

THE CLUB CONNECTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BANGOR



Isabelle talking to SANTA.



Isobel, Cameron & Parker designing their own stockings.

HOLIDAY CHEER!

The Club held it's annual Christmas party for members and their families on Friday, December 20th. Participants enjoyed playing holiday games, making their own ornaments and stockings, eating yummy snacks, decorating cookies, and of course, visiting with SANTA! The party wouldn't have been such a success without the help from several Bangor Savings Bank employees who volunteered their time to help run the activities and play with the kids.

Rivers Edge Convenience Store in Brewer donated over 100 cookies towards our cookie decorating station and they were delicious!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas party happen whether you volunteered your time, helped set up, or simply encouraged cheer and holiday spirit to our members.

TOY DRIVE & GIVE-AWAY

Members of North Star Lodge #22 in Bangor held their annual toy drive and once again, donated all of the toys to the Club. Parents were invited to pick out multiple gifts for their kiddos to open on Christmas morning. All of the toys were brand new. Some including; Legos, dolls, cars, games, sports equipment and more.

The Brothers of this Lodge are caring, and love giving back to our community. Not only do they give toys to kids, they volunteer in our community, help raise money for different charitable organizations, and they donate food and household supplies to families in need. We are lucky to know them!



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Boys & Girls Club Word Search

P	A	R	K	E	R	B	T	Q	Z	G	H	T	Y	B	D	P	M
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T	B	L	N	A	F	O	I	M	Y	M	A	I	L	J	Y	M	R
S	L	I	D	D	M	E	T	C	I	P	E	O	E	M	D	I	H
F	C	E	E	D	I	Z	E	F	A	R	V	G	D	R	E	T	A
W	E	X	N	I	B	F	N	D	U	M	A	U	A	M	N	C	W
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M	C	B	R	E	N	D	A	N	E	V	G	X	O	W	A	L	Y
F	D	R	O	M	E	O	O	S	K	H	X	X	E	N	D	D	G
Y	N	U	O	V	T	E	M	M	A	R	F	T	E	F	T	L	F

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

AMIRA
BRENDAN
CAMERON
EMMA
EVA
ISABELLE

KAYDEN
KYLIE
LANDEN
MADDIE
MEGAN
MITCHEL

PARKER
ROMEO
ZAVIER



Alex is attending the University of Maine, studying Elementary Education with a minor in Social Studies. He plans to work with youth full time once he graduates.

During his free time, Alex enjoys playing sports with his friends, specifically basketball and golf. Alex is currently working primarily in the gym, leading the Triple Play Program. He can be found playing knock-out at the end of the day. The kids love playing with him!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT NASON PARK

Our Fairmount Members were delighted to sing a variety of Christmas carols to the residents who live at Nason Park. A few of the favorite songs were; *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Frosty the Snowman*, *Deck the Halls*, and *Silent Night*. The residents enjoyed singing along with the kids and reminiscing about their own Christmas traditions and stories. After the caroling, members passed out cookies and spent time with Santa! This is the 5th year we have sang Christmas carols at Nason Park and it's one of our traditions that we will continue for many years!



Singing Christmas carols



Getting ready



Cookies with Santa

FAMILIES FORWARD FEATURE:



Families Forward is a two generation program at BangorHousing, designed to help put families on the path to a better future. Families Forward participants work one on one with a coach who will help support them as they work towards their goals, and connect them with services and partners who can help them achieve these goals. Each participant is expected to meet with their Families Forward Coach at least once a month so that they can help identify needs, set goals, and track the families progress.

To learn more about this wonderful program, call Bangor Housing at 942-6365 and ask to speak to someone on the Families Forward Team!

ALL BANGOR HOUSING FAMILIES: Whether or not your family is enrolled in the Families Forward Program, if you are living in a Bangor Housing neighborhood, you are eligible to receive professional counseling from a licensed professional at Sweetser. Children, adult, or family counseling is available and the location is flexible. Counselors are willing to make house visits or meet at the Griffin Park Community Center at a time that fits your schedule. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, call Cat at 404-4520.

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES

Members were invited to go sledding with us during school vacation and it was a blast! We enjoyed playing in the snow, seeing friends, and of course, sledding at very fast speeds! A few of the members made a jump (pictured below). After sledding, members enjoyed watching a holiday movie and drinking yummy hot chocolate in the Clubhouse while they warmed up.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER 2019:

We would like to recognize the following community members, organizations, and businesses for the contributions they made. **THANK YOU!**



DOUG & MICHELLE VEILLEUX: FLEECE FOR BLANKETS
PAULINE CARTELLINO: FLEECE FOR BLANKETS

BANGOR SAVINGS BANK: VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

RIVERS EDGE CONVENIENCE STORE: 100 COOKIES FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

BANGOR SYMPHONY: TICKETS TO THE NUTCRACKER
WARREN & NICOLE CARUSO: SNACKS

UMAINE: TICKETS TO A MEN'S HOCKEY GAME

CLUB MEMBER OF THE MONTH

JOSIAH

What do you like to do for fun?

"I like to play sports, like football. I also like to play my Nintendo Switch."

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

"A cheetah because they are fast, like I am."

What is your favorite Christmas gift?

"My Nintendo Switch and Minecraft game!"

What is your favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club?

"I like that we can have fun and we get to do a bunch of fun stuff like gym games and Power Hour."



SAVE THE DATE:

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY January 20th: **CLUB CLOSED**

2ND QUARTER RANKING PERIOD ENDS January 24th: Bangor Schools

FOOD PANTRY **OPEN FRIDAYS 4:30-5:30pm in the gym**

OPEN GYM Every Sunday 11-12:30 in the gym.
Ages 10 and up
Drop offs allowed
Ending last Sunday in January

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