela W, Lucy F, Eliana BF, Many GP, Vivienne B, Isla S, Maura N, Luciana M, Lila R, Liv T, Vivienne F, Luisa BPC, Annika C, Poppy S, Autumn S, Astrid VD, Riley K, Luna W, Leo B, Carolina F, Anya K, Iris H, Maren J, Emma K, Iris W, Ruby S, Chloe L, Nora M, Aubree B, Lu T, Lucy G, Kelsey G, Chloe N, and Yaiza VC.

### Birthday Round

*We wish you a happy birthday!  
A joyous and celebrated birthday,  
To you dear BC Campers,  
We wish you a long long life!*





**Winter Office USPS Mailing Address**

Please send all traditional USPS mail to us this winter addressed to:

Camp Betsey Cox  
 PO Box 1093  
 Rangeley, Maine 04970

**Halloween bad jokes**  
*of course we had to add these!*



Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid to cross the road??

*He had no guts!*

What do you call a fat pumpkin?

*A plumpkin!*

Why is a cemetery a great place to write a story?

*Because there are so many plots there.*

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

*Pumpkin Pi!*

What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

*I-Scream!*

**Pumpkin Trivia!**

*In honor of Monday Morning Trivia*



Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?

*Fruits because they grow from the plant's flowers.*

How many pumpkin seeds in an average pumpkin?

*500 more or less.*

How many pounds do the largest pumpkins put on in a day?

*50 pounds*

What part of a pumpkin is edible?

*Every part of the pumpkin is edible—leaves, blossoms, skin, stem.*

Which of these names are names of brands of pumpkins?

Baby Bear, Spooktacular,  
 Ghost Rider, Trick Jack, Sweetie Pie

*Answer: All*

What is the Guinness world record for number of pumpkins carved in 1 hour?

*109 by Trevor Hunt*

**Returning Betsey Cox families!**



Tell a new family about **Betsey Cox**, and if they enroll for 2025 your family will receive a \$150 discount off your Camper'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!

**Remember these favorite things?**

- Theory's opening day carrot cake
  - Jolene and Marble
  - Pepper the Pony
  - Taylor Swift Tuesdays
  - Staf Construction Project
  - Free Swim
  - Wash house Wizards!
  - Angie's Poetry
  - Promprey's masterful salad bar
  - Pillows, bags and rugs made at Weaving
- And MANY more!**