

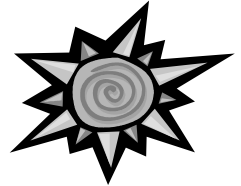
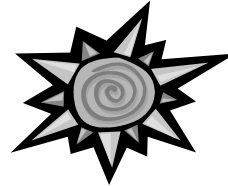
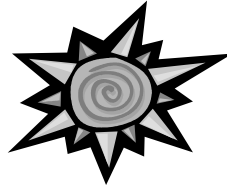
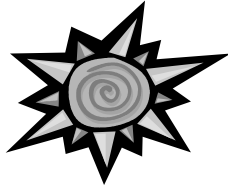
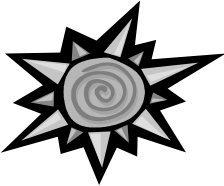


## **Strafford County Department of Corrections**

# **Family Newsletter**

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Dear Families & Inmates,

Here we are again. It has been another two months since the last newspaper! I really sat and reflected on what are the kinds of questions that families and significant others have called me about these last two months? The questions basically remain the same. How can I successfully communicate and get to see my loved one? Therefore I am writing this letter to families but inviting the inmates to assist their visitors by both understanding what is needed to lower stress to both visitor and incarcerated.

For most families hearing that your loved one is ok is the very highest priority so as an incarcerated loved one it is important that you support your family by communicating often in a way that you and your family can afford. If the money is tight for you both, then please write. For those that have no money three stamps are allowed each week as well as the paper and envelopes to write. An inmate may receive materials to write from your unit officer. If a weekly or daily phone call can be placed than do that, but please discuss what you BOTH can afford as it relates to number of phone calls per week.

To Families my phone number is 603-749-3289 if you have a question that you have no answer to. It is a direct line in to me. However, also know that in the turn style next to the Family Center is the Family Reception Center Handbook along with other informational materials. There also is a two page informational from the Medical Department including a phone number to call in on to voice your medical concerns about your loved one. Medical will not call you back but I have been assured that the messages of concern are listened to. The Visitor's Handbook contains the same information that your loved one received when they entered our facility so look it through it really does provide a lot of information.

If the medical department wishes to discuss an inmate's medical condition with a loved one, the inmate must have signed a Release of Information Form for that person to receive the information. The release form is kept on file with the medical department.

Whenever possible try to pre-plan your next visit while you both are together at the current visit so that the visitor and the incarcerated loved one are both clear on when the next visit will take place. I hope this will at least lower some stress.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Allen Family Reception Center  
Founder & Coordinator

### **Strafford County Head Start Program**

Strafford County Head Start is a federally funded program for families with young children. In several communities (Rochester, Farmington and Milton) we provide services for children ages 0-5 and pregnant women through regular home visits, classroom experiences and opportunities for family socialization.



In addition to a quality educational program, Strafford County Head Start provides support around nutrition and health issues. Classrooms in Dover and Somersworth allow 3 and 4 year olds the opportunity to learn skills needed to thrive in future educational settings. Parent involvement is a key element in all programming offered by Strafford County Head Start. For more information or to apply, please call the Main Office at 755-3108.

## Family and Inmate Barbeques Enjoyed By All!



*Special thanks to the Volunteers who manned the grill and helped out at the Family Reception Center BBQ*



*The Balloon Lady was here for the kids at the FRC outing. Looks like another delighted customer!*

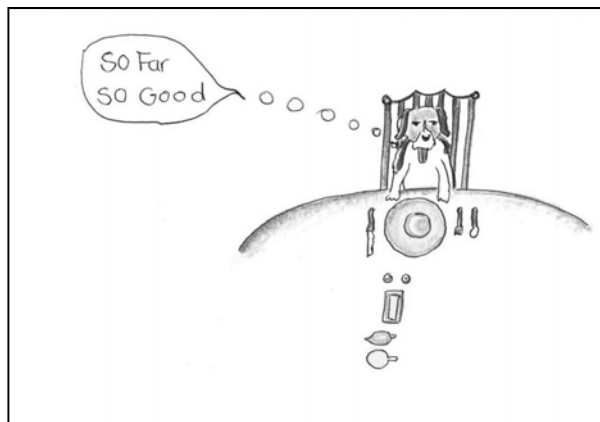


*Lots of burgers and dogs were grilled up at both events!*

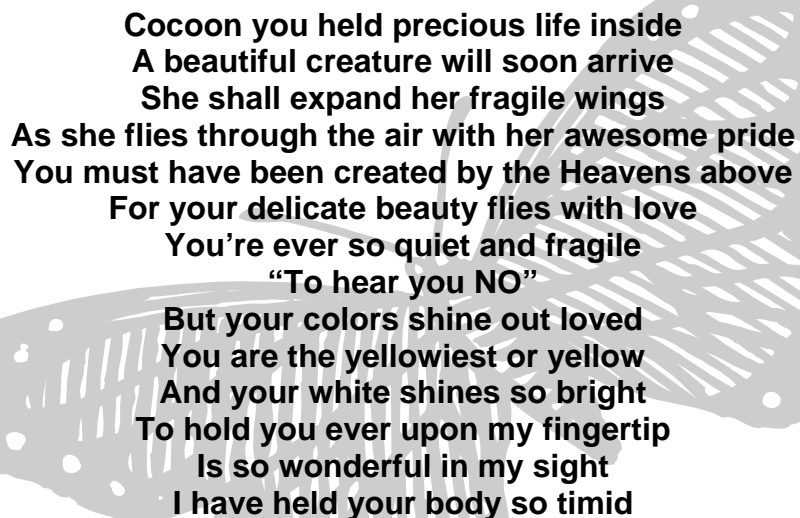


*Thanks to the inmate chefs who kept the grills filled at the Inmate BBQ and to the staff who made this possible.*

## More Adventures of Peetoo the Beagle



## Gracious Butterfly by T.L.



Cocoon you held precious life inside  
A beautiful creature will soon arrive  
She shall expand her fragile wings  
As she flies through the air with her awesome pride  
You must have been created by the Heavens above  
For your delicate beauty flies with love  
You're ever so quiet and fragile  
"To hear you NO"  
But your colors shine out loved  
You are the yellowiest or yellow  
And your white shines so bright  
To hold you ever upon my fingertip  
Is so wonderful in my sight  
I have held your body so timid  
And frightened you may expand your wings  
Your touch so soft and silky  
And your presence makes the Angels sing.

