

# 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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### A CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Jennifer Miller does not know where she might be today if it were not for her circle of friends and family. The support they provide, at work and at home, have helped her get to the point where she is today.

Jennifer is employed by the Steer Barn and has been there for 14 years. At home, a close friend, Jill Aubihl, has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help her.

A few years ago, Jennifer and her teenage son, Allen, needed a place to live that was affordable. Jill helped her find a small apartment which she knew would not be a permanent place for Jennifer and Allen. Jill set out to find a place that would suit a family of two. Several months later, she did by purchasing a home in Upper Sandusky and fixing it up for the sole purpose of renting it to Jennifer. Along the way, Jill helped teach Jennifer how to budget her money and pay her bills. The home in Upper has been a success and a perfect fit for over two years - Jennifer and Allen still live there.

Jennifer works in the kitchen at the Steer Barn. She does not drive but kitchen staff bus persons and dishwashers, and sometimes the owners -- will pick her up at home and return her there once her shift is done.

The Steer Barn has been owned for the past eight years by Lee and Jan Thiel. Jennifer also cleans the restaurant every Tuesday. In the morning, Jan swings by her Upper Sandusky home and picks her up. Jennifer puts in between 25 and 30 hours per week at the restaurant.

"She has been here a long time and knows her job," said Lee. "The staff works together to make sure she has a ride here and also a way to get home."

Jennifer began receiving assistance from Angeline in December of 2003. Case Management helps coordinate services and communications between Jennifer, Jill and the Thiels . . . her "circle of support."

"Jill and the people I work with have helped a lot," said Jennifer. "They've been real good to me and Allen."



the last time on October 31. Thanks Ron for your years of service and we wish you the best in your retirement!

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### WE WISH YOU WELL . . .

After 22½ years of driving school bus and assisting Coach Barron with SpecialOlympics, Ron Patrick will park his bus at Angeline School & Industries for



# RESOURCE CORNER . . .

portraying her. DD Council is sponsoring this day for all of you and providing lunch.

The meeting will be at 10:00 am on November 3 at the Midwest Hotel and Conference Center located at 4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus. David Zwyer will be presenting on guardianships, wills, trusts and estate planning. Ms Simon will be our luncheon speaker at 12:30 pm. We must have a count for Council to order our lunch. Please respond to Michele Kanode at (614) 644-0265 or email [michele.kanode@dmr.state.oh.us](mailto:michele.kanode@dmr.state.oh.us).

## MEDICARE Rx OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTS IN NOVEMBER

The next Medicare Prescription Drug Program Open Enrollment Period is November 15 to December 31, 2006. At this time, beneficiaries may enroll in a Part D plan or switch to a different Part D or Medicare Advantage plan if they are already enrolled. New or changed coverage will begin January 1.

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## FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Family Advisory Council is proud to present Rachel Simon author of "Riding the Bus with my Sister" to speak on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms Simon's book was adapted into a television production starring Rosie O'Donnell as her sister Beth and Andie McDowell

## OHIO ADULT SIBLING CONFERENCE

The 2006 Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held November 3 and 4 in Columbus at the Airport Marriott Hotel. This annual conference offers adult brothers and sisters of people with disabilities an opportunity to share family experiences, develop relationships, and receive valuable information about services and supports. This year's featured topics will include: Advocacy, Community Living, Futures Planning, and Rights & Responsibilities.

The conference registration fee is \$85, which includes meals and materials. Adult Siblings may register by sending a fax to the attention of Tom Fish at (614) 292-3727, or on the web at [www.ohiosibs.info](http://www.ohiosibs.info) Registration/Training financial assistance may be available by contacting Terri Long, Wyandot County Board of MR/DD Family Support Services Program, at (419) 294-4901 or [long@angeline.com](mailto:long@angeline.com)



**Buster Bus** - Buster the Safety Bus visited Angeline School preschoolers and school-age students on August 23 & 24 to talk about bus safety. Buster is owned by the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and is loaned out to school districts to teach students about bus safety.

**Angeline's Candy Canes . . . Sweet!** - Members of the Adult Services Employee Council presented Skip Glover, chairman of the Upper Sandusky Fantasy of Lights, a donation of \$320. Money was raised through donations by employees, parents, guardians and staff and matched with funds from Angeline Industries. The \$320 gift placed Angeline Industries at the Candy Cane donor level. Next year we hope to be promoted to Angels (\$500).



Brent Hemmerly, Glover, James Stone, Cindi Wagner and Elaine Snyder.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 4 Wyandot County ARC Chicken BBQ 4:00-6:00 pm at Angeline School & Industries. Call 419-294-4901 to reserve your \$6 ticket. Meal includes ½ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll and dessert.
- Nov.10 Veterans Day - Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Nov.14 Holiday Make-It/Take-It - ADULTS ONLY!!! Spend a relaxing evening making holiday crafts, all supplies are furnished. FREE. Sponsored by Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Nov.16 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. at Angeline School
- Nov. 20 Angeline Industries Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov.21 Parent Teacher Conferences to be held from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Nov.22 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Angeline School Closed-No Students
- Nov. 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Vacation - Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 1, 2007 Christmas/New Year's Break Angeline School Closed.  
Students return on January 2, 2007
- Dec. 22 Angeline Industries Christmas Party
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 1, 2007 Christmas/New Year's Break Angeline Industries Closed.  
Clients return on January 2, 2007
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day - Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Jan. 16 "Understanding Your Child's IEP" Come and learn more about what an Individualized Educational Plan is and what all it can be. Presented by Charlotte Cole, NCOESC Special Education Supervisor. Sponsored by Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.

## 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@angeline.com](mailto:info@angeline.com).

## MAJOR OUTSTANDING INCIDENTS (MOIs)

Have you ever been "written up" at work for doing something good? Each month we encourage people to be on the lookout for people who are going "above and beyond" the call of duty here at Angeline. When we catch someone doing something truly outstanding, we write 'em up for it. We call this a MAJOR OUTSTANDING INCIDENT (MOI). Each month the nominees' names are put into a drawing. The winner receives a local Chamber of Commerce gift certificate as well as recognition as MOI of the month. The following individuals were selected as MOI of the Month:

**May/June 2006 Nanette Metzger, Classroom Assistant**, was nominated by her co-worker for "staying after hours and giving of her own time to assist one of her students who was having problems adjusting to an after-school Special Olympics event."

**July 2006 Dan Cutchall, Facility Maintenance**, was nominated by a co-worker for "all of the extra painting and trim work Dan did this summer to improve the appearance of our building. Dan works with a sense of humor, respect for others, and he is AWESOME!"

**August 2006 Denny Pahl, Bus Driver**, was nominated by a co-worker for his thoughtfulness and generosity. In her nomination she said, "Today was the warmest day of the year. Denny gave each of the people riding his bus a cold bottle of water for the ride home."

Others nominated for an MOI but whose names were not drawn are: Nancy Kessler, Jennifer Wilson, Karen Walter, Mindy Stecher, Brenda Sheldon, Joy Schade, Pat Beidelschies, Cheryl Strohm, Barb Shumaker, Marsha Rump, and Terri Long.

**ATTENTION NEWSLETTER READERS:** If you catch someone from Angeline going "above and beyond", please let us know so that we can make sure the person "gets written up" for it.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



The Wyandot County Fair winners of the two \$50 gas cards given away by the WyandotARC were Renee Hess of Carey and Rosie Smith of Harpster. Thank you to everyone who completed a survey and entered their name in the drawing.

## REMEMBER TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON TUES., NOVEMBER 7

The Community Mental Health & Recovery Services Board is seeking your support on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. A number of individuals and families who receive services from Angeline also receive services from the Community Mental Health program.

## Is Your Gift Caring For Others Who Need It?

If so, consider becoming a provider of Family Support Services and make a difference in the lives of local families. For information about how to become a paid provider of family support contact Terri Long at (419) 294-4901 or [long@angeline.com](mailto:long@angeline.com).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### DOCTORS SAY KIDS NEED MORE PLAY

Here are some recommendations for parents and pediatricians in a report from the American Academy of Pediatrics emphasizing the need for children to have more free play time:

Free play should be promoted as a healthy and essential part of childhood.

Pediatricians can advocate for developing “safe spaces” where children can play and spend free time in impoverished neighborhoods.

Overuse of “passive entertainment” including television and computer games should be avoided.

“True toys” including dolls and blocks should be emphasized to allow children to use their imaginations fully.

Pediatricians should help parents evaluate claims by marketers about products or programs designed to produce “super children”.

Spending time together talking and listening rather than loading kids up with extracurricular activities can help parents serve as role models and prepare children for success.

Parents should be encouraged to avoid conveying an unrealistic expectation that every child needs to excel in many areas to be a success.

## HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

### SANITIZING GEL VERSUS HAND WASHING

In recent days there have been questions regarding the use of sanitizing gels versus hand washing in child care. There are benefits to the use of each, and what is important is that child care providers use each method when it is most appropriate.

#### **Sanitizing Gels:**

Sanitizing gels are extremely convenient to use and useful when soap and water are not available. On occasions such as field trips, sanitizing gels are very helpful in removing common bacteria found on the hands. Sanitizing gels are also helpful in the case of a center-wide emergency or disaster event.

However, hand sanitizers bring with them safety issues for child care providers. Ethyl alcohol is the active ingredient in most sanitizing gels. They are usually thickened with a carbopol polymer which causes them to have more than 80% alcohol content, more than normally found in hard liquors. This means that when attempting to reduce certain infections, sanitizing gels are an excellent choice. But it also means that sanitizing gels have the potential for toxicity in very young children and infants, who explore their world through hand-mouth activities. Because they are constantly placing their hands in their mouth and sucking their fingers, they could be poisoned through the ingestion of even small amounts of hand sanitizers. According to the Central New York Poison Control Center, ingestion of as little as an ounce or two by a small child could be fatal, so hand sanitizers must be kept out of reach of children and applied carefully.

#### **Handwashing:**

The goal of hand washing in child care is not only to reduce the transmission of communicable diseases, but also to teach important lifelong health skills. The NAEYC recommends beginning the practice of hand washing as soon as the children are developmentally able to rub their hands together. They also encourage wiping infant's hands after diaper changes and before meals.

Another benefit of hand washing is the cost effectiveness of soap and water. Commercially prepared sanitizing gels tend to cost much more than soap and water. Sanitizing gels are not intended to remove dirt, food or other debris commonly found on young children's hands. Hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds can remove most surface dirt and much bacteria.

According to Dr Julie Gerberding, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the addition of alcohol preps is an expansion of hygiene, not a substitute for practices that we've known for a long time are important. Good old hand washing with soap and water is still the best and most cost-effective method for child care.

**NOTE:** If gloves are being used, hands should be washed immediately after gloves are removed even if hands are not visibly contaminated. Use of gloves alone will not prevent contamination of hands or spread of germs and should not be considered a substitute for hand washing.

## HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT - PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia is the second leading cause of death and unplanned hospitalizations. It is an inflammation of the lung tissue and can be caused by infection or aspiration.

The purpose of this Alert is to identify factors and conditions that may increase the risk, signs and symptoms that would indicate the need to contact a physician, and ways to help prevent pneumonia.

It is suggested that county boards and providers assess individuals that have a high risk and develop a plan to help mitigate the risk. All persons that support the individual should be aware of the signs and symptoms as well as the plan.

### **Factors and conditions that may increase the risk of contracting pneumonia:**

Age: elderly and young

Smoking

Recent illness: upper respiratory infection, influenza, viral illnesses

Chronic lung conditions: asthma, emphysema, cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis

Aspiration secondary to: difficulty swallowing, gastro esophageal reflux disease, tube feeding, seizure disorder, cerebral palsy, suppressed or absent cough or sneeze reflex.

Immune system altered or weakened, alcoholism cirrhosis, spleen removed or not functioning, certain cancers and cancer treatments, HIV infection, malnourished, certain medications (e.g. steroids)

Hospitalization, sedentary lifestyle, intravenous drug abusers.

### **Signs and Symptoms of Pneumonia that indicate the Need to see a Physician**

Sudden onset of cough productive of discolored phlegm (bloody or containing pus colored yellow, green or brown/rust).

Shaking chill(s) and/or high fever (usually >102.5 degrees F).

Chest pain, especially sharp pain under the ribs.

Pulse (heart) rate increase, Respiratory (breathing) rate increase.

Breathlessness or atypical agitation, restlessness.

Mental confusion, abdominal pain

Blueness to skin, lips, nails (not enough oxygen getting to the tissues)

Worsening cough: a dry cough that becomes wet, productive of phlegm; elderly with minor cough for more than a few days.

Symptoms of an upper respiratory infection that do not resolve or steadily worsen.

### **Prevention of Pneumonia**

Vaccinations: Influenza vaccine, pneumococcal vaccine. Individuals should discuss with their physician if the influenza and pneumococcal vaccine is appropriate for them.

Exercise: active, passive exercise for those with limited mobility.

Positioning: elevation of head and trunk, during and for at least 30 minutes after eating.

Swallowing evaluation if signs or possible swallowing problems.

Stop smoking.

Proper diet.

Always use universal precautions to avoid carrying bacteria and viruses from sick to healthy individuals.

## 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 stations: WYNT 95.9 FM, WBCO 92.7 FM, WFIN 1330 AM, WKXA 100.5 FM, WXML 90.1 FM, WMRN 106.7 FM and WTOL Channel 11 Toledo. For a direct link to the WTOL News 11 delays and closings web page, visit [www.angeline.com](http://www.angeline.com) and click on the WTOL icon.

On days we experience inclement weather, typically fog or snow, families are asked to listen to the radio or watch TV for information rather than calling Angeline directly. Angeline staff are **EXTRA** busy on those days making phone calls, checking road and weather conditions, and/or clearing snow. Certainly in an emergency, please do not hesitate to call our Transportation Services office at (419) 294-4488.

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

## FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 28 before going to bed!



**PLEASE . . . THANK YOU . . . YOU'RE WELCOME . . .**  
**Our Teachers Always Say, "Don't Forget Your Please and Thank Yous."**

**PLEASE . . .**

We are always interested in finding ways to stretch the funds that local taxpayers generously entrust to us. If you have any items and you would like to donate, please do not hesitate to contact me, Todd Dilley, at (419) 294-4901 or email [dilley@angeline.com](mailto:dilley@angeline.com). Thank You!

**CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . .**

The Angeline School-age classroom is collecting Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education. Tina Hunt, school-age teacher, explains, "If you would like to collect these for us, please send them in with Angeline students and adults, or feel free to drop them off in the front office." Funds collected will be used for educational items. Thank you!

**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!

**Donations Received Since the Summer Addition of Our Newslines**

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$95.00  
 Gifts & Donations: \$877.90

**YOU'RE WELCOME . . .**

Angeline School & Industries is a local program supported by the community, for the community. Therefore, the community is always welcome here. If you are interested in a tour of our program and facilities, please call, stop by or visit us on the web at [www.angeline.com](http://www.angeline.com).

**PAST ANGELINE NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .**

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