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# FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## Changes to the Mail Rule

Effective January 13, 2025, the Mail Rule has been revised to address concerns regarding safety, security, and the well-being of both adults in custody (AICs) and staff.

Some of the new requirements that friends and family of AICs should be aware of include:

- Incoming mail must be in pen, lead pencil, typewritten, or photocopied.
- Incoming mail must be written on standard-weight (20 pound or less) white paper. This is standard copy/print paper.
- Incoming mail must be enclosed in a commercially produced envelope using standard weight (20 pound or less) white paper that is no larger.

Examples of items that will be refused:

- Any non-white envelope
- Envelopes larger than 9" x 12"
- Envelopes that are not commercially produced
- Envelopes made of cardboard, padded, corrugated, or tear-resistant material
- Envelopes constructed of heavy-weight paper (that is, greater than 20 pound) or with security screening features
- Cardstock (such as is used for greeting cards and postcards)



## WELCOME CHAPLAIN AGBASIERE

AICs from Powder River Correctional Facility welcomed Chaplain John Agbasiere as they gathered for a first snowfall photo after participating in a Talking Circle and Smudge Ceremony.

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## EGGS TO FRY



The Oregon State Correctional Institution partnered with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to bring the Eggs to Fry program to the visiting room.

Over eight weeks, staff, visitors, and

**Please note:**

- There are no changes to the legal mail requirements.
- Greeting cards and post cards are not allowed.

AICs watched Chinook salmon eggs transform into fry. In December, 150 fry were released into the North Santiam River.

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