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Supporting Men and Women with Disabilities Since 1971



April 2024 Newsletter

Community Life

The Arts Group explored Falmouth and Mackworth Island State Park. They used objects they found on the beach to create art and took nature photographs. They explored the area's local stores, historic buildings, and outdoor spaces. It was an enjoyable trip full of learning and good times!



The group visited with Graphic Artist and Illustrator, Chuck Carter, at his office in Brewer. Chuck spoke with them about how he does his work using multiple computer programs and traditional art mediums. He showed the group a recent project he did for NASA and then he took suggestions to create a cartoon version of our Amicus van.



Bouchea Center for Learning

Peter Pan presented by Special Guests

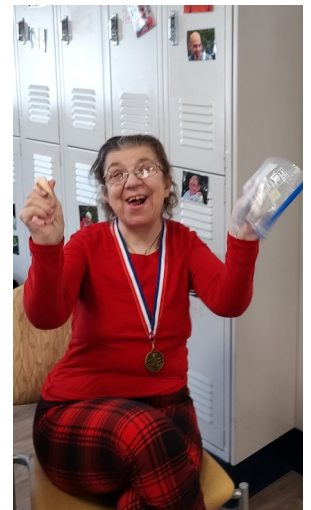
On March 28th, the Bouchea Center for Learning hosted two special guests, Emily Howe and Pat Heitmann, to present the story of Peter Pan. Participants who chose to attend enjoyed listening to Emily's reading while Pat, an interpreter for the deaf, signed the story through ASL. They captivated our BCL audience by presenting the story with both energy and expression. We look forward to inviting them back again in the future.



Penobscot Valley Industries & Ralph Leek Elders

The Iditarod

The Iditarod is an annual long-distance sled dog race that takes place in Alaska. The route is about 1,000 miles from Anchorage to Nome. Our program had been closely following the race and updating users on the progress of their favorite teams. It was exciting to see the determination and endurance of the mushers and their dogs as they braved the harsh Alaskan wilderness. As the race came to an end, we celebrated the achievements of the top finishers by awarding participants with prizes and accolades that they had earned!



Easter Egg Hunt

Before Easter, staff organized an in-house Easter egg hunt. Participants searched high and low to find goodie-filled eggs!



Anah's Feztival of Baskets

Amicus PVI/RLE recently took part in the first annual Anah's Feztival of Baskets. Participants and staff members were welcomed and donated canned goods and hygiene products as their "admission fee." Participants made their way through the "feztive" baskets and had the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. The event turned out to be a grand success, as everyone had lots of fun while contributing to a noble cause!



Special Olympics Swim Meet

On March 29th, the Special Olympic Swim Meet took place at the Bangor YMCA, where athletes from the Amicus PVI, Community Life, and Phoenix Pathways to Employment programs swam with great determination and hard work. The state swim meet is scheduled for April 26th at Colby College, and the athletes are continuing to practice for it. We extend our congratulations to all the athletes for their achievements and wish them all the best for their upcoming meet!



The Total Solar Eclipse

On April 8th, participants at PVI/RLE, Community Life, and the Bouchea Center for Learning all took advantage of the once in a lifetime opportunity to view the 2024 Solar Eclipse, with trips to Bingham and Sherman.



PVI/RLE

Participants and staff at PVI/RLE enjoyed the view from Bingham, where they were treated to a special dinner from our forestry partners.



Community Life

Community Life staff and participants viewing the eclipse at 13th Street!



Bouchea Center for Learning

Members of class 5 made the trek up north to Sherman to witness the solar eclipse in its totality. It was a long ride and a long day, but they were all in agreement that this once in a lifetime, majestic experience was 100% worth the trip!

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Day Programs:


- Bouchea Center
- Penobscot Valley Industries
- Ralph Leek Elders
- Community Life
- Pathways to Employment

- OT/PT/SLP Consultation
- Case Management
- Rep Payee Services
- Home Supports
- Behavioral Consultation
- MHCPV Housing (Section 8)

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PVI/RLE staff having some fun in between helping participants on the tandem adaptive bike !



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Upcoming Events:

April 18 – Special Olympic Unified Bocce tournament in Castine for unified players

Community Life/Pathways

April 20 – Portland Comic Con trip

Community Life/Pathways

April 26 – Special Olympic Swim Meet at Colby College

All programs

April 26 – Shrine Circus – sign-up is currently up for those interested in going

Community Life/Pathways

May 15 – Special Olympic Track and Field Area games

All programs

NOTICE: Community Life/Phoenix Pathways to Employment Special Olympic Track and Field sign-ups are currently open – any interested athlete should see a staff person to sign up as soon as possible.