

Angeline Newsline

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(Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities)

"Serving Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities since 1968."

MADISON'S STORY

Your daughter has a grim chance of survival." These are horrifying words when spoken to any parent. Never did I expect to hear them about my own child. But I did.

Several years ago my husband and I decided to add a second child to our family. After we finally found out we were expecting, we began preparing our daughter, Katelynn, for her new role as a big sister. Unfortunately, all of the preparation in the world wouldn't have begun to prepare us for the events that changed our lives.

On August 24, 2006, I woke up and prepared to go to work. The pregnancy had been normal up to this point. I was having some discomfort but the pain wasn't like labor with my oldest daughter. Besides it was too early for the baby to be born. I went to the hospital to have things checked out expecting to find out I had an infection or something else easily treatable.

At the hospital the doctor determined that I was in active labor. Imagine my shock this was way too early and I wasn't ready. The doctors discussed the concern that the baby's lungs may not be fully developed and it was too late to use steroids. Having a girl (which we were) was a good thing in this situation because girls' lungs tend to develop faster than boys' lungs. (That was the first piece of medical information that I learned the first of much more to come.)

Nobody seemed panicky or overly concerned that my daughter was being born four weeks early. The nurses were very reassuring as we discussed our hospital choices in case the baby needed to be transferred from our local hospital. I met with the doctor who had been called to deliver my baby (my regular doctor was out of town), the pediatrician, the respiratory therapist, etc. (I had lost track at this point in time). I was still pretty calm. I hadn't yet realized what the knowledgeable staff knew there was something wrong with my baby.

I was prepped for surgery and Madison Michelle Jacoby entered our lives at 6:36 p.m. on August 24, 2006. And that's the last thing about our lives that people consider normal. Madison's birth began a nightmare that affected many people in many different ways. All of the

preparation in the world wouldn't have prepared us for what was coming.

The doctors and nurses whisked Madison away as soon as she was born and began manually breathing for her. She looked perfect to me ten fingers, ten toes and absolutely beautiful! She never cried and never opened her eyes. She lay there not moving while the respiratory therapist breathed for her using an ambu bag. The OR was a flurry of activity. Someone finally explained to me that Life Flight was on the way to take Madison to a larger hospital that was more equipped to handle difficult cases. Madison was having breathing problems. They warned me of this no reason to panic. Thinking back on that night, everything seemed so surreal. It was as if I was functioning in a bubble not really comprehending what was happening.



The next day I was released from the hospital to make the trip to another hospital where they were treating Madison. This was when I finally was able to hold Madison. This is also when I began learning way more than I

ever wanted to know about the medical field. Doctors had put an endo-tracheal tube in Madison's mouth to facilitate breathing. Doctors eventually determined that Madison had a stroke before she was born which caused extensive brain damage. We were told her brain stem had been affected and her vocal chords were paralyzed, amongst other things. To this day, no one understands what caused the stroke in the first place.

The doctors then talked to us about our options. We were basically given the choice to provide "comfort care" and let her go or begin a long journey of raising a severely disabled child with a "grim chance of surviving." Was there really a choice? Not for us. Nobody could tell us what Madison would or wouldn't be able to do. Everybody just said to "wait and see." We were essentially choosing to let our daughter die or live. That's an agonizing decision to make for a family pet; impossible for a child. We elected to proceed with treatment, which meant surgery to put in a tracheotomy. We also had to learn to care for Madison in preparation of her eventually going home.

Those first weeks were spent learning how to care for our daughter. Madison was unable to verbally communicate or

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Madison's Story, continued . . .

move any of her limbs. She was being fed through an NG tube. She was unable to swallow so all of her secretions had to be suctioned and she occasionally needed oxygen. All of this required a lot of education and training for us. To us, she was perfect! She loved to be cuddled and held. I even believe that she recognized when we were around and responded by opening her eyes. Many hours were spent in the recliner cuddling and getting to know Madison.

As time passed, we began the grieving process. Why would we grieve for a child who was still alive? We grieved all the "normal" things that Madison wasn't able to do. She wouldn't achieve the milestones that we celebrated for Katelynn. She'd never run in the backyard, talk, get married or make me a grandma. We soon learned that it was much easier to celebrate everything that Madi was able to do rather than grieve what she wasn't. She has made many accomplishments and overcome so much more than your average kid. We quickly learned that Madison was full of surprises!

Because of Madison, we have met so many wonderful people. We quickly became involved with Help Me Grow and then with the Wyandot Co. Board of D.D. Arrangements were made for Madison to receive physical and occupational therapy, along with early intervention services. Little did we

know that these ladies would play such a critical role in Madison's development. They have been providing services for Madison since she was two months old and have become important members of "Madison's Team." Their advice and expertise helped us make sense of Madison's spastic quadriplegia and helped us learn ways to communicate with Madison in spite of her locked-in Syndrome. We worked together to help Madison reach her full potential.

Three years later, Madison has graduated from EI services into the preschool program. She requires a nurse to attend school with her and a limited schedule due to her compromised immune system. This caring team of teachers and therapists has been a critical part of Madison's successes.

Did I ever believe I'd be attending an IEP meeting for Madison to be able to attend school? When Madison was first born, I only hoped and prayed that she'd be able to communicate her needs with us eventually. Never did I dream that she'd come as far as actually attending school. Madison is learning new things every day and overcoming her many disabilities using switch toys, learning to lift to her legs, control her voice to make sounds, crying and even throwing temper tantrums when she gets mad. What a change from the baby who didn't even open her eyes when she was awake. Miracles do happen. Madison's our proof!

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Wyandot Co. Board of DD Partners with BRIDGES TO TRANSITION to Assist Students with Disabilities as They Enter the Work Force

The challenges of finding employment for students with developmental disabilities are numerous. One of those challenges is assisting students with disabilities in finding a career path and guiding them toward a successful transition from school to the work force.

The Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities recently began participating in Bridges to Transition, a state-wide program designed to help individuals with disabilities, ages 14-22, prepare for jobs in the community. There are 14 counties, in the State of Ohio, participating in this program.

According to Superintendent Todd Dille, "Angeline has provided employment services and job training for many years. However, traditionally we only began the process of transition once the student was in their final two years of high school. We know that by starting transition at a younger age, we will improve community employment outcomes for youth with developmental disabilities."

Traditionally society has expected too little of individuals with disabilities. The Wyandot County Board of DD feels that it is critical to begin working with students at a younger age to help them transition and prepare them for securing a job in the community. Students with disabilities, like everyone else, should be out working to their level of ability, developing a work ethic, and

developing friendships and relationships in the community. On occasion, parents or guardians seek to over-protect an individual with a disability and out of fear; they discourage efforts to find them employment in the community. Also, all too often employers mistakenly believe that individuals with disabilities do not make good employees. We intend that this program will help change those attitudes. The Bridges to Transition program will influence youth with disabilities to begin job preparation as early as middle school.

Vanessa Shutler, case manager for the Bridges to Transition program, has been and continues to be in the process of contacting all Wyandot County school districts and agencies to line up participants in the program. Shutler said highlights of the program include:

- Educating individuals, families and area school districts about the benefits of the program.
- Individualized employment plans.
- Helping individuals develop the skills needed to be successful in the workplace, such as hygiene habits, work attitudes and the importance of promptness and scheduled attendance.
- Linking individuals to the appropriate service for developing the skills needed in the workplace such as job shadowing, job coaching, job placement and personal adjustment in the workplace.

"By becoming involved with these individuals at an early age we can have a strong influence on their lives," Shutler said. "We can find out their interests and capabilities, and then prepare them for the job market. Subsequently, we can change their lives and help them be a positive and involved part of their community."

Bridges to Transition is a partnership between the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. The program is 75-percent funded by the federal government. 14 Counties in the State of Ohio are participating in this program.

Nearly 200 Wyandot County individuals, ranging from infants to senior citizens, receive support from the Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The county board sponsors Angeline School, Angeline Industries, Family Support Services, Special Olympics, and various residential programs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15 Angeline Industries' Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.
- 18 Wyandot County Board of DD Board
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 1 Calamity Make-up day for school
students
- 2-5 Angeline School Spring Break,
Students return on April 6
- 2 Angeline Industries' Spring Break,
Clients return on April 5
- 15 Wyandot County Board of DD Board
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 17 Angeline Industries' Board Meeting,
5:30 p.m.
- 20 Wyandot County Board of DD Board
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Last Day of School for Angeline
Students
- 28 Angeline School Teacher Work Day
- 31 Memorial Day - Angeline School &
Industries Closed
- June
7, 14, 21, 28 Angeline School & Industries
Closed
- 17 Wyandot County Board of DD Board
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 "Special Family Night in the Park"
Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot
Parent Mentor Program to be held at
Harrison Smith Park in Upper
Sandusky. Potluck supper from 5:30-
6:30 p.m. with FREE swimming,
weather permitting, until 8:00 p.m.
Please bring a dish or two to share.

GOING GREEN WITH US!

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PRESCHOOLERS "STEAMROLL" THEIR WAY TO CALM!

There is a new piece of equipment rapidly gaining fans in the preschool classroom at Angeline---several students have coined the term "going through the carwash" to describe the experience. The equipment is called a Steamroller and consists of four foam rollers attached via springs to a wooden frame. It is utilized to crawl through two sets of top and bottom foam rollers providing deep pressure similar to how the old wringer washers pressed water from clothes but with no pain. Research has proven that deep pressure affects our nerve system regulation to provide a calming, organizing influence. This helps prepare the nervous system and consequently the student for a "just right" state of mind and body to learn. Movement and incoming information from our senses helps us achieve the right balance to remain alert and attentive for learning and concentrating.



Dreams & Wishes!

TOILETRIES

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Sheets
- ❖ Quilted Bedspreads
- ❖ Old Pot Holders
- ❖ Exterior house paint (any color)
- ❖ Old Jeans & Denim



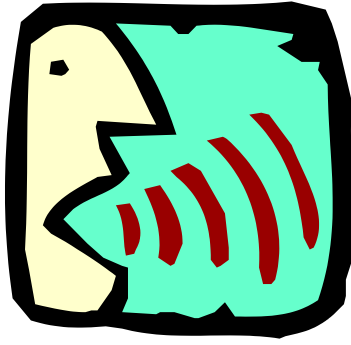
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

18th ANNUAL ANGELINE AUCTION & CONSIGNMENT SALE

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Please contact Lyneen Reinschell at 419-294-4488
or email to reinschell@angeline.com
regarding donations and consignments.

If you can help and want to donate,
please contact Jenny Wilson,
Administrative Secretary
at 419-294-4901
or email her at
wilson@angeline.com.



THE VOICE

Wyandot County Chapter of the Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA)

The OSDA Chapter held a Christmas party on December 11, 2009 in the Angeline Gymnasium. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal of a choice of Shredded Beef or Shredded Chicken Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad which was made by Glory Brocklesby, Potato Chips, Cookies which were made by several Angeline staff members and self-advocates, and punch. Angeline staff helped out by serving the food and self-advocates helped out by waiting tables. At the party DJ Larry Sheets provided the music for dancing. Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to pass out candy canes to everyone and even read the story "*'Twas The Night Before Christmas.*" Overall everyone had bunches of fun and danced the night away!!



Ashley Beamer patiently waiting for people to walk in to hand her money for the party.



DJ Larry Sheets



Staff, self-advocates and guests enjoying their meal and socializing.



Santa Claus reading "*'Twas The Night Before Christmas*"

Project S.T.I.R.

Project STIR (Steps Towards Independence and Responsibility) is held on Thursdays from 3-4 pm in the Angeline workshop. They are on Chapter 2 at the moment. The Project STIR class will be sending Becky Stiefel and Jenny Mills, along with Cheryl Strohm, to the Columbus Conference which will be held on April 19 to 22, 2010. Project STIR should be over by the end of April and we will hold graduation for the class at that time. –by Becky Stiefel

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

March 16 – “Autism 101” 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin OH. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.

PARENTS! Is your child 3 years old or older? Is your child on Medicaid? Does your child need diapers or pull-ups? Children with disabilities are eligible for diapers, pull-ups, liners and more (at NO COST to you) under Ohio Medicaid with FREE Home Delivery!

Call *ActivStyle* at 1-800-651-6223, ext. 3213 for Home Delivery. Visit their website at www.activstyleforcaregivers.com

Advocacy Conference

April 23, 2010

Registration 7:30 a.m.

Conference from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at

Tri-Rivers Career Center
2222 Marion-Mt Gilead Road
Marion, OH 43302

CEC's will be available toward Ohio Dept of DD certification/registration

Questions should be forwarded to Jessica Trainer at 740-375-6169 or emailed to jtrainer@marioncountydd.org.

2010 Board



Wyandot County Board of DD board members are Raymond Dible, Vice President; Ray Funk, Charlene Latham, Judy Snyder, Secretary; and Richard Verhoff. Not pictured are Laura Ketter, President and Steve Walton.

Thank You Gene!



On January 21, 2010, Wyandot County Commissioner Joyce Morehart presented retiring board member, Gene Kirby, with a Proclamation of Service for his twelve years of service to the board. Congratulations Gene, you will be missed!

GE Lightbulbs!



THEY'RE BACK!! After 16 months General Electric light bulbs are here again. These light bulbs will be shipped to South America when completed. Thanks GE Bucyrus Plant for the work!!



Spring Ahead . . . Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 14!
Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.

Just Like You . . .

We Work!



Periodically, Angeline Industries is asked to perform various jobs in the community. Pictured are Dean Weaver and Mike Coppler cleaning an apartment while Cheryl Strohm, Dean Weaver, and Chuck Brinker rake leaves from a privacy hedge.



Steve Walter and Linda Coppler are getting tea lights ready for winter storage by removing the batteries. The tea lights were used by the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce for their Home for the Holidays event.

We Learn!

Glena Roszman, Nutrition Educator with the OSU Extension's Family Nutrition Program, has been sharing her skills with some of the individuals in Angeline's Adult Services program. Twice a month the group learns about food groups and making healthy choices while participating in a cooking project.



Thanks, Glena, for furthering our efforts in promoting life-long health and wellness. Pictured are Elaine Snyder, Glena Roszman, Rose Gombarcik, Crystal Thiery, and Cindi Wagner.



Heather Kuenzli admires the dolls on display during the Hoffman Challenge at the Bucyrus Library.

We Contribute!

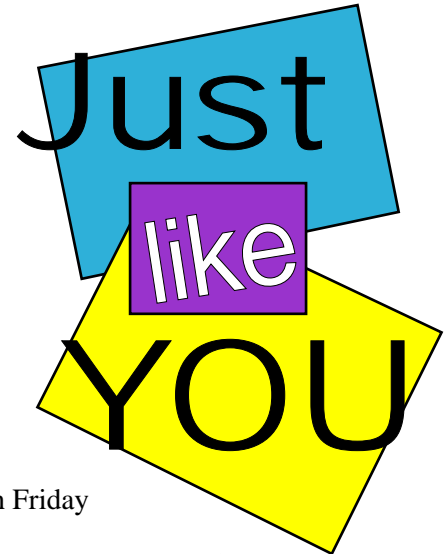
Angeline Industries' Workshop Supervisor Cheryl Strohm and her module group made and delivered "Thank You" goodie baskets to staff at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, Fairhaven Community and Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. They chose these three businesses because of the great services they provide to the community. Nicole Gault (center) presents a basket to Rene Sherman at Wyandot Memorial Hospital along with Glory Brocklesby, Donna Smalley, Ruth Milum, Tiffany Goins, Jen Mills, Lisa Brown and Sarah Mills.



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Once again this year Wyandot County Board of DD is joining forces with like-minded organizations from Ohio and the nation to raise public awareness and promote the wonderful gifts and abilities that individuals with developmental disabilities have to offer. Please check out the events below and mark your calendars for a fun-filled celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

**We learn... We play... We work...
We Contribute...**



March 5 Angeline Industries Appreciation Breakfast

Angeline Cafeteria, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
(by invitation for local business,
industry, and community leaders)

March 17 Wyandot Co. ARC Family Info Fair & Potluck Dinner

Angeline Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.

March 1-31 Gym Walking – Angeline Gymnasium

Come and walk indoors anytime from 7 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday

April 8 Community All-Stars vs. Angeline Indians Basketball Game – Upper Sandusky High School Gym 6:30 p.m. tip-off, doors open at 5:30!

April 10 18th Annual Angeline Auction & Consignment Sale – Angeline Gym. Doors open at 9 am. Bidding starts at 10 am. Food available.

The multi-talented Jon Reel will be playing the piano for you at Moreno's in Carey on Tuesday, March 2 and 16 and at Woody's on Wednesday, March 10 and 24 from noon until 12:45.

ADVERTISING – Watch for billboards, posters, and placemats in area restaurants. Stroll by Dr. Hoover's dental office in Upper Sandusky to see a glimpse of what children and adults with disabilities are doing. Check out items from Angeline Industries' new **ART STUDIO!**

Gift Baskets by AI, Inc.

If you would like to place a Gift Basket order, please contact Lyneen Reinschell at 419-294-4488 or email her at reinschell@angeline.com

Gift Baskets can be seen and bought at Koehler Drug Store and Richardson Flower Shop.



During March Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, the first five babies born at Wyandot Memorial Hospital will receive a Gift Basket donated by Angeline Industries Inc.

Pictured are Patty McMillan, Tiffany Goins, and Lori Trout with the Baby Baskets.

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.

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!

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$95.00
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$1,185.00

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.

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.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 or www.angeline.com and click on WTOL News 11 School Closings.

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.

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

PAST ANGELINE

NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .

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