

# Yeah, Fair Time!

By Wendy Moyers

The much anticipated, never to be missed, Rockingham Co. Fair came the week of August 11 and folks from Community Connection (CC), Broadway Day Program (BDP) and In Home



Genny and April look at all the prize winners in the exhibit hall.

Services (IHS) were there to get in on all the excitement. The Fair donated 40 tickets to Community Connections and IHS so groups could pick their day to attend. Most groups went on Thursday, which was also *Free Senior Day*. On this day, special events took place in the morning and early afternoon including: acrobatic and stunt shows as well as

Loretta had a sasquatch sighting at the fair. She can make friends with anyone.



## Fall 2014

a wild animal show. A few people took a spin on the Ferris Wheel. Individuals also visited the *Petting Zoo* and saw llamas, pigs, goats and horses, just to name a few. Folks had a variety of fair foods to choose from at lunch

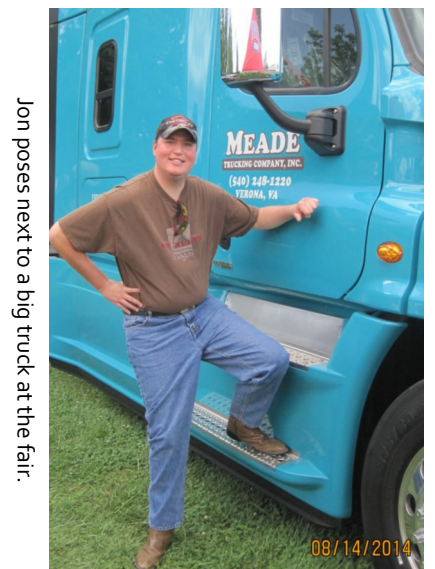


Garland and Dawn enjoying a sunny day at the fair.

time. Posing for pictures was a highlight with the big tractors and funny statues, beauty queens and adorable animals. There was so much to be seen while browsing the many displays and exhibits. It was an event of smiles, laughter, friendships, and fun! **For more pictures, follow Pleasant View, Inc. on Facebook.** •



Donnie gets a peek at a llama in the petting zoo.



Jon poses next to a big truck at the fair.





## Let's Play Ball

By Pam Miller

On July 30, 2014 Pleasant View, Inc. employees played Softball at Broadway's Heritage Park field.



Watkins shows his team spirit.

Community members, including individuals served by PVI, were entertained by a lively game. We really missed the players that couldn't make the new rain date, but were still able to loosely split

into Harrisonburg and Broadway teams. There was a healthy competitive spirit on the field and in the stands.

We enjoyed hotdogs, chips, and drinks while watching the game.

Pleasant View raised \$147.50 and no one

needed to make dinner. In the end, Harrisonburg won by one run. Stay tuned to Facebook for the rematch. ⚾



Harrisonburg and Broadway fans.

Pleasant View, Inc.'s Harrisonburg and Broadway softball players.



## Supported Employment earns another three year accreditation

By Pam Miller



For the fifth consecutive time, the Commission On Accreditation Of Rehabilitation (CARF) Services has awarded Pleasant View, Inc. with a three year accreditation. Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Pleasant View's Executive Director, said: "I am proud of our Supported Employment team. I believe that being CARF accredited reflects the high standard



Front: Elaine, Donna, and Loren.  
Back: Marlene, Crystal and Peggy

of services we provide and our aspiration to excellence." Pleasant View has been providing Supported Employment services since 1998 and this accreditation from our peers affirms that

Front: Christina, Donna, Charles, and Peggy.  
Back: Gina, Tonya, and Brenda

Pleasant View offers programs and services that are of the highest quality. The CARF survey letter states that, "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served." Excellent work everyone!



## Learning from Those Who are Weak

By Dave Gullman

On June 21<sup>st</sup> I had the rare opportunity to travel to Trosly, France for a week long retreat with Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and co-founder of Faith and Light. This retreat was set up for encouragement and formation of leaders from North American Faith and Light communities. Jean Vanier spoke twice each day on the theme "Learning from Those Who are Weak." His text was the Gospel of John. The rest of the time was spent either in silence or worship with one hour each day reserved for small group sharing.

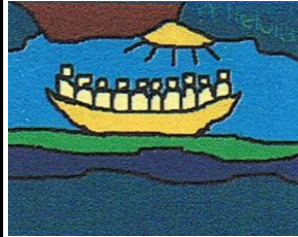


Situated in Trosly, France the Retreat Center offered beautiful accommodations.

Early in the week Vanier said, "John's Gospel is a spirituality of learning little by little to be a friend of Jesus." This became true for me as I spent this much time in silence. I discovered how busy I had become and how detached I felt from God. As I began to settle into the pace of the week and could relax into the silence, I began hearing again the voice of God speaking to me.

I sensed deep within myself a re-confirmation of my call to walk with people with disabilities as they negotiate themselves through life's many ups and downs. One of the stories in John's Gospel that connected with me in a very personal way was the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. After Jesus had called

## Faith and Light



AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WITH PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THEIR PARENTS, AND FRIENDS

Upcoming Faith and Light services will be held at 7:00 pm at the Harrisonburg Day Support Services Building 151 Commerce Drive. Our October, November, and December dates will be posted on our website ([pleasantviewinc.org](http://pleasantviewinc.org)) and Facebook Page.

Lazarus out of the tomb he said to those standing nearby, "Untie him and let him go." What I heard in the silence as I listened to my own experience and to the words of Jesus was, "Dave, untie those who are bound by disabilities and let them go." Beneath the wrappings of disabilities are beautiful people who have something of the truth of God to share with the world. It is when they are given a place within our lives, and especially within our communities of faith, that they will experience the freedom that comes as their disabilities no longer determine how they are perceived or received. I invite each of you to make space within your lives and your faith communities for the many people in our society with disabilities who long for a place to belong and to become. In this way we can share this call to "untie and let go."



Jean Vanier

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## Peggy Secrist celebrates 35 years

By Pam Miller

In 1979 the cost of gas was \$0.86, milk was \$1.62, first class stamps were \$0.15, Pleasant View had just opened Lee High and Peggy Secrist started as an instructor at the Broadway Day Program, serving 10 people. At that time, the Broadway Day Program was the only day Program we had. Now, Peggy is the Director of Day Support Services. She has overseen the sometimes rapid growth of Day Support Services since 1999. Under her leadership Pleasant View has grown the Harrisonburg Day Program, Community Connections, Supported Employment and In Home Services Programs. We now serve over 130 people in Day Support Service. Thank-you, Peggy Secrist, for your dedication to Pleasant View and to providing quality services to people with intellectual disabilities. ★



Nancy presenting Peggy with a 35th Anniversary clock.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Rada Fundraiser—Monthly!!

American made cutlery items include knives, cookbooks, dips, candles, stoneware, cake, soup, and cheese-ball mixes and more.



Proceeds go to purchase supplies, games, and outings for individuals attending Broadway Day Program.

- Great Christmas gift ideas.
- Orders are taken every month.
- Contact Lisa Heatwole 896-8276 to order.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Pleasant View's Annual Fundraising Banquet:**  
**November 22, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Eastern Mennonite High School**