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## An unexpected reunion, after 50 years, at the Bangor YMCA

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SPECIAL TO THE WEEKLY

You never know who you might meet at the Bangor YMCA. There are former athletes, service members, teachers, local TV personalities and gal pals who use the facility on Second Street on a weekly basis — a true grab bag of people from the region, and just about anybody could be swimming in the pool, on the treadmill or lifting weights on any given day.

Sometimes members even run into a few familiar faces from their youth. That's what recently happened to three senior citizens using the pool at the

Y. After striking up a conversation in the water, the participants soon realized they had a lot more in common than they first thought; all three attended Lynn English High School in Lynn, Massachusetts. And two of them just happened to be former classmates and graduates of the class of 1957.

"When we moved here, we didn't know a soul," Carol Kitchenka said. "We moved here [to Bangor] for affordability."

After settling into their new home in Maine, Kitchenka and her husband, Frank, became members of the Bangor YMCA, making fast friends with the partici-

pants in the aqua jog class that meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"I met Carole [Saulnier] in the class and come to find out she went to the same high school in Massachusetts. She was just two years ahead of me," explained Kitchenka. "She then introduced me to Joe Pickering, who actually was in the same class I was, class of 1957, at Lynn English. It was kind of a coincidence."

Although the two were in the same graduating class, Kitchenka and Pickering rarely crossed each other's paths.

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Reported by Emily Burnham

### THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Reported at Dysart's in Hermon

"What's your favorite cold-weather food?"



"Corn chowder."  
TIFFANY RIDEOUT, WINTERPORT



"I like chili."  
ALEX BOSTROM, CORINTH



"Pot roast."  
LIZ MARTIN, BANGOR



"Chili."  
AMANDA SAWYER, BANGOR



"I like corn chowder."  
JUSTIN RITCHIE, CARMEL



"Egg nog. Not a food, but I love it."  
SEAN PARTRIDGE, HERMON



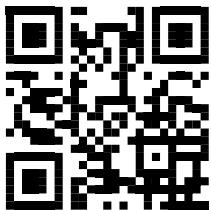
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From left to right, Carole Saulnier, Joe Pickering and Carol Kitchenka, seen here in the YMCA Aloupis Pool in December 2015. The three are all Lynn, Massachusetts natives that have randomly become friends while working out at the Y.

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