

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

Summer
2007

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

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LET FREEDOM RING!



Pictured above is
SPC Matt Dyer,
US Army



Pictured to right is
CPL Shawn Griffin,
US Marines

For two Angeline staff members, the recent Fourth of July meant much more than just picnics, barbeques and fireworks. Cheryl Strohm, Workshop Specialist, and Denise Griffin, Habilitation Specialist, have sons serving our country.

SPC Matt Dyer, US Army, is currently in Iraq with the Military Police. A graduate of Wynford High School, Matt joined the Army in April, 2005. He has been in Iraq since June, 2006, and is scheduled to return to his home base in North Carolina in September. Matt's family includes Mom Cheryl, Step-dad Ron, sister Jessica and wife Stephanie.

CPL Shawn Griffin, US Marines, is a graduate of Mohawk High school and joined the Marines in September, 2005. He is trained in assault vehicle repair and is currently doing security duty in Iraq. He will be returning to his home base in San Diego in October. Shawn's family includes Mom Denise, Dad Bruce and brother Shane. A brother, Kyle, is deceased.

Angeline staff, students and clients are proud of their service in Iraq and hope that the sacrifices they are making to protect our freedom will be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with these two young men and all men and women serving our country all over the world so that the bell will continue to ring for freedom!

ANGELINE INDUSTRIES APPRECIATION AND AWARDS

On June 29th the Angeline Industries Client Employee Council held its second annual Recognition and Awards program. Awards for years of service, production and attendance were presented by Lyneen Reinschell, Operations/Production Manager:

5 Year Award Recipients

Ben Cornish, Kevin Cornish and Josh Harris

10 Year Award Recipients

Vicky Cook

15 Year Award Recipients

Jim Kreais, Richard Blake

20 Year Award Recipients

Rose Gombarcik, Mike Schroeder, Lori Trout,
Tim Wickham

25 Year Award Recipients

Dallas Hackworth

30 Year Award Recipients

Deb Callahan, Greg Clinger, David Coppler

35 Year Award Recipients

Vicky Reel



Pictured left to right are: Vicky Reel, Deb Callahan, Dallas Hackworth, Rose Gombarcik, Mike Schroeder, Lori Trout, Richard Blake, Ben Cornish and Josh Harris.

Health, Safety and Wellness Alert

HEAT RELATED ILLNESS & SUMMER SAFETY

Plan ahead and take the necessary precautions to help prevent related illnesses and summer accidents from occurring.

HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

Can be life-threatening, and are caused by over-exposure to a hot environment, such as:

- A hot, humid sunny day (>90 degrees F)
- A hot building with inadequate ventilation or cooling.

PREVENTION OF HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

- Maintain hydration with cool water and sports drinks; provide extra fluids at meal times. Drink at least 8 glasses water a day, more in hot weather. Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol (both increase fluid loss)
- Maintain ventilation of environment, including buildings and apartments, and keep it as cool as possible. When outdoors, seek open, shaded areas, avoid crowds. Use fans and air conditioning indoors. Open windows at night when air is cooler outside to allow cross ventilation if no air conditioning. During heat of the day, keep blinds drawn and windows shut, and move to cooler rooms. If no air conditioning at home, go to a shopping mall or public library.
- Take frequent breaks when outside in hot sun or from physical activity. Know the limits of activity tolerance and avoid overexertion. Schedule activities for cool environments or during the cooler part of the day.
- Wear light-colored loose-fitting clothing (dark colors absorb heat, loose clothing helps the body to cool); wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Eat regular light meals to ensure you have adequate salt and fluids.
- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Be aware of individuals with risk factors for heat related illness; observe them at regular intervals.

SUMMER SAFETY

Summer is an enjoyable time for picnics and outdoor activities. Listed below are areas to be mindful of when planning or participating in activities.

- Sunburn/Insect Bites
- Bicycle Safety
- Choking
- Barefoot/Sandals
- Outdoor Grills can result in burns if proper safety requirements and supervision are not provided and followed.

SUMMER CAMPS

Camps provide fun and enjoyment for individuals, but also can result in serious harm or death if necessary precautions are not taken. Be very mindful of the high risk for drowning and individuals wandering off unattended when at camps. It is also time for sunburn, bug bites, poison ivy, heat stroke and related illnesses.

Proper planning is important when individuals are attending camp. The following steps may assist with ensuring an enjoyable experience:

- Be familiar with the camp and possible dangers for the individual(s) attending.
- Know who will be supervising the individual and what experience they have. Be sure you are comfortable with what will be occurring.
- Communicate face-to-face with the camp director on any dietary requirement, supervision requirements, medical needs, or behavior issues. Provide a written copy of the information needed (e.g., ISP, Behavior Plan, etc).
- Be sure lotion for sunburn and bug bites is provided or available. Be aware of any medications that increase a person's sensitivity to the sun and communicate this to the camp staff.
- If there is a pond, lake or pool discuss the individual's abilities in the water with the camp director and any special needs that exist. Provide a written copy of those needs.

WHAT'S NEWS AT ANGELINE?? IN PICTURES . . .



The Preschool Graduation and Program was held on May 30. Students from both classes performed songs, including a rock 'n' roll medley with Elvis, aka Jill Walton, Speech Therapist. Nine students will be moving on to Kindergarten this fall. The 2007 graduating class included: Braden Cano, Olivia Coppler, Emmah Danner, Jesse Ferst, Justine Hunt, Leanne Johnson, Josh Nutter, Searah Orr and Emma Wagner.



Students from the Early Intervention, Preschool and School Age classrooms enjoyed a visit from the Sycamore Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. Each of the students had the opportunity to sit in the truck and sound the siren, check out all the fire equipment, try on the fireman's coat and hat and man the water hose! Thank you to Bruce Amory, a volunteer with the Sycamore Fire Department, for providing a fun-filled morning for our students!



Students from the Upper Sandusky FFA chapter, sponsored a Kid's Animal Farm at Angeline School in May. Members brought baby goats, pigs, puppies and lambs for the School age classrooms to pet and hold. Pictured is Josh Hoy petting one of the baby pigs. Thanks Upper FFA for a wonderful time!

Angie Ford and Brenda Blair from the Wyandot County Soil & Water Conservation Office visited the Secondary School-age classroom this spring. They talked about the importance of the Ohio Farmer and his role in growing crops and raising livestock for food and fuel. Angie and Brenda also shared hands-on activities with the students by making butter, which they enjoyed on crackers or bread and each student made a mobile of different farm activities. Thank you Angie & Brenda for this informative look at the Ohio Farmer!



The Special Olympic Torch Run once again wound it's way through Wyandot County on Thursday, June 21. Athletes from Wyandot County's Special Olympic team participated in helping the torch reach its final destination at Jesse Owen Stadium on the Ohio State University campus. Congratulations to all the athletes who participated in this very special event!

BEST WISHES TO WES!

On Friday, June 29, Wes Ferguson, Service & Support Management Supervisor, signed his last MUI report after 13½ years with the Wyandot County Board of MRDD. Staff and clients honored Wes with a dessert buffet and his family surprised him with a Limo ride home! Relax and enjoy your retirement days, Wes. We will miss you!



WELCOME NATASHA!

Natasha Hiser joined the Angeline School & Industries staff on June 21 as a Service & Support Administrator. Previously she worked for Future Horizons of Tiffin as a Home Manager/Administrative Assistant, supervising 4 individuals in a group home setting. Natasha currently lives in Tiffin where she is busy remodeling her new home.



ANGELINE ALERT & INFO

Are you interested in receiving pertinent information regarding upcoming seminars, training sessions, conferences, etc. Without waiting for our quarterly newsletter? Interested individuals and/or families may call Jenny Wilson, Administrative Secretary, at (419) 294-4901 to have your email address placed on our Angeline Alert and Information list. We would then use this email listing to pass along any pertinent information that we receive from different sources.



My Voice **My Choice** Ohio's Provider Report Card

A project funded by the Ohio Department of MRDD made it possible for the My Voice, My Choice interviewers to visit Wyandot County this past January. The My Voice, My Choice project is aimed at finding out how people with disabilities and/or guardians feel about the services they are receiving from day program providers.

On January 25th representatives from the My Voice, My Choice project interviewed individuals who receive day program services in Wyandot County. These interviews consisted of 15 questions pertaining to how people feel their providers are doing. If an individual has a guardian, a packet was mailed to them, seeking their input. For individuals whose schedules would not allow for a face-to-face interview, phone contact is being attempted.

The purpose of the My Voice, My Choice project is to obtain information from individuals who receive day program services in all 88 counties in Ohio and create a statewide "provider report card" in a web-based format and in printed form. Each county will receive a printout with the data from their county and statewide results will be available on the My Voice, My Choice website (www.myvoicemychoice.com). The report card will contain the "grades" received and will be available to people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices when selecting a provider.

If you are interested in the report card for Angeline Industries, or would like more information about this statewide project, visit the website at www.myvoicemychoice.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 6 Angeline School/Industries - Closed
- Aug. 13 Angeline School/Industries - Closed
- Aug. 16 Wyandot County MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Aug. 17 Angeline Industries Adult Summer Picnic, Harrison Smith Park
- Aug. 20 Angeline School & Industries - All Staff In-Service - Industries Closed
- Aug. 21 First Day of School - **WELCOME STUDENTS!**
- Sept. 3 Labor Day - Both School and Industries Closed
- Sept. 17 Angeline Industries Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- Sept. 20 Wyandot County MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 8 Columbus Day - Both School and Industries Closed



RESOURCE CORNER . . .

LIFE IS ONE TRANSITION AFTER ANOTHER BE PREPARED!

The ARC of Ohio will be presenting this informative session on Friday, September 7, 2007, from 10:00 3:00 at the Holiday Inn, 7007 N High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Individuals with disabilities, parents, advocates, SSA's, teachers, adult service providers, managers, and administrators who are concerned about how best to prepare for the next stage(s) of life and to ensure the best chance(s) of success will greatly benefit from this presentation.

WHEN WE TRAVEL

WhenWeTravel has compiled a list of 37,000 accessible hotels from around the world. Go to www.whenwetravel.com click "hotel search" and then click on "wheelchair accessible hotels."

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN

The National Turkey Federation has an outreach program called Wheelin Sportsman. The goal is to introduce the outdoors to individuals with disabilities. Volunteers are paired with participants for an enjoyable day outdoor. Events vary from fishing, deer hunting, turkey hunting, pheasant hunting, dove hunting and waterfowl hunting. Events usually cost the participants lodging and license fees but is normally paid for by sponsors. For a list of upcoming events, contact Joe Sawmiller, (419) 941-1158 or jsawmiller@woh.rr.com.

FISHING FOR EXCELLENCE . . .

Are You Ready to Get Hooked? The 39th Annual PAR Convention will be held October 1-3, 2007 at Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. Guest speaker will be best selling author, Harry Paul, **FISH!** Philosophy. Sessions will include Sensory Art, Behavior Support, Criminal Justice, Self Advocacy, Support Services. For more information log onto their website at www.par-ohio.org.

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS FLAG CITY BALLOONFEST

Sorena's Song is a balloon designed to accommodate wheelchairs and free tethered rides will be offered for those with disabilities. Tethered rides are scheduled for Friday, August 17 at 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 18 at 7:30 am and 6:15 pm and Sunday, August 19 at 7:30 am. The Flag City Balloonfest will be held at Emory Adams Park, just off Sixth Street in Findlay, Ohio. If you are interested in reserving a time, please contact Lyneen Reinschell at 419-294-4488.

GO INDIANS!!

Special discounted seating for MRDD Consumers, Employees, Families & Friends Night at Jacobs Field on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:05 pm when the Indians will be hosting the Detroit Tigers. Lower Reserved Seats will be \$18 and Mezzanine Seats will \$12. If you would like to order tickets or need more information, please contact Walt Harrop at 419-289-8344.

THRIVENT MATCHES SALE FUNDS

A big thanks goes out to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who donated \$500 in matching funds for the Angeline/ARC's annual rummage sale May 3 and 4. Lutheran Brotherhood President Carol Koehler and other members volunteered their time to help us set up and donated baked goods for the bake sale. The ARC made a total of \$2005! This money will be used for special equipment, Special Olympics expenses and Angeline School's swimming program.

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 Gifts & Donations: \$400.00

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

As a member of this community **YOU ARE WELCOME** to stop by Angeline School & Industries to check out 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.

PAST ANGELINE NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .

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 Volunteer Board Members:

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