

# Angeline Newsline

## Angeline School & Industries

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(Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities)  
"Serving citizens with developmental disabilities in Wyandot County since 1958."

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## Spotlight On Adult Services

### The Industries . . .

#### **Fairborn Inc. USA**

Angeline Industries has recently acquired several new jobs from Fairborn Inc USA of Upper Sandusky. Our client employees shown here are assembling screws and rubber washers. Also pictured is Dean Weaver finishing a clip on a bungee strap. According to Pat Miller, Plant Manager at Fairborn, these materials are used for assembly on dock seals and dock shelters for various building and distribution centers, such as FedEx and UPS, across the country. Thank you to Fairborn our newest "partner in employment" of citizens with developmental disabilities!



Dean finishing a clip for a bungee strap.



Paul, Gerry, James and Josh busy assembling Fairborn parts.

### The Community . . .

#### **Ron Long Jr.**

Persistence has paid off for Ron Long Jr.

This summer, Ron started a new job. Not just any job. . . the job he has dreamed about for a number years while he was working as a client-employee of Angeline Industries. Ron is currently employed washing cars for Kasper-Pierce Auto Group in Upper Sandusky. And while many others helped him in his search for employment, Ron is the one who started the ball rolling.

"For about three years, Ron would come in and ask about a job," said dealership co-owner Scott Pierce. "He's wanted this for a long time and he is a perfect fit for us. We've needed someone to keep the cars clean, and he does quality work."

Last year, the Wyandot County Board of MRDD joined other county boards around the state in a project called "Self Determination." Self Determination promotes the notion that given the necessary support, resources and an opportunity, individuals with developmental disabilities can make their own major life choices, such as where to work and live. The kinds of life choices that those of us without disabilities can very easily take for granted each day. This project allowed the county board to set aside the amount of money that it takes to support Ron in the Angeline Industries sheltered workshop, and instead use those funds to assist Ron to pursue his dream job. For Ron, using these funds for the transportation he needed to get to and from work was a top priority. Ron does not drive. So the ability to pay someone who could take him to work on the schedule that Kasper-Pierce needed Ron to be there was extremely important and helped make this new job possible.

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), a state funded agency that provides services throughout Ohio, worked with Ron to find his job. Having already expressed an interest in car detailing, BVR's Job Placement Specialist contacted local dealerships on Ron's behalf. After being offered the job by Kasper-Pierce, Ron needed some initial training and support on the job. That's where Work Connections comes in. Work Connections is an agency that is contracted and funded by BVR to provide "job coaching" to individuals with disabilities.

"Ron wants to come to work and he looks forward to it," said Work Connections' Mike Ritter, who is his job coach. "He's been great to work with. His work schedule is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday."

"I like this job," said Ron. "It keeps me busy and there are always trucks and cars to wash." From start to finish, this process took a great deal of time and effort on the part of many dedicated individuals and agencies, Ron's "circle of support." However, if you ask Ron he will tell you that it was all very well worth it!



Ron detailing a car.

## ANGELINE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

On July 24, the School Age Classroom enjoyed a day of paddle boating and fishing at Nancy & Dean Kessler's pond near Carey. As you can see in the photo at right they even discovered a few prehistoric creatures on their trip. Thanks Nancy & Dean for a wonderful day!

## SPOTLIGHT ON ANGELINE SCHOOL'S CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES...

Early Intervention services are offered by the Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities through the Angeline School for children ages birth to three years old who are experiencing a delay in one or more of the developing milestones. One example of such a milestone for an infant is sitting up. By 6 to 8 months of age, children should be able to keep their balance when an adult places the child in a sitting position on the floor. Please keep in mind this is just one of many milestones. Developmental delays may occur in the areas of social skills, communications skills, gross motor and fine motor skills and cognitive ability.

The Wyandot County Board of MRDD Early Intervention program offers several ways for families and children to receive the services they need. Based upon the results of a professional evaluation, a child may be eligible to receive occupational therapy, physical therapy or speech/language development services at Angeline School. Early Intervention Specialist, Becky Arbogast, is able to offer center-based (provided at Angeline) or home-based (provided at the family's home) intervention services. The services that each child receives are individualized and "family-driven." The services are spelled out in a written Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) which is developed by the parent(s) with assistance from the team of professionals.

If you feel that your child, age birth to 3 years, may have a delay, please do not hesitate to call the Wyandot County Help Me Grow Program at (419) 294-6408. The Help Me Grow staff will be able to do an initial assessment of your child, at no cost to you. The earlier a child can begin to receive the help he or she needs the better.



*Brice Gottfried, Molly Danner & Isaiah Washburn  
hard at play in the Early Intervention Program.*



Nathaniel Whitaker  
& Gisela Hunt

Kim Parsell & Lindsey Cluts



Cy Wright,  
Tad Dible,  
Lindsey Cluts &  
Vicky Lortz

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

There are many new and exciting things going on at Angeline, beginning with the opportunities for learning and growth that come with each new school year. While our adult programs and services operate year round, we were pleased to welcome students, their families and our terrific teaching staff to a new year on August 20.

In addition, we have shifted some of our office space in the building to make room for Deb Bame, Wyandot County Early Childhood Supervisor. Mrs Bame is employed by the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center to coordinate and oversee Wyandot County's special education preschool programs. Prior to moving to Angeline, Mrs Bame's office was located in Seneca County. It is our intent that this sharing of office space will allow Wyandot County preschool families improved and increased access to the services and support that Mrs Bame can provide. She can be reached by calling Angeline School at (419) 294-4901.

And on one very exciting final note, over the summer construction began on the installation of new playground equipment. The new equipment is not only going to be fun, it will provide for increased handicap accessibility for our students who use wheelchairs for their mobility. It is difficult to describe just how much the brightly colored equipment has changed the appearance of our building. I encourage you to visit us at our Angeline Open House on September 25 to see for yourself. This playground would never have become a reality were it not for several years of fundraising events and the many kind gifts from community groups and individual donors.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the programs and services we provide to Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities.

----Todd Dille, Superintendent

## RESOURCE CORNER

\* A new website, [www.rxforohio.org](http://www.rxforohio.org), and toll-free telephone number, 1-877-794-6446, have been developed to help needy Ohioans with access to programs that offer free or reduced-price prescription drugs. The web site lists more than 1,400 medications along with 325 industry or government programs that provide the free or reduced-price prescription assistance. Visitors simply provide their age, income level, household size and the name of the medication. The assistance programs that correspond to their medicine appear quickly. For those without internet access, the toll-free phone service will check the information for them.

The website and phone number are provided by the Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) along with a number of health-related organizations in Ohio.

Rx for Ohio lists prescription assistance programs that serve all ages. Already thousands of Ohioans have received assistance information from the toll-free number and the website.

\* SABAH, Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped, provides individuals who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged the opportunity to reach their fullest potential through the development of ice skating skills and performing in an annual program.

SABAH skaters range in age from 16 months to 73 years. Skaters participate in group lessons on a weekly basis. They are fitted with customized ice skates and other adaptive equipment they may need, such as walkers, helmets and harnesses. They are paired with trained volunteers and, under the direction of skilled skating instructors, participate in lessons using therapeutic ice skating techniques.

The Findlay Chapter of SABAH, in cooperation with the University of Findlay, is offering skating classes beginning in September and continuing through March or April culminating in an ice show. Each session is an hour in length and is held at the University of Findlay's Clauss Ice Arena.

For more information or to enroll in a class, please contact Findlay Chapter of SABAH, P.O. Box 1561, Findlay, OH 45839 or call Jean Folkerth at (419) 434-6945.

## NOTICES OF DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

In the event of delays or closings, Angeline School & Industries will make every effort to have the announcement made by 6:30 a.m. on the following radio stations: WYNT 95.5FM; WBCO 92.7FM; WFIN 1330AM; WKXA 100.5FM; WXML 90.1FM and WMRN 106.9FM.

On days we experience inclement weather, typically fog or snow, families are encouraged to listen to the radio rather than calling Angeline directly for delay/closing information. Angeline staff are extra busy on those days making phone calls, checking road/weather conditions, and/or clearing snow. Certainly in an emergency, please do not hesitate to call Harvey Stansbery, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor, at (419) 294-4488.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with delays and closings.



### "STAY BACK, STAY BACK FROM THE YELLOW AND BLACK"

October 19 - 25, 2003 is National School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme is "Stay back, stay back from the yellow and black."

With the start of a new school year upon us, the big yellow and black buses have once again "hit the road." Other vehicles must remain alert to the frequent stops and starts associated with school bus transportation.

Motorists are reminded that when a school bus begins to stop, it will flash its yellow lights. When it stops, it flashes the two red lights in its upper corners, front and back, and a stop sign swings out on the side of the bus. Vehicles approaching and behind the bus **must stop at least 10 feet from the bus while the red lights are turned on, and cannot proceed until they are turned off. Drivers should NEVER pull around or pass a bus when its lights are flashing. This is both dangerous and against the law when the red lights are flashing, and just plain dangerous when flashing yellow.** Harvey Stansbery, Transportation Supervisor, and his staff of professional bus drivers encourage Wyandot County motorists to consider adjusting their morning and afternoon schedules, if necessary, to allow a few extra minutes to get where you are going or to go a different way if school buses are on your usual route. Please help us make riding our buses a safe experience for the students and adults that we serve.

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

### Formerly - Family Resources

In addition to changing the name of this program to reflect a more family-friendly service, this year has proved to be a year of transition for Family Support Services. As a result of the past two years of cuts and flat funding from the State of Ohio, coupled with an increase in the number of Wyandot County families requesting the service, it has been necessary for us to ask families to narrowly focus in on only those needs that are of the highest priority.

Much to their credit, our Board recently voted to supplement our grant amount with enough local funds that Wyandot County families who rely on this program would not be harmed by the inability of the state grant to keep pace with the needs of families.

We recently sent out a survey to families who used FSS in the past three years, asking each to prioritize their anticipated needs for the coming year. Thirty-five families responded. While the sum total of requests was more than could be afforded, families worked very cooperatively with us to whittle down their requests to within our program budget.

Family Support Services continues to provide financial assistance for respite care (an occasional break from the daily care giving), adaptive equipment, accessible home modifications, special nutritional needs, training and education to families living with and caring for a family member with a developmental disability.

To find out more about FSS, please contact Terri Long, FSS Coordinator at (419) 294-4901

## SERVICE & SUPPORT SERVICES

Ever wonder what Service & Support Managers do? Take a look!

- Establish an individual's eligibility for services
- Assess individual needs
- Develop individual service plans with the active participation of the individual to be served
- Establish budgets for services
- Assist individuals in making selections from among the providers they have chosen
- Ensure that services are effectively coordinated
  
- Establish and implement an on-going system of monitoring the individual so that the desired outcomes of the individual can be achieved
- Perform quality assurance reviews
- Provide advocacy for the individual

For more information regarding Wyandot County Board of MRDD Service & Support Management and the services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities, please contact Wes Ferguson or Chris Richman at Angeline School & Industries, (419) 294-4901. They will be glad to talk with you.

## IS YOUR GIFT CARING FOR OTHERS WHO NEED IT?

If so, consider becoming a provider of Family Support Services and make a difference in lives of local families.

For more information, contact Terri Long, FSS Coordinator at (419) 294-4901

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

What's new with Ben Cornish you ask? A bunch!

Ben has a new home and a new job. Ben enjoys working at Burger King very much, but equally important to Ben is that his community employment allowed him the opportunity to achieve his ultimate goal of being able to afford to

rent his own place. He now has his own home, sharing the rent and utility expenses with one other roommate. Broken Arrow Inc a local provider of home and community-based supported living services, assists Ben and his roommate with the money management and daily living skills necessary to achieve this level of independence. Ben reports that while he loves his family very much, he is very happy and enjoys the new found level of freedom...yes, and responsibility too, that comes with having his own home. Ben set his goal and worked long and hard to achieve it. He has a lot to be proud of. Congratulations Ben, and keep up the good work!



Ben Cornish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 25, 2003  
Ice Cream Social/Open House,  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2003  
Angeline Industries Board Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.
- October 10, 2003 Parent/Teacher  
Conferences - *School Closed*
- October 13, 2003  
Columbus Day - *School & Industries  
Closed*
- October 16, 2003  
Wyandot County Board of MRDD  
Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- October 21, 2003  
Parent Educational Meeting "Intro to  
Autism Disorders: Focus on  
the Family" 7:00 p.m. at the Family  
Learning Center, 797 E. Twp. Rd. 201,  
Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at (419)  
294-3445 for more information.
- November 1, 2003  
ARC/Angeline Annual Chicken BBQ,  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- November 11, 2003  
Veterans Day - *School & Industries  
Closed*
- November 18, 2003  
Parent Ed Meeting "Positive Behavior  
Support" - 7:00 p.m. at the Family  
Learning Center, 797 E. Twp. Rd. 201,  
Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at (419)  
294-3445 for more information.
- November 20, 2003  
Wyandot County Board of MRDD  
Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- November 27-28, 2003  
Thanksgiving Holiday - *School &  
Industries Closed*
- December 8, 2003  
Angeline Industries Board Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.
- December 9, 2003  
Parent Ed Meeting "Holiday Make  
It/Take It" 7:00 p.m. at the Family  
Learning Center, 797 E Twp. Rd. 201,  
Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at (419)  
294-3445 for more information.

## THANK YOU!

Angeline School & Industries wishes to express our sincere thanks to the community members and organizations who so generously support our services to citizens with developmental disabilities through their gifts and donations.

Endowment Fund - \$100

Gifts & Donations - \$1,835.00

In Memory of Frances Latham



## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

**Washington, 2003** - US Secretary of Labor Elaine L Chao has selected "America Works Best When All Americans Work" as the official theme for October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Secretary Chao today urged an international audience of disability experts to "continue to bring focus and awareness to solutions that insure the full inclusion of persons with disabilities into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce."

Public law 176, enacted by Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." President Harry S Truman designated the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to carry out the law. Congress changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in 1988.

The Wyandot County Board of MRDD/Angeline Industries is pleased to take this opportunity to salute its "partners in employment" of Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities. Together we employ over 80 individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

Amerihost  
A O Smith  
Blackhawk Automotives  
Burger King  
Comfort Inn  
Crow Motors  
Defiance Precision Products  
E D Systems  
Elks Lodge BPOE #83  
Fairhaven Community  
Guardian Industries  
Koehler Drug Co.  
M.J. Mugsy's  
Marty's IGA / Ben Franklin  
Mitchell & Associates  
Pizza Hut  
Porcelain Products  
Shoot-A-Away  
Tiffin License Bureau  
Tower Automotive  
US Auto Care Center  
Upper Sandusky Schools  
The Village Restaurant  
Waycraft Inc.  
Wyandot Co. Home Health  
Wyandot Co. Recycling

Amvets Post #777  
Benchmark CRA  
Bridgestone  
City of Upper Sandusky  
Commercial Savings Bank  
Dana Corporation  
Diamond Roll-up Door  
Edward D Jones Investments  
Fairborn Industries  
First Step  
Kasper-Pierce Ford Lincoln  
Mercury Chrysler Dodge  
M-Tek Inc.  
Masonic Temple  
Ohio Industries for  
The Handicapped  
Dorothy Sammet  
The Print Shop of Forest  
Todco, Division of Overhead Doors  
United Church Homes  
Upper Sandusky Chamber  
Of Commerce  
Wendy's  
Wyandot Co. Agricultural Society  
Wyandot Manor

*Thank you for seeing the **POSSIBILITIES**  
rather than the **DISABILITIES!***



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September 25, 2003  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## *ARC/Angeline Annual Chicken BBQ*



November 1, 2003  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Speaker Available!

Just give us a call at (419) 294-4901. We are always happy to speak with your group or organization about the services we provide to individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

### Interested in Volunteering?

We need you! Please give Lyneen Reinschell a call at (419) 294-4488 and discuss possible volunteering opportunities. Thank you!

### You Are Welcome!

We welcome visitors and would enjoy giving you a tour of Angeline at any time. Angeline is a local program strongly supported by this community. Therefore, the community is always welcome.

### **Inclement Weather Information:**

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As always, "Thank you" to our dedicated Volunteer Board Members:

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