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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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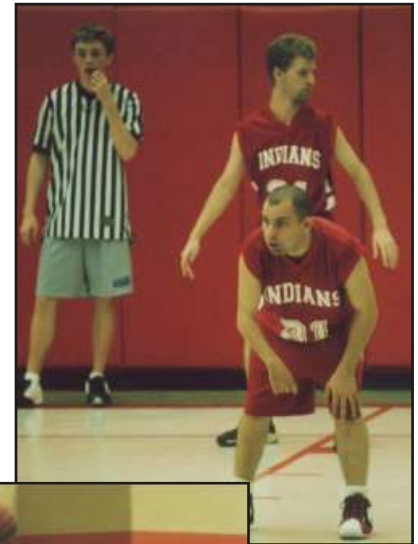


HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

The Wyandot County Parent Mentor Program, in conjunction with the USHS Key Club, sponsored a Valentine's Dance on Wednesday, February 11 in the Angeline gym. Tom Kromer volunteered his excellent DJ services and led the crowd through a variety of dance moves and music! Door prize money was donated by the Wyandot County Association for Retarded Citizens, which the Key Club used to pick out a variety of great Valentine prizes. By the reports, a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a fun filled evening!



Brittany Howard, Alyssa Washburn, Trish Zamora, and Laura Wetherell, Key Club members, surround Jim Blair.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL

The Angeline Indians finished their basketball season on February 28th with a tournament contest against the Richland County Bears. Although the Indians fell short in that contest, they finish their season with a very respectable 11-5 record.

Head Coach Therese Barron says, "This is the strongest team we have had here, but our struggle shooting the ball has hurt us all year. It is one area we needed to step up and improve on."

Barron says this is the first year the Indians had a tournament bye. "Instead of getting through three or four games, we only needed to get through one. We just couldn't get it done. Hats off to Richland County. We wish them well and would like to see them go a long way in the rest of the tournament."

Barron wishes to thank all of the athletes, their families, the volunteers and the fans without whom the season would not have been possible. As for predictions on next season Barron's only comment, "We'll have them ready."

Special Olympics track and field will get under way in early April.



Deb Callahan gets ready to pass the ball.



Teammates Ben Frey & Brent Hemmerly wait for the ball.

Chuck Brinker takes a shot.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

"THINK ABILITY FIRST"

What can you do to promote greater understanding of people with disabilities in Wyandot County? The Wyandot County Board of MRDD at Angeline School & Industries celebrates March as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Awareness Month in Ohio. We invite you to "Think Ability First."

"Think Ability First" is this year's theme for Ohio's 2004 awareness campaign. MRDD Awareness Month is a time when MRDD organizations all across the state focus on encouraging the public to better understand the children and adults we serve.

I encourage you to learn more about the over 170 people in this community who have developmental disabilities. For example, when you see a child who uses a wheelchair . . . see the child first, not the wheelchair. And when you see a man with mental retardation wiping tables at a restaurant . . . see the man first, not his disability. Every day in this community people with disabilities are working, learning, and living to the best of their abilities.

As always, thank you Wyandot County for your ongoing support of the programs and services provided by Angeline School & Industries to our fellow citizens with developmental disabilities. And remember to "Think Ability First."

For tips on ways to "Think Ability First" see the article in this quarter's issue entitled "People First Language."

- Todd Dilley, Superintendent

PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE

Language is a reflection of how people see each other. That's why the words we use can hurt. It's also why responsible communicators are now choosing language which reflects the dignity of people with disabilities - - words that put the person first, rather than the disability. Read on for a short course on using language that empowers.



1. Think "people first." Say "a woman who has mental retardation," rather than a "mentally retarded woman."
2. Avoid words like "unfortunate," "afflicted," and "victim." Also try to avoid casting a person with a disability as a superhuman model of courage. People with disabilities are just people, not tragic figures or demigods.
3. A developmental disability is not a disease. Do not mention "symptoms," "patients," or "treatment," unless the person you are writing about has an illness as well as a disability.
4. Use common sense. Avoid terms with obvious negative or judgmental connotations, such as "crippled," "deaf and dumb," "lame" and "defective." If you aren't sure how to refer to a person's condition, ask. And, if the disability is not relevant to your story or conversation, why mention it at all?
5. Never refer to a person as "confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs enable people to escape confinement. A person with mobility impairment "uses" a wheelchair.
6. Try to describe people without disabilities as "typical" rather than "normal."

ANGELINE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 12TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Lyneen Reinschell, chairperson of Angeline's 12th Annual Consignment Auction, has announced that this year's auction will be held on **Saturday, April 3**, starting at 10:00 a.m. You may bring items in on Thursday, April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or on Friday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Walton Realty and Auction has again volunteered their services. Anyone interested in donating or consigning items for the this year's auction should contact Ms. Reinschell at (419) 294-4488. For a list of sale items visit Angeline online at <http://www.angeline.com/auction.shtml>

A FRIENDLY FACE . . .

Another friendly face in our pre-school classes. Julie Pagnard, a student at the University of Findlay, is currently completing her junior field work assignment with the two Angeline School preschool classes. The 2001 Upper Sandusky High School graduate is majoring in Early Childhood Education. We join our extremely energetic preschoolers in welcoming Julie!



Julie Pagnard seen here working with Trevor Cook (left) and Seth Lortz.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!

Do you have a child, or children, ages birth through pre-school? If so, come celebrate "The Month of the Young Child" on Tuesday, March 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Angeline School & Industries gym. There will be pizza, drinks, cake and ice cream provided along with Make-it & Take-it Crafts and other activities. The Wyandot County Health Department would like to make sure your child's immunization records are up to date. Please bring your child's shot records and receive a prize. If you plan to attend, please call and sign up by Friday, March 19 to Paula Frey, Parent Mentor Program, at (419) 294-3445. This event is sponsored by the Wyandot County Help Me Grow, Head Start and preschool programs.

CELEBRATE APRIL AS "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD"

In celebration of "*Month of the Young Child*," a consortium of agencies serving children will host a **Family Fun Fair** for the families of Wyandot County. The fair will celebrate children and families, and will feature activities and interactive displays that can provide learning experiences for children from birth through 8 years of age, their families and the members of the community. This year's fair will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Upper Sandusky High School cafeteria and gym.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 12 Business/Industries Appreciation Breakfast 7:30- 9:30 a.m. Angeline Cafeteria
- Mar 16 "Packing Your Bags with Stress Busters," Parent Educational Meeting, sponsored by Seneca/Wyandot County Parent Mentor Programs, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Family Learning Center at Tiffin's Sentinal School, 797 E. Twp. Rd. 201, Tiffin. Call Paula Frey at (419)294-3445 for more information.
- Mar 18 Board Meeting, Wyandot County Board of MRDD, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences for Angeline School students. *No school that day for preschool and school-age students.*
- Mar 23 Family Fun Night sponsored by Wyandot County Help Me Grow, Head Start, & Preschool programs. 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Angeline Gym.
- April 1 University Plaza Hotel, Columbus from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. called "Scoring High Marks for Your Child's Special Education." Registration is FREE to individuals with disabilities and their families. For more information you may contact The Arc of Ohio at 1-800-875-2723 or via the web at www.thearcofohio.org
- April 3 Angeline's 12th Annual Consignment Auction, 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Angeline School & Industries gym.
- April 8-12 *Spring Break for Angeline School students. Return on April 13.*
- April 9 *Spring Break for Angeline Industries.*
- April 12 Angeline Industries' Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- April 15 Board Meeting, Wyandot County Board of MRDD, 7:30 p.m.
- May 6 & 7 The ARC of Wyandot Co. Garage Sale (Angeline Gymnasium)
- May 20 Board Meeting, Wyandot County Board of MRDD, 7:30 p.m.
- May 26 *Last Day of School for Angeline School students.*
- May 27 Cedar Point Day sponsored by the ARC of Ohio and Wyandot County.
- May 31 *Memorial Day - Angeline Industries Closed*

CEDAR POINT DAY

The ARC of Ohio is again sponsoring Cedar Point Day on **Thurs., May 27, 2004**. Family and friends are welcome to join Angeline clients and staff for this exciting day. Tickets are only \$22.00. Contact Therese Barron at (419) 294-4901 for more information.

THANK YOU!

Angeline School & Industries wishes to express our sincere thanks to those community members and organizations that so generously make donations and support our programs and services with their gifts!

Angeline Endowment Fund - \$1,235.00

Gifts & Donations - \$1,148.85

PARTNERS IN EMPLOYMENT

In celebration of March as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Angeline Industries would like to thank the following businesses, industries, individuals and organizations our 2003 "Partners in Employment" for over 80 individuals with developmental disabilities:

Todco
Carey VFW
Our Lady of Consolation
Carey Chamber of Commerce
Wendy's
Defiance Precision Products
Amerihost Inn
Wyandot County Health Dept.
Tower Automotive
A.O. Smith
Blackhawk Automotive
Comfort Inn
Elks Lodge BPOE #83
Diamond Door
Shoot A Way
Koehler's Drug Store
Fairhaven Community
Kasper-Pierce
Upper Sandusky Schools
Dorothy Sammet
Marty's IGA
Ohio Dept. of Transportation
First Step
E D Systems
Bureau of Vocational Rehab
Diamond Plastics
The Print Shop of Forest, LLC

United Church Homes Inc.
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Wyandot County Recycling Center
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Pizza Hut
Guardian Industries
Dana Corporation
Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce
Upper Sandusky Park District
Commercial Savings Bank
Fairborn Industries
Bridgestone APM Co.
M-Tek
M J Mugsy's
Wyandot County Ag Society
Upper Sandusky Masonic Lodge
Jim Racheter
US Auto Care Center
The Village Family Restaurant
Walton Auction Co.
Waycraft Industries
Tiffin License Bureau
Work Connections
Ohio Industries for the Handicapped

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

LOOKING FOR JUST THE RIGHT SUMMER CAMP?

Discover Camp! is an on-line resource for parents of children with disabilities sending their children to camp for the first time. However, it's a wonderful website for seasoned campers, too, looking for something else. Just go to: www.ncaonline.org/discover. Click on "Resources," then "Finding a Camp" and then "Location." This will lead you to a list of various camps in our area. You can visit their websites and read up about them. Happy Camping!

NEED AN ADVOCATE OR LEGAL ADVICE ON A DISABILITY ISSUE???

Ohio Legal Rights Service has a new website: <http://olrs.ohio.gov>

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MR/DD

ADDS NEW TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER...

The Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has a new toll free number 1-877-464-6733. A receptionist answers the phone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A voice mail system takes messages when the line is unattended. This new number is in addition to the Abuser Registry Hotline 1-866-313-6733 that people can call to report an incident of abuse, neglect or misappropriation by a person employed by MRDD.

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 WMRN 106.9FM
- WTOL Channel 11



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.

DELAYS & CLOSINGS REPORTED ON WTOL TOLEDO 11

As a result of feedback from a number of families when surveyed, Angeline School & Industries delays and closings will now be reported on WTOL Channel 11. We will continue to announce delays and closings on local radio stations as well.

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.



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

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