

# Angeline Newsline

## Angeline School & Industries

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2007

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

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### MAKE WAY FOR THE CHOICE MAKERS

In an effort to step up to the challenge to provide a meaningful alternative to work for twelve adults, Angeline Industries developed a unique program within its production facility that provides a more activity-based atmosphere. The program is complete with a relaxation area, a sensory stimulation area and a large activity center. Instead of our more traditional approach to production/manufacturing, this group of individuals (many of whom are aging) choose to attend the Angeline adult services program for reasons other than employment. Staff member Denise Griffin who is in charge of implementing this

new habilitation program says that her "Choice Makers" attend because they love spending time with their friends. They very much want to participate in meaningful activities in a welcoming, safe, and most important of all FUN environment. Denise takes her "Choice Makers" wishes to heart by introducing them to various social and leisure opportunities such as morning coffee club, current event discussions, game/fun time, swimming, and crafts as well as many different community outings. The name Choice Makers was selected because the individuals Denise serves play an important role in setting their own activity schedules. Denise states, "The Choice Makers have a major say in what goes on from day to day."



Julie Troiano, licensed massage therapist and community member, volunteers her expertise once per month giving individual massages and introducing the Choice Makers to the benefit of relaxation and sensory stimulation. The Choice Makers always look forward to Julie's coming...and can you blame them??? Thank you Julie for finding time in your busy family and work schedule to share your time and your talents with the Choice Makers!



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### WYANDOT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL... OUR PARTNERS IN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Did you know that Wyandot Memorial Hospital's mission is "Caring for the Health of Our Community"? We sure do.

Michelle Lang, Exercise Physiologist at Wyandot Memorial's Wellness Center has teamed up with Angeline Adaptive Phys. Ed. Instructor, Therese Barron, providing a tremendous opportunity for

several adults to improve their health and wellness. Every Thursday nearly twenty adults from our program attend the hospital's Wellness Center where they are instructed on a variety of exercise choices including the treadmills, exercise bikes, and light weight lifting equipment. At lunch in the hospital cafeteria individuals are taught how they can make healthier food choices and then are encouraged to do so. Thank you to Wyandot Memorial Hospital for their partnership and for the many ways they sincerely "Care for the Health of Our Community"!

## CELEBRATING MARCH AS MR/DD AWARENESS MONTH



“FOCUS...on what we CAN do...is the theme for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2007. Angeline School & Industries celebrates MR/DD Awareness Month each and every March. We invite you to carefully consider the true meaning of this year’s theme, “FOCUS on what we CAN do!”

Across the nation, the state, and right here in Wyandot County, organizations like Angeline are busy planning special events and activities to raise public awareness of the many things that individuals with disabilities CAN DO. When we FOCUS on a person’s ABILITIES and STRENGTHS rather than their disabilities and weaknesses, we encourage people who may appear different to share their ABILITIES with the community. Individuals with disabilities are then WELCOMED and EMBRACED (not just accepted or tolerated) as EQUAL MEMBERS of the community.

Here are just a few of the many MR/DD Awareness events and activities you can look forward to in March:

- March 2nd, 7:30-9:30am, Annual Business/Industries Appreciation Breakfast at the Angeline School & Industries Café
- March 6th - The Community All-Stars vs. Angeline Indians in the 3rd Annual Community Basketball Game
- March 23rd, Red Cross Blood Drive, Angeline Gym, in cooperation with Kalmbach Feeds and the Wyandot County Home
- March 31st Angeline’s 15th Annual Consignment Auction, 10 am at Angeline

Remember to stay FOCUSED for more information about other planned events and activities as they occur!



## ACTION PLAN APPROVED AND OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2007

In January both the Angeline Industries Board and the Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities started their new year with organizational meetings. They elected officers, set a meeting schedule for the year, and appointed members to committees.

### Angeline Industries’ Officers

Tom Creger, President  
Jim Reile, Vice President  
Brenda Bretz, Secretary

### Wyandot Co. MR/DD Board Officers

Gene Kirby, President  
Greg Bishop, Vice President  
Steve Walton, Secretary

In other related news, the Wyandot County MR/DD Board held a public hearing on November 16, 2006 and approved its Annual Action Plan for 2007. The Action Plan is a written statement of the board’s goals and objectives for the coming year. To check out the 2007 Action Plan, simply visit [www.angeline.com](http://www.angeline.com) and click on the action plan link.



**Angeline Industries Board members:** Tom Creger, Jim Packer, Bill Beach, Andy Koehler and Jim Reile.  
Not pictured: Ron Pahl and Brenda Bretz.



**Wyandot Co. Board of MRDD members:** Barb Swartz, Gene Kirby, Steve Walton, Philip Case, John Vogel and Greg Bishop. Not pictured: Dick Krider.

# RESOURCE CORNER . . .

## WYANDOT COUNTY PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

The program is a support network for parents of children with disabilities. The primary goals of the Parent Mentor is to:

- **GUIDE** families through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities.
- **LISTEN** and provide support to families and educators on an individual basis.
- **PROVIDE INFORMATION** and resources to families including education laws, district programs and services, and community resources.
- **ATTEND** Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings and other meetings on parent or staff request.

If you need additional information about the Parent Mentor Program, please call Paula Frey, Wyandot County Parent Mentor at 419-294-3445.

## NEW PLATES TO BENEFIT AUTISM PROGRAMS

The Ohio BMV recently announced that a new specialty license plate that helps raise funds to help people with Autism and to promote Autism awareness is now available. The new plates, featuring an image of a multi-colored ribbon that is well-known as a symbol of Autism support, can be issued at any deputy registrar's office, by mail, or online at [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com). The specialty plates cost \$35 per year, with \$25 of that amount going to the Autism Society of Ohio. The Autism Society's programs include advocacy, referrals, family support, education and training. Visit [www.autismohio.org](http://www.autismohio.org) for more information about the Autism Society of Ohio.

## THE ARC OF OHIO PRESENTS "THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW!"

REGISTRATION IS FREE...to individuals with a developmental disability and their family members. All others are \$75 to attend.

The Arc of Ohio, along with the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, will be holding a statewide Disability Public Policy Legislative Event on March 27th and March 28th, 2007 at The Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. Third Street, Columbus, OH.

VISIT [www.thearcofohio.org](http://www.thearcofohio.org) to find out more about how The Arc of Ohio advocates on behalf of Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

## WHO'S NEW?



Vicky Smith  
Vehicle Operator  
(part-time)



Don Spiegel  
School Bus Driver

# *Angeline invites you to keep in step with us!!*

Join us, Monday through Friday  
during the month of March  
between 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
you are welcome to come to  
Angeline's gym and walk  
with our exercise classes!



## March is MR/DD Awareness Month

*Angeline School & Industries  
11028 CH 44, Upper Sandusky  
419-294-4901*

## Angeline's 15th Annual Consignment Auction

*Angeline School & Industries  
11028 County Hwy. 44 - Upper Sandusky, Ohio*

**Saturday, March 31st - 10:00 a.m.**

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

Auction rings inside buildings

*Items may be brought in - Thursday, March 29 from 8 am to 3 pm  
or Friday, March 30 from 8 am to 12 pm*

Soup and Sandwich Lunch Available

Fee: 10% on items less than \$1,000; 5% on items great than \$1,000  
Any consignment item(s) sold under \$5 will be a donation to Angeline

Auctioneer services volunteered by:

**W**lton Realty &  
**A**uction Co., LLC

Doug Walton, CAI  
Jay Walton ~ Ed Wentling  
Paul Wagner  
(419) 294-0007

If interested in selling or donating items,  
please call Lyneen Reinschell  
at 419-294-4488 - Thank You!

*Proceeds Benefit Angeline School & Industries*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7 Valentine's Dance at Angeline School & Industries, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- Feb. 15 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm.
- Feb. 19 President's Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Feb. 20 Positive Behavior Supports Training – Reservations Required. Free meal served at 5:45 pm with training to follow. This program is funded by the Office of Exceptional Children. It is part of a state-wide project to expand the capacity of school and families to support and teach (rather than punish) children with behavior challenges. 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.
- Feb. 23 Staff In-Service Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Mar. 15 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm.
- Mar. 20 Motor Activities, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come and learn fun motor activities to help your child, that you can easily do at home. 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 info.
- Mar. 20 Angeline Industries Board Meeting – 5:30 pm.
- April 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3pm to 8pm
- April 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences---School Closed (Industries/Adult Program Open)
- April 6 Spring Break – Angeline Industries Closed. Industries/Adults return April 9.
- April 6 – 9 Spring Break – Angeline School Closed. Students return on April 10.
- April 19 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm.



Front: Kara Lee Socha, Megan Bardon Myers, Erica Lee, Heather Haff Albanese, Amanda Summit Griveas  
Back: Chasity Binaw Kuttrus, Erin Hershner Biles, Monica Miller, Jennifer Swartz Shope, Melissa Haff, Laura Arnold Lawrence  
Not Pictured: Stephanie Koehler Lamp

### UPPER SANDUSKY/COLUMBUS CARD CLUB DONATES TO ANGELINE

The Upper Sandusky/Columbus Card Club is a group of 12 Upper Sandusky natives who now reside in the Columbus area. They meet each month to share food, friendship, and fun. One of their goals is to “give back” to their home community by making a donation to a local service organization. For 2006 the club chose Angeline School & Industries and we are extremely grateful they did.

### IS YOUR GIFT PROVIDING CARE FOR OTHERS IN NEED?

Consider becoming a respite provider through our Family Support Services program and make a difference in lives of local families. As a respite care provider you would be giving parents of children and adults with disabilities a much-needed, short break from time to time. It allows them to “re-charge” their batteries so to speak.

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).



### NOTICES OF DELAYS & 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.

# PLEASE . . . THANK YOU . . . YOU'RE WELCOME . . .

*Our Teachers Always Say, "Don't Forget Your Please and Thank You."*

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

## PAST ANGELINE NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .

You can view past issues of the Angeline Newsletter on our website, [www.angeline.com](http://www.angeline.com), by clicking on the newsletter link.

## 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: \$ 148.00  
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$2832.00

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

## 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!

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

John Vogel	Angeline Board
Barb Swartz	Gene Kirby, Pres.
Dick Krider	Greg Bishop, V. Pres.
Philip Case	Steve Walton, Sec.
Bill Beach	Tom Cregar, Pres.
Andy Koehler	Jim Reile, V. Pres.
Jim Packer	Brenda Bretz, Sec.
Ron Pahl	Industries Board

**Todd Dilley, Superintendent**  
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