

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

Summer
2004

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

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21ST ANNUAL 5K RUN BENEFITS WYANDOT COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Friday, May 21, Angeline held its annual 5K Run/2-Mile Walk. Despite the weather, runners were able to complete the course in good time. Pictured are the men's and women's winners.

Men's Winners: Parker Mosman (middle) of Nevada was first, Brent Bonecutter (left) of Shelby was second and Andrew Rossman (right) of Bucyrus was third.

Women's Winners: Cheri Schilling (middle) of Harpster was first, Missi Grove (left) of Bucyrus was second while Gina Warnke (right) of Oak Harbor was third.



A big THANK YOU goes out to Commercial Savings Bank and McDonald's of Upper Sandusky for co-sponsoring this event. Also, thank you to the local businesses and individuals who graciously donate items for door prizes, and all the volunteers who help make the event run smoothly.



INDUSTRIES SPOTLIGHT...

CLIENT-EMPLOYEE, RICHARD BLAKE



At any time of the day, you will see Richard hard at work. Due to an accident at a very young age, Richard has limited use of his left hand, but that has never stopped him from wanting to work hard at any new or difficult job at Angeline Industries. When Richard first came to Angeline, he says, "I would whine and say I needed help. Lyneen (Production Manager) told me 'If you want something bad enough, you will find a way to do it yourself.' That's helped me be able to do things for myself!"

As you can see, Richard really concentrates on sorting parts for Dana Corporation.

Production floor supervisor, JoAnn Moll, says, "Richard's always got a smile on his face, eager to work and so proud of his accomplishments."

Richard says, "I'm glad to be here!" Richard, we are glad you are here too!

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

“STATE’S MOST RECENT ROUND OF CUTS TO AFFECT ANGELINE”

In order to make up for a projected shortfall in state finances, Governor Taft recently announced the need for budget cuts to most state administrative departments, including the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. As a result, the amount of state subsidy to county MR/DD programs, such as ours here at Angeline, will be reduced by 1% before the end of fiscal year 2004 on June 30, 2004. As well, an additional 2% reduction will occur for fiscal year 2005 which ends June 30, 2005. These cuts are on top of already reduced state funding that resulted from cuts in 2002.

State subsidies are extremely important to Angeline in that they assist in funding programs and services to both children and adults with disabilities here in Wyandot County. These programs and services include early intervention, our adult sheltered workshop (Angeline Industries), family resources, service & support (case management) and supported living. While all of these programs and services are important, supported living is particularly critical as it is the source of state funding that provides for residential services and in-home care to adults in our community who are in need of this kind of support. We currently have 48 children and adults on a waiting list for residential services and in-home care. The need is growing at the same time state funding for these supports are declining.

At its May meeting, the Wyandot County Board of MR/DD voted to freeze current wages and salaries for all Angeline staff members. Their action was an effort to address budget shortfalls while attempting to limit the affect the cuts will have on direct services to the children and adults we serve. Further reductions in state revenues could require that cuts to current programs and services be considered.

I commend the board, Angeline staff, and local citizens for doing their fair share in support of this program during these difficult economic times. I trust that the state will continue to strive to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families, remain a high priority during these times as well.

As always, thank you to Wyandot County for your continued support of the programs and services we provide to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Have a terrific and SAFE summer!

- Todd Dille, Superintendent

FRIENDLY REMINDER... REGISTER TO VOTE!

With Memorial Day so recently observed, what better way to pay tribute to those who have fought for our rights as citizens of this great nation? If you are not registered, you cannot vote. The deadline to register to vote in the November general election is October 4th. Don't delay.



WE'LL MISS YOU PAT RICKLE

After 21 years of service to Wyandot County children and adults with developmental disabilities, Pat Rickle parked Bus

2 for the final time on May 28 and headed to Oak Harbor, Ohio, to enjoy her retirement on the lake! We wish Pat the very best. Enjoy every minute of it!

GRANT COMPLETED

Dawn Stansbery, an Ohio State University student, completed her internship with Service & Support Management this spring and will graduate on June 13 with her degree. She helped with many projects, but the most important was completing the Ohio Department of Transportation Grant to obtain a new van. This was coordinated with the Wyandot



County Council on Aging to increase our chances of being approved and sharing the van between agencies. Thank you Dawn for all your help and we wish you the best in your employment search!

OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL SEEKING MEMBERS

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is currently seeking applications for membership terms beginning November, 2004. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council memberships must comply with categories listed in the federal DD Act. Openings this year will be for the following categories: Individuals with a developmental disability; immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves, and; Parents or guardians of children with a developmental disability. Application packets are available from the DD Council office and must be completed and returned to the Council office by June 11, 2004. For further information and/or to request an application packet, write to the Ohio DD Council, 8 E Long Street, Suite 1200; Columbus, OH 43215 or visit their website at www.ddc.ohio.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 14 Angeline School/Industries Closed
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5:30 p.m.
June 17 WCBMRDD Board Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.
June 21 Angeline School/Industries Closed
June 28 Angeline School/Industries Closed
- July 2 Angeline School/Industries Closed
July 5 Independence Day Observed
Angeline School/Industries Closed
July 6-9, 13-16, 20-23 27-30 Summer Program
July 12 Angeline School/Industries Closed
July 15 WCBMRDD Board Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.
July 19 Angeline School/Industries Closed
July 26 Angeline School/Industries Closed
- August 2 Angeline School/Industries Closed
August 9 Angeline School/Industries Closed
August 16 Angeline School/Industries Closed
August 23 Angeline Industries Picnic -
Harrison Smith Park, Upper
Sandusky
August 23 Angeline School Teachers' Work
Day
August 24 Angeline School/Industries -
In-Service Day - Industries Closed
August 25 First of Day of School for Angeline
School Students
WELCOME BACK!

THE ANGELINE ENDOWMENT FUND

Interested in making a gift that will continue to give to your community well into the future? Consider a gift to the Angeline Endowment Fund.

While gifts of cash or check are certainly the most common, the Angeline Endowment Fund can accept donations in nearly any form that one might consider such as stock, insurance, real estate and certain tangible personal property. And don't forget our Land & Sea vehicle donation/auction program.

The Angeline Endowment Fund is an operating endowment fund of the Wyandot County Community Foundation, which is an affiliated fund of the Toledo Community Foundation. For more information call the Angeline office at (419) 294-4901 or email info@angline.com.



MAKING A HOUSE A HOME ...

The spacious and beautiful 2-story house on West Findlay Street, looks much like the other homes that surround it on Carey's main thoroughfare. However, inside you will find five wonderful women who truly make this house a home...the love...the smiles...the friendship.

The five housemates that call it home are Clara Hosman, Bobbi Butcher, Dixie Danner, Deana Alexander and Deb Callahan. Summertime often finds them enjoying the warm weather on their porch or just lounging in the swing in the front yard.

These women are friends for all seasons. Christmas time is especially terrific! Darlene Walter, long-time houseparent and friend, is famous for lavishly decorating the home inside and out. No room is spared and the home has been on the Christmas Tour two different years.

Assisting Darlene with the care-giving are staff members Joyce Kirian and Lori Evans. Broken Arrow, a local residential provider/group home operator, established the home in 1977.

As close as these five women are, they each have their own individual personalities, likes and dislikes. Recently, Bobbi, Dixie, Deana, & Deb went on a trip to Cedar Point while Clara preferred a trip to Amish Country instead.

Bobbi, Dixie, Deana & Deb are employed at Angeline Industries. Clara is retired and enjoys spending time participating with Angeline's Adult Activities Program.

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

\$2,435.00

Gifts & Donations

\$1,537.00



Flamingos - 2nd Shift Employees from Liqui-Box donated funds to this year's Relay For Life to find a home for these birds at Angeline School & Industries. Thank you Liqui-Box for donating to such a worthy cause.



Kudos go out to the Upper Sandusky Police Department for sponsoring the 2nd Annual End of School Safety Program for our Early Intervention, Preschool and School-age students. This year's program and picnic took place May 21st. Safety personnel from the police department, Wyandot County EMS, and the Upper Sandusky Fire Department gave students tours of emergency vehicles and talked about child safety. Angeline pre-school student, Mason Pickett, has his blood pressure checked, while Sammy Moore enjoys sitting in the back of the police cruiser. Thank you to McDonald's of Upper Sandusky for providing the Happy Meals at lunch time.



12th Annual Angeline Auction - Another successful auction was held on April 3. Proceeds from this event go to the Angeline Gifts & Donations Fund. The funds are then used toward future improvement projects, typically to our building and grounds. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Walton Realty & Auction Co for volunteering their auctioneer services and making this annual event possible.



Easter Egg Hunt - Thank you to the Tots to Teens Mothers Club for again sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt for our Early Intervention, Preschool and School Age students. The Club also bakes cupcakes for the adults in our program.



RESOURCE CORNER . . .

Check Out These Websites!

You may have heard of adaptive equipment companies, but the following company's website offers "adaptive clothing" specifically designed for individuals with disabilities. An online catalog is available for viewing at www.professionalfit.com.

Visit www.mrddawareness.com for up-to-date information about the struggle for the future of Ohio's MRDD system. This website keeps parents, caregivers and advocates informed about the unfulfilled promises of HB 94 and the future of county boards of MRDD.

Double Jeopardy Curriculum Available Free on Website

A curriculum for supporting family members - particularly older parents in planning for a secure future for their offspring or other loved ones who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities is now available. This curriculum is downloadable free from the Ohio Department of Aging website: www.goldenbuckeye.com/djcurriculum.html.

Ohio SIBS Newsletter Now Available

The Ohio Special Initiatives by Brothers and Sisters (Ohio SIBS) is a state-wide organization made up of adult brothers and sisters of individuals with developmental disabilities. Their newsletter is available by visiting www.ohiosibs.org.

Prescription Program Valuable for People With Disabilities

At its May meeting, the Health Committee of The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC) learned about a new prescription drug program that provides valuable assistance for low-income people who are not on Medicaid and do not have prescription drug coverage. The Health Committee was excited about what this program might mean to people with disabilities.

Prescription Relief.org offers a program that makes it easy and affordable for people earning less than \$16,000 per year (\$25,000 a couple) to receive the prescription drugs they need for a minimal charge of \$7 per prescription, per month. There is also an initial \$25 fee that is reduced to \$20 per year after the first year. Once a person has completed the one-page application form and enrolled, a three-month supply of the ordered medication is sent to the person's doctor's office for pick up. Afterward, Prescription Relief.org stays in contact with the patient, manages the extensive paperwork, tracks refills and, when necessary, communicates with doctors to ensure medication accuracy.

Prescription Relief.org is a nonprofit corporation located in Columbus. For additional information, contact Doug Pierce, Director of Operations at doug@prescriptionrelief.org, or see the website at www.prescriptionrelief.org. The mailing address is P.O. Box 182852, Columbus, OH 43272. You may also request applications by calling 1-866-378-4686.



Thank you to the Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the purchase of this nice, new sign that proudly graces the intersection of State Route 199 and County Highway 44.

ANGELINE WISH LIST

We are always interested in finding ways to stretch the funds that local taxpayers generously entrust to us. Below you will find a list of needed items that will help us in this regard. If you have any of these items and would like to make a donation, please do not hesitate to contact me, Todd Dilley, at (419) 294-4901 or email dilley@angeline.com Thank You!

Local businesses...Are you in the process of upgrading your current office/reception furniture? Please keep us in mind. We may be able to use what you replace.

Other wish list items include:

- Working computers with monitors and CD drives for use by adults in our workshop
- Educational software and computer games for recreation/leisure activities
- Picture frames for wall hangings, preferably 8x10 or larger
- Cotton cloth/clothes for use as rags by Angeline Industries.

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.



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