

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

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

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NEW GLASS BACKBOARDS WITH BREAK-AWAY RIMS INSTALLED

Chuck Brinker, a 23-year member of the Angeline Indians basketball team, "dunks one" into one of two new basketball rims and glass backboards recently installed at the Angeline School & Industries' gymnasium.

A big thank you goes out to John Joseph and his employees at Shoot-A-Way in Upper Sandusky for donating their time installing the new glass backboards with breakaway rims for the Wyandot County Special Olympics basketball team.

Over the past three years, Cheryl Strohm and her crew of volunteers have raised funds by selling sandwiches, pizza, popcorn, candy bars and drinks in the concession stand at home basketball games to replace the old wooden backboards. With the help of John and his employees this dream came true last summer and the new backboards were installed in time for the 2006/07 basketball season.

Thanks Shoot-A-Way for your continued support and helping everyone Focus On What We Can Do!



FOCUS ON WHAT I CAN DO

During the month of March, we celebrated

MRDD Awareness month with the Theme "Focus On What We Can Do!"

Some of the activities planned during the month included a display in the windows of Dr. Stephen Hoover's dental office, placemats in area restaurants, Walk With Us at Angeline Gym during client gym classes, the Annual ARC Dinner and Information Sharing Night, a Family Fun Night sponsored by Wyandot County Help Me Grow, the 3rd Annual American Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive and the month ended with the 15th Annual Consignment Sale and Auction. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or consigned items for this year's sale. A special thank you to Walton Realty & Auction Co. for volunteering their services once again. The *Angeline Newsline* staff would like to dedicate this issue to all our students and clients and *Focus on what they can do!*



Angeline Industries client, Jon Reel, plays the piano during the Angeline Industries Business Appreciation Breakfast and Open House on March 2. Jon does not use sheet music. "I play by ear," he said. "I started playing piano when I was about nine years old and play just about any song I hear."



Several Angeline Industries' clients displayed their artwork in the window at Dr. Stephen Hoover's dental office for MRDD Awareness Month. Thank you Dr. Hoover for letting us "Focus On What We Can Do!"

HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

DEHYDRATION

Dehydration continues to be one of the major causes for unplanned hospitalizations and the second leading cause for medical emergencies. It is important to understand who is at risk, ways to monitor and prevent dehydration, and the treatment that is generally required.

There are many causes of dehydration but the basic problem is always either too little fluid in or too much out.

Individuals at risk for dehydration:

- ◆ Have difficulty in swallowing (e.g. due to stroke, etc.).
- ◆ Are unable to recognize and/or express their sensation of thirst.
- ◆ Cannot obtain or drink fluids independently.
- ◆ Need more fluids because of their physical activity.
- ◆ Take certain medications such as Lithium, diuretics, laxatives, steroids and psychotropics.
- ◆ Have renal (kidney) disease.
- ◆ Are ill with elevated temperature (>102 degrees F).
- ◆ Exposure to heat and high temperatures (>85 degrees F).
- ◆ Repeated vomiting.
- ◆ Frequent watery bowel movements.
- ◆ Have Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- ◆ Have major psychotropic disorders or depression.
- ◆ Have repeated infections.

It is suggested that county boards, teams and providers assess individuals at risk for dehydration to determine a course of action as appropriate to mitigate the risk. The plan should be shared with all who help support the individual.

Routine Monitoring and Prevention of Dehydration:

Awareness must be kept high about the food and fluid intake of anyone with a risk factor. Fluids should be offered with meals and between meals. Formal intake of food/fluid and output of urine/stool (I/O) recording should begin at the earliest suspicion for dehydration. It is important that intake reflect the actual amount consumed, not just the amount served. The frequency of any emesis should also be noted on the I/O record.

Signs of Dehydration

These may include:

- ◆ A change in the individual's level of responsiveness.
- ◆ Decrease in saliva.
- ◆ Dry mouth or eyes.
- ◆ Decreased urination or presence of dark, foul smelling urine.
- ◆ Change in the normal elasticity of the skin.
- ◆ Increase in body temperature.

Any of these signs should prompt you to begin treatment immediately. If seizure activity or loss of consciousness occurs in addition to any of the above signs, transfer the individual to an emergency facility for evaluation and treatment.

Treatment of Dehydration

- ◆ Start oral re-hydration with frequent, small amounts of fluid (one tablespoon every 15 minutes), and increase fluids as tolerated to a minimum of 48 ounces /day per individual.
- ◆ Increase the free water flushes for a person receiving enteral feeding.
- ◆ Monitor electrolyte balance to avoid sudden changes or over-correction.
- ◆ Adjust medication doses as needed until fluid balance is restored.
- ◆ Oxygen supplementation may be helpful if hypotension is present.
- ◆ Intravenous fluids and hospitalization may be needed if oral re-hydration has not been started early enough or if the individual cannot tolerate adequate fluids orally.

The prognosis for recovery is excellent when treatment is provided in a timely manner. If oral re-hydration does not start early enough or if the individual cannot tolerate adequate fluids orally, transfer to an acute care facility should not be delayed. Untreated or poorly treated severe dehydration may result in seizures, permanent brain damage, collapse and death.



Our 3rd Annual Community All-Stars vs Angeline Indians Basketball game was held on Thursday, March 29 at the Upper Sandusky High School gym. Once again the Indians were victorious and everyone present enjoyed a thrilling evening of basketball. A basketball signed by Ohio's Mr. Basketball, Jon Diebler, was raffled off during halftime and won by Emma Wilson. Missy Zimmerman was the winner of the 50/50 ticket drawing. Proceeds from both ticket sales will benefit the Wyandot County Special Olympics. Special thanks to Cheryl Strohm and her committee of volunteers for organizing this event, the Upper Sandusky Music Boosters for sponsoring the concession stand, the Upper Sandusky Middle School Pep Band, Dr. Betty Lok for volunteering as our Cheerleading Advisor, Brad Ehrman and his staff for use of the gym and doing all the set-up, Gary McCreary for running the scoreboard, Guest Announcer Andra Bell, who kept the fans entertained with her game commentary, Amy Taylor, Mike Hurler and Buzz Kocher for refereeing and all the Community All-Star players for making this another successful event! See everyone next season!!

WYANDOT COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Angeline School & Industries will hold its 23rd Annual 5K Run/2 Mile Walk on Friday, June 1 starting at 7:00 pm at Upper Sandusky High School. Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female overall finishers plus individual awards to the top three finishers in each age group. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Angeline will also be hosting its 2nd Annual Disc Golf Tournament, to be played at the Upper Sandusky Reservoir Course, on Sunday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Proceeds from both events will benefit Wyandot County Special Olympics. For more information contact Therese Barron at 419-294-4901.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 19 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 21 Wyandot County Family Fun Fair, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Upper Sandusky High School Gym and Cafeteria
- May 15 Angeline Industries' Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- May 17 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 23 Cedar Point Day – Sponsored by ARC
- May 28 Memorial Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- June 1 Last Day of School
- June 4 Teacher Work Day
- June 11, 18 & 25 Angeline Industries Closed
- June 19 Special Fun Night in the Park – Harrison Smith Park, Upper Sandusky. Sponsored by the Seneca/Wyandot Parent Mentor Program. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for more information.
- June 21 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

CALAMITY DAYS

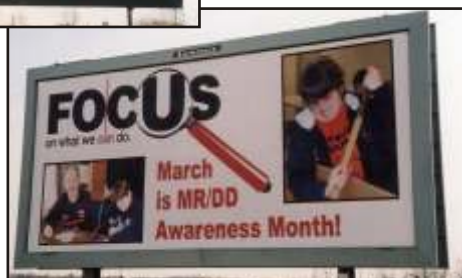
Cold weather, snow, ice, freezing rain and fog all these led to Angeline School exceeding their allotment of five calamity days by four days. Therefore, we will be making these days up on May 29, 30, 31 and June 1. We certainly hope there will be no more bad weather cancellations between now and then.



John Brocklesby, an Angeline Industries client, operates a drill press to drill retainers for Diamond Door, a manufacturer of commercial overhead doors.



Billboards were located in Carey and Upper Sandusky during the month of March in celebration of MRDD Awareness Month. Thank you to Reile and Co. Farms, Guardian Automotive and Danner Enterprises for their support in helping the community "Focus On What We CAN Do!"



RESOURCE CORNER . . .

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO PLAY BASEBALL

The mission of The Miracle League of Northwest Ohio (MLNWO) is to build a fully obstacle-free baseball diamond for children with special needs. This includes raising funds to construct a cushioned rubber surface with in-ground bases to allow smooth rolling in a safe environment, extra large gates to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers, and zero entry dugouts.

The second step is to fund the local league and begin play. Miracle League is specifically designed for children with special needs. Many of our players will need someone (looking for volunteers) to help them swing the bat, field the ball and round the bases.

The MLNWO is open to children with disabilities age five to twenty-one. The 2007 season will be played on a regular dirt and grass surface field in Northwood, Ohio. For more information, contact Jack Marshall at 419-299-8905 or email jmarshall@vbschools.net. You can also visit their website at www.mlnwo.org.



Thank you to the Tot to Teen Mothers Club for once again hiding Easter eggs for our Early Intervention, Preschool and School Age students. The club members also baked cupcakes for the clients in the workshop.

Out Run Autism 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk April 21, 2007 Homestead Park, Hilliard, OH

Ohio families, individuals with autism, friends, caregivers, teachers and activists will meet for the fourth annual Out Run Autism 5K Run and one mile "fun run" at Homestead Park in Hilliard, Ohio on April 21, 2007. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the race begins at 10:00 a.m.

New to the event this year will be a post-race party with live entertainment featuring Columbus classic rock band The Detours, as well as Colin Gawel, lead singer and guitarist of Columbus favorite Watershed. Local and national companies, including Hooters and Cheryl's Cookies have traditionally supplied refreshments for attendees.

The beneficiary of this year's event is Central Ohio Families for Effective Autism Treatment (COFEAT www.cofeat.org). COFEAT provides information and support to help parents and primary caregivers find effective treatment for individuals with autism.

Governor Ted Strickland has declared April Autism Awareness Month in Ohio. More than 10,000 Ohio residents have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Nationally, The Centers for Disease Control report that the incidence of autism in the United States is 1 in 150 children, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined.

Registration is available through Premier Races at www.premierraces.com or by picking up a registration form at any local U.S. Bank branch location, The Columbus Running Co., Front Runner or Colin's Coffee in Upper Arlington.

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

PLEASE . . .

We are always interested in finding ways to improve our programs and services. Please do not hesitate to contact Todd Dilley, Superintendent, with your ideas and suggestions at (419) 294-4901 or dilley@angeline.com.

WISH LIST

- Educational/Learning computer software (all ages)
- Volunteers to assist with adult activities, just one hour at a time. (Volunteers would always be working side-by-side and in the presence of our trained staff members.)
- To donate or to volunteer your time contact Todd Dilley at (419) 294-4901 or dilley@angeline.com

THANK YOU . . .

We are extremely grateful to the many community members and organizations that so generously make donations in support of the programs and services we provide.

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$1,150.00
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$1,741.00

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

As a member of this community YOU ARE WELCOME to stop by Angeline School & Industries to check our program and facilities. We are located at 11028 Co. Hwy. 44, Upper Sandusky. To schedule a tour just call (419) 294-4901 or email dilley@angeline.com.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . .

The Angeline School age classroom is still collecting Campbell Soup labels. We have been informed by the Labels For Education program that they are no longer accepting the front panels for redemption but will need the UPC – Bar Codes from participating brands as proof of purchase. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. The students are benefiting from the educational products that we have been able to purchase through this program.

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You can view past issues of the Angeline Newsletter on our website, www.angeline.com, by clicking on the newsletter link.

As always, "Thank you" to our dedicated
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