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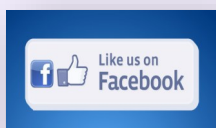
Supporting Adults with Disabilities Since 1971



May 2026
Newsletter



We celebrate our employees every day, but one special day each year is devoted to recognizing all that they do every day and have done for those we serve over the past 50+ Years.



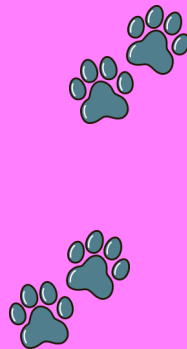
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Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

Dog treat making group—Donations to the Bangor Humane Society

Members of the Bouchea Center have an opportunity monthly to volunteer and give back to their community by making treats and delivering them for the fur babies at the Bangor Humane Society.

Left: Keith dropping off the treats to staff at the Humane Society.



Keith and Abby helping to make treats during monthly dog treat making group.

Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

BCL Participant Highlight—BILLY

1. How long have you been attending BCL? **I have attended BCL for 18 years!**
2. What is your favorite thing about BCL? **My favorite thing about being a member of the Bouchea Center for Learning is getting to know and building relationships with my peers and staff.**
3. What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with BCL? **Some of my favorite places to go in the community with BCL have been the Penobscot Theatre for the Cinderella performance, the Anah Shriners circus, going out to eat regularly to Bagel Central.**
4. What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? **I like to travel and go on adventures. Several years ago, I went to New York City with my friends Gayle and Ty and this past winter, they took me skiing at Sunday River!**
5. Is there anything else that you'd like to share? **When I was in high school, I was in the National Honor Society. Also, my peers and I went to Sherman, Maine to experience the total solar eclipse in 2024.**



Community Life (CLP)

Special Olympics Bocce



Happenings around Bangor/Belfast.



Limitless Wrestling in Hampden



Community Life (CLP)



Community Life volunteers were invited to Bangor Humane Society on Sunday, April 19, 2026, to celebrate their positive impact in their community. During the event, volunteers enjoyed games, snacks, and time together as a team. Community Life volunteers were honored with the Legacy Paw Award for their outstanding dedication and for contributing an incredible 1,893 hours and 41 minutes of service to BHS.



Way to go, Community Life Volunteers—your commitment truly makes a difference!



Community Life Participant Spotlight

1. **How long have you been attending Community Life?**
I have been coming to Community Life since I was 22... so 16 years!
2. **What is your favorite thing about Community Life?**
Being with my friends and having fun.
3. **What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with Community Life?** BAM to read and doing Special Olympics.
4. **Do you complete in Special Olympic? Yes!**
 - a. **What events?** Swimming, track, bocce, speed skating, and bowling.
 - b. **What is your favorite sport and why?** Bocce—It's relaxing and gives me a chance to get fresh air and smell the grass and relax.
 - c. **How long have you been doing Special Olympics?** I have been doing Special Olympics since 2003!

What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? Job/hobby/collection/etc.—I enjoy collecting video games and Anime. I am also looking for a job.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? Have fun and play fair. I also won the 2026 Daniel Scott Award for Special Olympics in April.



Stephen Costello



Community Life (CLP)

The Arts Group went to Robbins Hill Scenic Area on the Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway



Community Life is collecting donations for our annual Yard Sale Fundraiser!

WE CAN ACCEPT MOST ITEMS, INCLUDING:

- **KITCHENWARE**
- **TOOLS**
- **GAMES & TOYS**
- **ELECTRONICS**
- **BABY GEAR**
- **HOME DECOR**
- **SPORTS EQUIPMENT**
- **SMALL APPLIANCES**

PLEASE NO CLOTHING, LARGE APPLIANCES OR BROKEN ITEMS

Donations can be dropped off at 96 Thirteenth St, Bangor ME

Please call (207) 941-2915 with any questions or to arrange a drop-off time for large donations

Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)



PVI athletes
competed at the
Special
Olympics State
Swim
competition.



**Special
Olympics**



Penobscot Valley Industries

Participants at PVI enjoy volunteering for many projects. To the right are members that delivered meals to people who are a part of Meals on Wheels. Below are participants and staff who packed food boxes at UMO Maine Day Meal Packout. 80,000 meals were packed in about 3 hours. The PVI group then delivered 40 boxes to the Machias Food Bank. 2 members from RLE also participated in packing boxes.



Penobscot Valley Industries



Participants took advantage of the beautiful weather and went outside to do some bicycle riding.



Members visited the Belfast area where they had a picnic lunch and enjoyed the ocean views.



Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)

PVI's Highlighted Member for May is Jonathan Beale

How long have you been attending PVI? 17 yrs

What is your favorite thing about PVI? "Biking."

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? "The park to swing."

Do you participate in Special Olympics? Yes.

If so,

A.) What event (s) do you participate in? Basketball, softball throw, and walking events...

B.) What is your favorite sport and why? 'Basketball'

C.) How long have you participated in Special Olympics: Jonathan has participated for over 20 years.

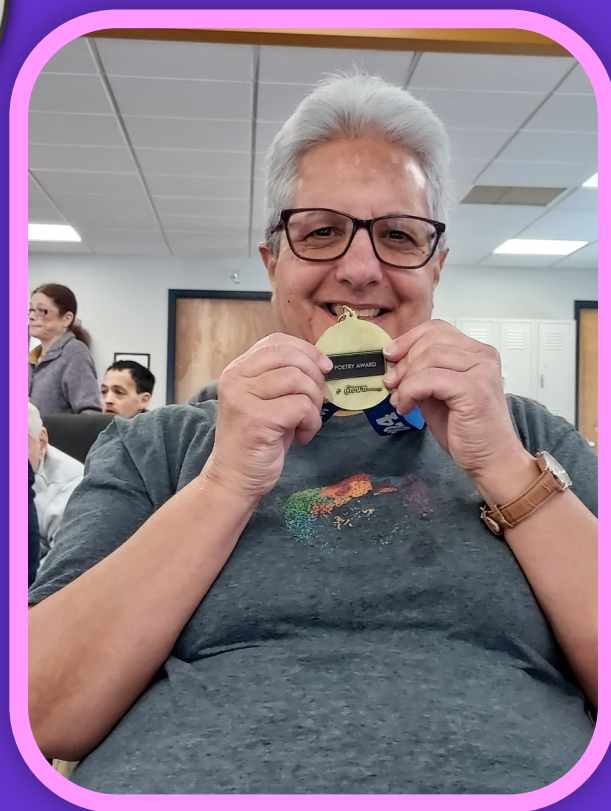
What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? "I like music—Adam Lambert and Big Time Rush.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? "I'm a good friend."





Penobscot Valley Industries



Mary Ann Ayoob

September 8, 1959 - April 14, 2026

Mary Ann Ayoob, 66, of Brewer, Maine, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, surrounded by her family after a devastating diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer. Born on September 8, 1959, in Fort Fairfield, Maine, Mary Ann lived a life that touched many hearts through her gentle spirit, quiet strength and dry sense of humor.

Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)



Top Left: M. Dugay was given a stuffed bunny while at the Bangor Mall.

Bottom Right: S. Dutton enjoying one of his favorites things, biking.

Bottom Left: J. Bean singing



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)



RLE participants finished up May Baskets and then delivered them to Cancer Care of Maine.

Ralph Leek Elders

RLE's highlighted member for RLE is Steve Dunton (Peeper)

How long have you been attending PVI/RLE? 3 years!

What is your favorite thing about PVI? Biking and going for rides.

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? Drink Outings at McDonalds.

Do you participate in Special Olympics? Yes.

If so,

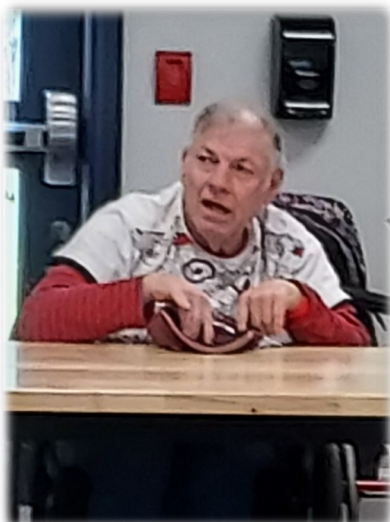
A.) What event (s) do you participate in? Bowling, wheelchair events, and the softball throw

B.) What is your favorite sport and why? Peeper likes bowling because he likes to roll the ball...

C.) How long have you participated in Special Olympics? 2 years.

What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? Peeper got his nickname because he loves eating marshmallow peeps.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? Peeper loves being outside, riding in the side by side with his family...





Ralph Leek Elders



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MAY 27, 2026 12:30 p.m.
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REMEMBERING A BEAUTIFUL SOUL

We will gather to share memories, stories, laughter, music, and love. Through photos and moments remembered, we honor a life that touched many hearts and continues to live on in all of us.

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PVI/RLE



PVI/RLE members participated in Spring Special Olympic/Track and field events at Hampden Academy. Great job everyone!



Amicus Community Partnerships

We would like to thank all of our many community partners for their ongoing support to our consumers. 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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Services Provided

Day Programs:

- Bouchea Center
- Penobscot Valley Industries
- Ralph Leek Elders

Community Life Program-

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

Case Management with Rep Payee Services

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