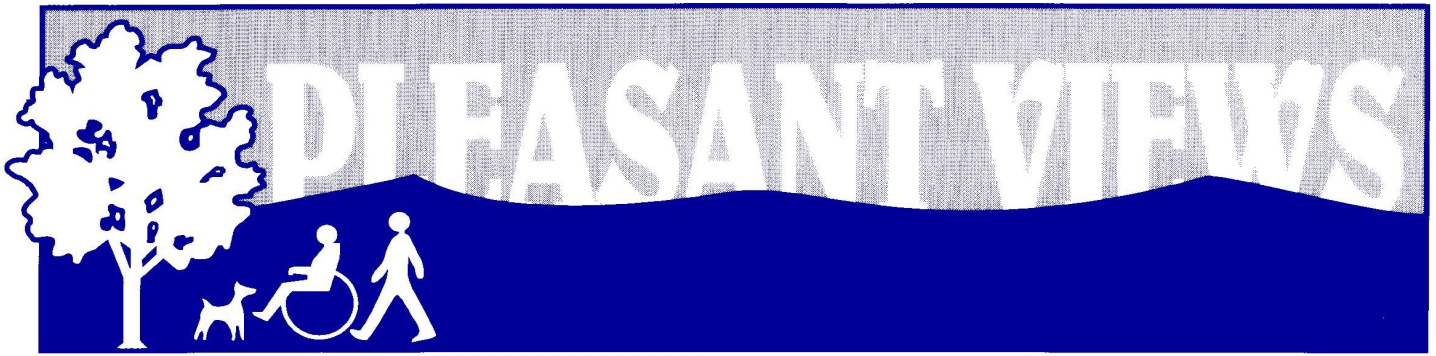


PLEASANT VIEWS



Enjoying the County Fair and Supporting Our Community

The Rockingham County Fair did not disappoint this year. If you were there, you might have run into small teams from Community Connections, individuals from one of the Pleasant View houses or the Broadway Day Program, individuals attending one of the concerts, or a Kiwanis Aktion Club member working in the Kiwanis food booth.

When the Rockingham County Fair is in town, it brings with it excitement and expectations. The individuals in Pleasant View day and residential programs and their direct support professionals work diligently to find ways to participate. This is not an easy task since each individual lives under the poverty line and only receives a minimal amount for



personal spending each month. Going to the fair often means making some hard choices.

When individuals from the Broadway Day Program (BDP) attend, they enjoy seeing the animals, listening to the musical acts, and visiting with friends. Carrie, **right**, said she enjoyed picking out, ordering, and purchasing her fried chicken. She said the people at the counter were nice and the food was good. Each of the BDP individuals and staff



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Pleasant View's Fall Banquet

You are invited to Pleasant View's Fall Banquet at **Park View Mennonite Church Wednesday, October 24, 2018 starting at 6pm.** The program theme is *The Beatitudes Come to Life*.

Attending Pleasant View's Fall Banquet is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the individuals you are supporting through your gifts and discover exciting ways individuals with disabilities are affecting our community.



Our Worship Team will be featured. Come enjoy the new and challenging pieces they have been perfecting. ●

Fall 2018

Supporting Individuals with

“County Fair” continued:

members enjoy the fact that they support local clubs like 4-H and Kiwanis when purchasing their lunch at the fair.



We, again, are thankful to be included in Senior Day at the Rockingham County Fair. Many of the individuals who

attend our Pleasant View, Inc. day supports are not able to afford to go to the fair otherwise. ●



Aktion Club Helps

This year, three members of the Kiwanis Aktion Club worked full

shifts at the club food booth alongside other members of the Kiwanis Family. One club member came by to practice for next year to see what it was like. They worked closely with Harrisonburg Kiwanis, JMU Circle K, and Harrisonburg High School Key Club members to sell food and drinks to raise money for the many community organizations the club supports.

This year the numbers were down for overall fair attendance, but Kiwanis raised more funds than they did in 2017. The Aktion Club was proud to play their part. Everyone who participated said they want to help again. Club members, who weren't able to help, really want to help next year. ●



Pork BBQ Sales Benefits Individuals with Disabilities

The Pleasant View, Inc. mission can be promoted in many different ways. For the past ten years, Board of Directors member Maynard Weaver, his wife Gayle, their dedicated friends, and members of Stuarts Draft Christian Fellowship have raised money for and promoted Pleasant View through their delicious pork BBQ. For the second year in a row, we decided to share our mission and fundraiser with people in both Rockingham and Augusta Counties.

Through late Friday night and into the morning of Saturday, September 8, 2018, the fires were stoked and the pork was marinated. The pork was prepared at the Stuarts Draft Christian Fellowship Church. Thank you for your dedication to help adults with disabilities live in and enrich their community. They lovingly prepared 373 sandwiches and 113 pound containers.

Pleasant View employees and Aktion Club member, Donna

Jenkins, manned a booth at the Broadway Autumn Festival selling water, baked goods, BBQ, Redskins Game Raffle tickets, and taking donations for donated art. We thank the staff members at the Pleasant View houses for all the delicious baked goods they made and donated. We were also able to talk with community members about services Pleasant View, Inc. offers.

We missed the opportunity to eat with and thank our extended Pleasant View family in person this year.

THANK YOU! With BBQ sales and donations from in Front of the Cheese Shop (sold out by 11:30am), the Broadway Autumn Festival, and our Harrisonburg Belmont location, **we raised over \$3,100.** These funds will be used to provide



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Intellectual Disabilities Since 1971



“BBQ” Cont.: residential, day, and spiritual support programs for adults with developmental disabilities. ●

Gary Ritchie

As remembered by Pastor Dave Gullman

Gary Ritchie was born on February 25th, 1947 in Pennsylvania and came from CVTC to live at Lee High in 1983. After 35 years as a vital part of Pleasant View, he died on September 5, 2018. When I reflect on the life Gary lived, I recognize a life lived in all its fullness – a life that played itself out socially, spiritually, and purposefully.

Many people in Broadway recognize Gary because he used to walk the streets around Lee High greeting people as he made his way to buy a coke or get into some kind of mischief. Both at home and at the Day Program, many of us heard him say, “You’re my friend” or “I like you.” This is certainly a sign of a life lived to the full.

After Gary moved to Lee High, he chose to attend Zion Mennonite Church where he was actively involved in the life of the church: often helping take up the offering, and attending Sunday school regularly. Gary has also been a part of Faith and



Light since it began in this area. Gary always wanted to incorporate the spiritual dimension of life into his fully lived life.

Gary was a vital member of Pleasant View’s choir joining just a few years after

they began singing together. His favorite song was “Do Lord” which he often sang as a solo. Several years ago at the conclusion of our Christmas program at Community Independent Church, the “Church on the Hill,” the pastor stood up and invited us to pray with him. Gary immediately stood up and made his way to the pastor’s side offering his hand in greeting. The pastor took Gary’s hand and, instead of praying, asked Gary if he wanted to pray. Right away Gary said, “Yes.” Taking the mic, he prayed, “God is great and God is good, Amen.”

Jesus begins his teaching on prayer in Matthew 6 by telling his disciples not to pray to impress others or God with lots of meaningless words but to pray simply and with the understanding that God already knows what we need. Gary’s prayer at the Church on the Hill reminds me of that kind of prayer. In fact, Gary lived his life like the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Gary honored the name of God with his words, “God is great and God is good.” He also honored God by living his life in simple trust that God would one day establish his Kingdom on earth as it is already in heaven.

Any of you who experienced Gary’s smile and laughter know that he did not hold on to hurt but extended the warmth of his friendship indiscriminately. We all can learn from his ability to ask for and extend forgiveness as Jesus taught us. ●

More Exciting things...

- More individuals are working through Supported Employment. Jon McCall shows off his Domino’s uniform. He works at the Bridgewater Domino’s Pizza Restaurant.
- Pleasant View participated in the third annual community welcome at Broadway High School this year.



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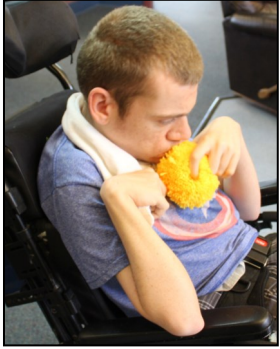
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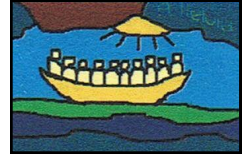
- We were able to purchase more sensory items for the Harrisonburg Day Program through the Helen Hamilton

DeButts Sensory Endowment. Each individual enjoys the sensory items in their own way. ♥



All are welcome at Faith & Light

For locations and times look to www.pleasantviewinc.org/newsevents.html and Facebook Events page at www.facebook.com/pleasantviewinc.



Mark Your Calendars...

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