

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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WEATHERBUG.com COMES TO ANGELINE!

C'MON . . . ADMIT IT, WHO'S NOT INTERESTED IN THE WEATHER?!

From now on, when someone asks you what the weather's doing you'll know just exactly where to go to get an accurate, LOCAL, up-to-the-minute weather report. By downloading www.weatherbug.com free onto your home computer, laptop, internet-capable phone, or other wireless device you can have the local weather right at your fingertips with just the click of your mouse or by typing in "Upper Sandusky" or "43351" in the search area.

Angeline School & Industries is now an official member of the Weatherbug Network. The meteorological company recently installed a weather station right here at Angeline – capable of recording and tracking important weather conditions such as current temperature, humidity, wind chill, heat index, and up-to-date rainfall amounts.



Angeline School & Industries students, adults, and staff receive our very own daily forecast, courtesy of a group of Angeline Industries adults who are taking part in a weather module (adult education). Among those giving the daily forecast are Jon Reel (left) and Clara Manitu (middle). Adult Services staff member, Paula Wolford, is the coordinator of the Weatherbug module.

In partnership with the local Tri Sigma Sorority, North Central Ohio Electric Cooperative and other local gifts and donations, no public dollars were used to purchase this state-of-

the-art weather station and computer equipment. Thanks to their generosity the Weatherbug will be used educationally for Angeline students and adults, but is also accessible to interested community members via the internet. So go on...check it out! www.weatherbug.com – you know you want to!



ADULTS VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME...GIVE BACK!

A group of adults served through Angeline Industries has organized a volunteer service that seeks out ways to "give back" to the community that has given so much to them over the years. The group's first activity was helping to keep the Fairgrounds clean during the Wyandot County Fair. Pictured are Brent Hemmerly, Amber Bradner and Brandy Lynch cleaning up the Grand Stand area. The group has also volunteered at the Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center by visiting and playing horseshoes with the residents. Three individuals travel to Fairhaven Community Center every Wednesday to assist with different activities such as bean bag toss, noodle ball and basketball. Both the nursing home residents and the adult volunteers seem to be really enjoying these activities. All agree that volunteering is important, helpful, and FUN!

OHIO'S BUDGET CUTS TO IMPACT ANGELINE

In order to make up for a projected shortfall in state finances, Governor Strickland recently announced cuts to Ohio's two-year budget. Angeline's state funding has been reduced by roughly 14% with a projected second round of cuts to occur no later than June 30, 2009. The Angeline administration, board, and staff are already at work trying to trim expenses wherever possible with our primary objective to maximize savings while minimizing potential harm to the individuals and families we serve.

We are seeking ideas and suggestions for ways Angeline might be able to become more efficient (saving money and/or time). Thus far the Angeline leadership team (administration) has received more than a dozen suggestions from our staff and more ideas keep coming every week. The leadership team meets each month to consider any new cost saving ideas and suggestions, as well as to review our progress toward gaining greater efficiencies.

The goal of this initiative is to collect as many constructive ideas with reasonable and creative solutions as possible. We would much rather implement many small cutbacks that add up to a large savings and avoid one or two major cuts that would negatively impact the individuals and families we serve.

We could use your help! As members of our community, if you have ideas or suggestions about how Angeline might be able to become more efficient (saving money and/or time), please don't hesitate to contact me at (419) 294-4901 or by email dilley@angeline.com

As always, thank you for your support of Wyandot County's citizens with developmental disabilities and remember...as a TEAM Together Everyone Achieves More.

Sincerely,

Todd Dilley
Superintendent

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

"America's People, America's Talent...America's Strength!" is the theme for October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. All across Ohio and the nation it is a time to recognize the significant contribution that individuals with disabilities can make to their community when they are included in the workforce.

Creating employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities is the focus of Angeline Industries, Inc, the private not-for-profit business arm of our organization. Angeline Industries, Inc. is an outsourcing leader for local business and industry---from traditional subassembly, packaging, and bulk mailings to more service-oriented production such as document management/shredding.

To find out more about how employing workers with disabilities can help your business' bottom line, contact Lyneen Reinschell, Operations Manager, at (419) 294-4901 or reinschell@angeline.com. Check us out on the web at www.angeline.com.



Exercise
Your
Right to
VOTE!

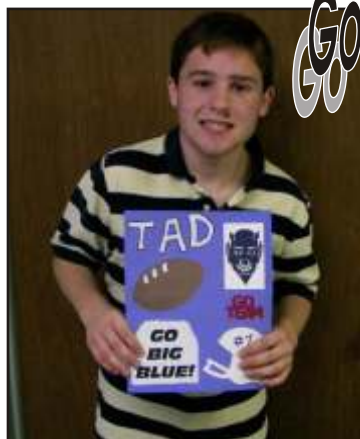
November 4

GOING 'GREEN' WITH US!

Across the nation people are making an effort to have as little impact on the environment as possible. The Wyandot County Board of MRDD thinks the simplest way to spare the environment is by using less paper. We do recycle paper, but now we need **your** help! If you have an email address, you can receive publications (like this newsletter) and other information the "green" way which can help save money and save trees!! Please send us your email address along with your name to Jenny Wilson, Administrative Secretary at wilson@angeline.com

WYANDOT COUNTY FAIR WINNERS

September's Wyandot County Fair proved to be a success for these seven ladies. Taking home awards and ribbons for their exhibits are (front row, left to right): Brandy Lynch, Crystal Thiery and Rose Gombarcik; (back row, left to right): Tiffany Goins, Clara Manitu, Lisa Brown and Donna Smalley



Go Team Go!

GO TEAMS!!

Cheerleaders from the Riverdale, Upper Sandusky and Carey High Schools made spirit signs for the students in our school age classroom. Representing the Riverdale Falcons are Fred Craig and Josh Hoy; Upper Sandusky Rams, Sam Moore and Trevor Browning; and the Carey Blue Devils, Tad Dible.



Dreams & Wishes!

DVDs

- ❖ Toy Story I and II
- ❖ Shrek I, II and III
- ❖ Disney Movies

CDs

- ❖ New country
- ❖ Easy Listening
- ❖ Jock Jams
- ❖ Books on tape

CRAFT/ART SUPPLIES

- ❖ Clay pots (all sizes)
- ❖ Marbles
- ❖ Old Silverware
- ❖ Magazines
- ❖ Material
- ❖ Yarn
- ❖ Miscellaneous craft items

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Vinyl bean bag chair
- ❖ Office size paper shredder
- ❖ Outdoor baby swing

Toiletries

- ❖ Baby wipes
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Diapers (all sizes)
- ❖ Pull ups (all sizes)

For further information should you wish to donate, please contact Jenny Wilson, Administrative Secretary at 419-294-4901 or email her at wilson@angeline.com.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CORRECTION

In our Summer Angeline Newslines edition, we should have credited the Wyandot County Council on Birth Defects for the donation used to purchase a new wheelchair accessible swing. We apologize for this error.

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

FAMILIES SUPPORTING FAMILIES

The Ohio Department of MRDD Family Advisory Council has developed a discussion listserv to encourage communication for families in supporting other families. The concept is called [family-chat] because it is very similar to an online discussion board, but it comes through email and is only available to families who are on the list.

The email address for Families Supporting Families [family-chat] discussion is: Family-chat@odmrdd.state.oh.us.

To join the discussion list send email to join-family-chat@odmrdd.state.oh.us.

To leave the discussion list simply send an email to leave-family-chat@odmrdd.state.oh.us

If you have questions, simply email webmaster@odmrdd.state.oh.us

REGISTER NOW FOR OHIO SIBS CONFERENCE NOV. 7-8

The *Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD (OACB)* is proud to be a sponsor of the 8th annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference Nov. 7-8 at the Columbus Marriot Hotel. The featured speakers at this year's event are Jeff and Cindy Daly, a couple from Oregon. Jeff Daly had his sister ripped from his family when he was only six years old. At age 3, his sister Molly was sent to an institution, and Jeff was told she no longer existed. As an adult, Jeff was able to find his sister and reunite their relationship. His documentary *Where's Molly?* was featured at last year's OACB convention, and a "must have" for any sibling's library.

In addition to the Dalys, other speakers include Dr. Terry Ryan, Cuyahoga County Board of MRDD Superintendent; Dr. Jill E. Senner, President, Illinois Network for Augmentative and Alternative Communications; Derrick Dufrense, leadership consultant; and Dr. Thomas Keating, Managing Partner,

Cognitopia Software and Adjunct Asst. Professor, University of Oregon.

To accommodate families, the conference registration is from 2-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, with conference training from 3-8 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 8, the conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is \$85, and includes meals and materials.

To register or for more information, contact: Ohio SIBS, c/o Tom Fish, The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, 1581 Dodd Drive, McCampbell Hall, Room 257, Columbus, OH 43210-1257. Participants also can register online at www.ohiosibs.com.

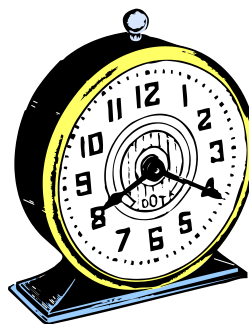
For hotel registration, contact the Columbus Airport Marriot Hotel directly at 514-475-7551.

VOTING RIGHTS AND RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

People with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities have the right to vote, and should have access to information to help them do that. If you are a person with a disability, or work with someone who may need information, reassurance or assistance to vote, please note the following:

Laws that protect this right to vote include: The Constitution; The Voting Rights Act; The Americans with Disabilities Act; the Help America Vote Act and others. If a poll worker says a person with MRDD cannot vote, the law says that the poll worker must allow the person to complete a special ballot name a Provisional Ballot. The person should complete the Provisional Ballot before leaving the polling place. Later, an election worker will determine whether or not the vote can be counted. The law says everyone is allowed to cast a ballot.

If you have questions before or on Election Day, November 4, 2008, call 1-866-687-8683. At this number people will speak with you (not just an answering machine) and lawyers are available to help voters with disabilities get advice and help with voting issues.



*Daylight
Savings Time
Ends . . .
November 2*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Nov. 11 "A Holiday Make-It/Take-It (Adults Only), 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 E Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Nov. 17 Angeline Industries Brd Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Nov. 20 Wyandot County Board MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
- Nov. 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:00-10:00am, Angeline School Closed No Students
- Nov. 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Break Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 2, 2009 Christmas Break Angeline School Closed Students return on January 5, 2009
- Dec. 23 Angeline Industries' Christmas Party
- Dec. 24 – Jan. 2, 2009 Christmas Break Angeline Industries Closed Clients return on January 5, 2009
- Jan. 13 "ADHD," 6:30 pm, a presentation to gain a better understanding of ADHD and some of the current helps, presented by Dennis Wolf. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 E Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Jan. 19 Angeline Industries Brd Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Feb. 16 Presidents' Day Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Feb. 17 "Give Yourself a Valentine," 6:30 pm, an evening of activities and tips will help you relax and relieve stress, presented by Cheryl Reinhart, Allen Hasselbach and Ruth Friddle. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 E Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS) PROGRAM

It has been another busy year for Family Support Services (FSS). A total of 23 families are currently receiving FSS assistance with items such as respite care, adaptive equipment, home modifications, special diet needs, parent education, and counseling.

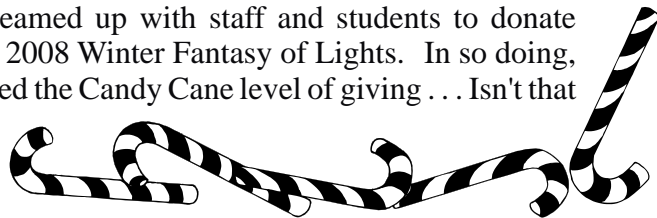
One important change that families need to be aware of is that effective January 1, 2009 Family Support Services will be switching from a fiscal year (July through June) to a calendar year (January through December). As a result, Family Support Services annual request/planning forms will be mailed to eligible families by the end of November. The request forms will need to be completed and returned no later than December 15th so that FSS funds can be allocated to families for the 2009 calendar year.

If you are a family that currently receives assistance from FSS, you will automatically be mailed a 2009 request/planning form. If not currently enrolled, and you have a loved one with a developmental disability who lives in your household, and you're interested in finding out more about FSS – don't hesitate to contact Terri Long, FSS Coordinator, at 419-294-4901 or email long@angeline.com. Terri will gladly answer any questions you have.



UPPER'S WINTER FANTASY OF LIGHTS

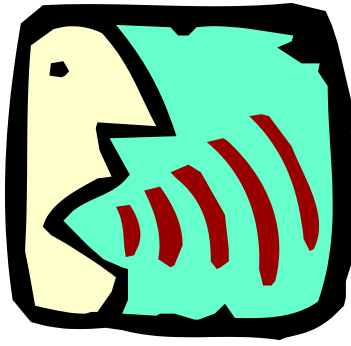
The client-employee council of Angeline Industries, Inc. has again teamed up with staff and students to donate \$440 to the 2008 Winter Fantasy of Lights. In so doing, they achieved the Candy Cane level of giving... Isn't that sweet?



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 am on the following stations: WYNT 95.9 FM, WBCO 92.7 FM, WFIN 1330 AM, WKXA 100.5 FM, WXML 90.1 FM, WMRN 94.3 FM and WTOL Channel 11 Toledo. A great way to check for up-to-the-minute school status is to visit www.angeline.com and click on the WTOL News icon on our home page.

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 clearing snow. Certainly in an emergency, please do not hesitate to call our Transportation Services office at 419-294-4488.



THE VOICE

A SELF-ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER BY WYANDOT COUNTY SELF-ADVOCATES FOR WYANDOT COUNTY SELF-ADVOCATES

SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING . . .

We have started our own local chapter of the OSDA (Ohio Self Determination Association) and the name of our group is The Voice of Wyandot County. We are a small group of individuals with developmental disabilities learning how to speak out for ourselves about issues that are important to us. We are learning to become Self-Advocates.

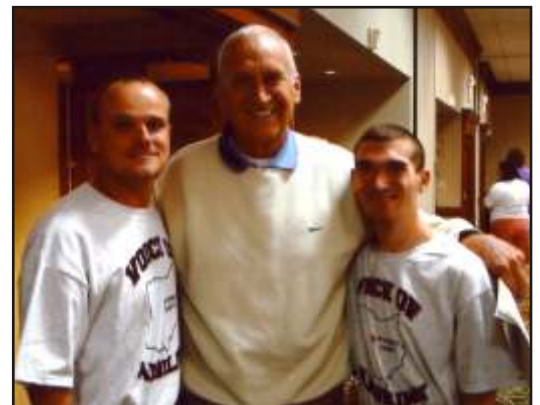
What is Self-Advocacy?

It is speaking up for the things that are important in our lives. It is having the opportunity to know your rights and responsibilities and stand up for them and make choices about your own life. It is people taking control over their own lives for their decisions and also for the consequences.

What is Self-Determination?

Self determination means that people with disabilities will be in charge of their own services and in control of their own money to make their desires and dreams real. Self determination involves people with disabilities claiming their basic civil rights including all of the freedoms guaranteed by our constitution and Bill of Rights. Self Determination is the freedom to make choices about ones own life and the opportunity to fail, just like any other person.

We started our OSDA group in August, 2007, with three people Emily Burton, Clara Manitu, and James Yoho. Now we have grown to over 25 members. We have started to attend the Northwest Regional meeting in Tiffin once every other month. At the regional meetings, we talk with everyone that is in our region about what they are doing and what they may need some help with. Cynthia Morrison of the Seneca County Board of MR/DD is the advisor for the Northwest Region and she plans all the trainings and oversees the meetings. This year we have gone to two trainings - one on how to run your own ISP (Individual Service Plan) and the other on how to start your own business. On October 28 we will be attending a training meeting at Tiffin University on how to write or talk to your state legislators.



We went to the State OSDA Conference which was held in Columbus on September 16 and 17. The speakers and their topics that we listened to this year were:

How to be the Best	Gerry Faust (Former Notre Dame Football Coach)
Disability is Natural	Kathie Snow
Aiming High	Mia Peterson
The Dating Doctor	David Coleman
My Life or Yours	Scott Osterfeld
The Butterfly	Linda Kunick

The first day we had meetings all day and then that night we attended a reception where they had a D.J. and we got to meet people from all over the state. A lot of us met new friends and reconnected with old friends. The second day we were up early for another day of meetings. The featured speakers at our luncheon were Ohio State Representatives Jimmy Stewart and Fred Strahorn who talked about introducing a bill to change the name of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, removing the 'R' word from the name.

We have also done many fundraisers over the past year. This summer we worked at the Nevada Little League concession stand three to four nights a week. We have sold back packs at Angeline, sold pop and water at the Upper Sandusky Autumn Cruise In, and raffled off a basketball signed by Ohio State Basketball Coach Thad Matta. The money we raise from these fundraisers is used to pay members trips to the state conference and other training meetings that we attend throughout the year.

The officers of the Wyandot County OSDA chapter are President Emily Burton, Vice President John Brocklesby, Secretary Jessie Steinmetz, Treasurer Amber Bradner, and Photographer, James Yoho. Advisors for the group are Cheryl Strohm and Paula Wolford.



Emily Burton, president of the local chapter of OSDA, leads a discussion with fellow Angeline Industries' employees at a recent meeting. Emily has also provided training for MRDD professionals from several different counties at a recent seminar held at the Village Restaurant in Upper Sandusky. The seminar was entitled "Principles of Habilitation Programming". Our chapter of OSDA – The Voice of Wyandot County – will strive to support individuals with developmental disabilities to be self-advocates and to find our own voice in making decisions that will affect our own lives. It's simple really.

Stay tuned for future editions of THE VOICE
Inside Angeline's quarterly newsletters.

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.

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.

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: \$70.00

Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$5,414.00

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 Middle School/High School age classroom is collecting Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education and the Primary School age classroom is collecting both Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education. Anyone collecting these may drop them off in the Administrative Office of Angeline School during regular business hours. Funds collected will be used for educational items. Thank you!

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