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July 2026 Newsletter



PVI members enjoyed a day at Dexter Beach. Dexter has done a great job making the beach ADA –compliant so those who are differently-abled can enjoy picnics and now swimming with the new ramp installed.



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Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

BCL participants and staff were into the patriotic spirit by creating some really cool shirts! Everyone did an amazing job! You all look GREAT!!



On Sunday, July 19th, a group of BCL participants and staff traveled to Portland to enjoy a Portland Sea Dogs game. Everyone had a wonderful time cheering on the team, enjoying ballpark food, and celebrating a 2-1 Sea Dogs victory!!

Modeling new team "merch"



Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

Outside Fun and Annual BBQ hosted by the Bangor Elks BPOE #244

On Friday, July 17th, our friends from Bangor Elks BPOE #244 once again sponsored our annual BBQ for the participants and staff at Amicus Bouchea Center!

The volunteers from the Elks grilled up a delicious lunch while everyone enjoyed a morning filled with fun, laughter, and games like Musical Towels and Giant Jenga. It was wonderful to see all the smiles and everyone having such a great time.

This is an event we look forward to every year, and we are incredibly grateful for the kindness, generosity, and continued support of Bangor Elks BPOE #244. Your dedication to our program and participants means so much to all of us.

Thank you, Elks #244, for another amazing day filled with food, fun, and lasting memories! We can't wait to do it again next year!



Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

Outside Fun and Annual BBQ hosted by the
Bangor Elks BPOE #244—Continued



Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

BCL Participant Highlight—KAREN

1. How long have you been attending BCL? Karen began attending the Bouchea Center for Learning in 2011, then moved out of the area in 2022. She moved back in the area in 2025 and happily returned to BCL. Karen's total years of attending is 12 years.
2. What is your favorite thing about BCL? My favorite things about BCL are being with my friends, doing the current event activity, crafting, and participating in all the different groups.
3. What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with BCL? My favorite outings in the community are going to the Circus, shopping at Walmart and the Mall.
4. What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? I used to attend the Community Life program, I used to work at McDonald's, and I love to do word searches and puzzles.
5. Is there anything else that you'd like to share? I wanted to share that sometimes life can be difficult, make the best of the abilities you have."



Community Life (CLP)



Community Life members Cindy, Carrie, and Mark enjoying the Moore Manor Lavender fields.



Community Life (CLP)



Top: Emily going for a swim to cool off at Pancoe pool. Refreshing!

Bottom: John, Mark and Cindy at Fairfield Antique Mall.



Top & Bottom: Seniors Group at Fairfield Antique Mall.



Community Life Participant Spotlight

1. How long have you been attending Community Life?
I can't remember—a long time!
2. What is your favorite thing about Community Life? *I get to see my boyfriend and friends.*
3. What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with Community Life? *Outdoor activities -walking and checking out state parks. I also enjoy going shopping.*
4. Do you complete in Special Olympic? *YES!!!*
 - a. What events? *Bocce and Bowling*
 - b. What is your favorite sport and why? *Both are favorites—because they're fun*
 - c. How long have you been doing Special Olympics? *I can't remember but I didn't start until I was an adult.*
5. What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? *Job/hobby/collection/etc.—I enjoy and am good at doing Scratch Art! I enjoy doing them for my friends and staff and giving them to people.*
6. Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? *I love fashion and am always dressed nicely. I also enjoy doing my nails and always have them painted.*

Cindy Martin



Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)



AM, CV, and DM got manicures and fresh nail paint for the 4th of July.



Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)

PVI's highlighted member for June is **Victoria Corliss**



How long have you been attending PVI? 27 years

What is your favorite thing about PVI? "Watching the basketball tournaments."

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? "Shopping for projects."

Do you participate in Special Olympics? "Yes"

If so, 1) How long have you participated? "a long time." Victoria has participated in Special Olympics for over 20 years.

2) What events do you participate in? "Bowling, softball throw, and walking."

3) What event is your favorite and why? "Softball because I just like it".

What is a unique thing you would like people to know about you? "I like trains."

Is there anything else you would like to share? I'm fun and like to do anything."



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)



Left: AB and friends built a robot during robotics.

Right: KL got her nails painted for the 4th of July.



Left: Cheryl waiting to enjoy some music with Jarrod and friend.

Right: Cindy is practicing her golf swing.



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)

RLE's Highlighted Member for RLE is Wayne Harlow

How long have you been attending RLE? 3 years

What is your favorite thing about RLE?

"Everything"

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? "Take a ride"

Do you participate in Special Olympics? "Yes"

If so, A) How long? "Since I've been coming here."

B) What events do you participate in?

"Softball throw and walking."

C) What event is your favorite? "Softball"

What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? I like the 3 Stooges."

Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? "No."



PVI/RLE



Members participated in water activities on Fun Friday, Under the Sea theme.



PVI/RLE



Enjoying more water games and making “under the sea” crafts.



PVI/RLE



During our second Fun Friday, we played casino games in the morning. Jarrod and friend performed in the afternoon.



Amicus Community Partnerships

We would like to thank all of our many community partners for their ongoing support to our consumers throughout 2026. It is this support that has helped us for over 50 years to provide 100% CARF-accredited programs and services to the hundreds of Maine individuals and families who select us as their service provider.

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Day Programs:

- Bouchea Center
- Penobscot Valley Industries
- Ralph Leek Elders

Community Life Program-

- Community Supports
- Home Supports
- MHCPV Housing, Inc. (Section 8)

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