

# Visions from the Valley

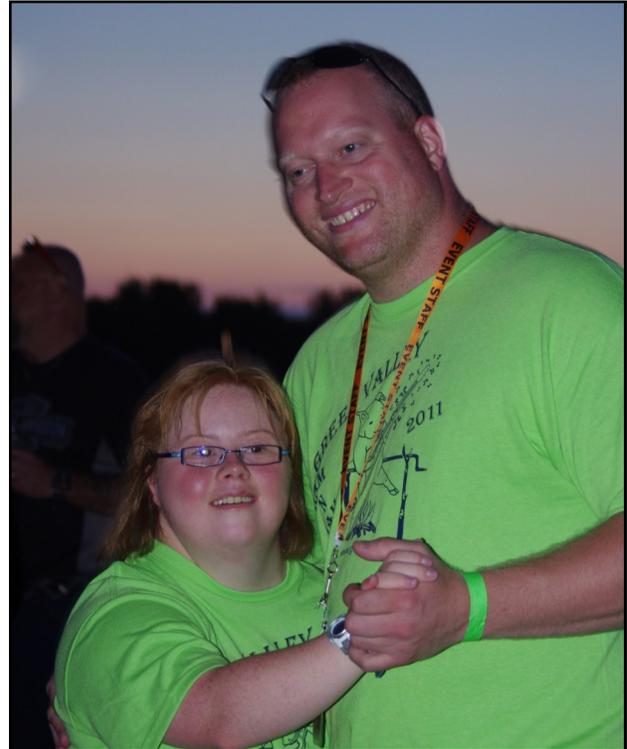


Green Valley Enterprises, Inc.

Making a Difference

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## Ham 'N Jam Raises \$15,000



Above, GVE volunteer Meghan Limberg and Jeff Kohlmann enjoy the music along with volunteer Chad Voelker and Klara Armstrong, above right. Casey Carney, member of "Beaver Dam's Most Wanted," plays for the crowd.

A huge thank you to all who helped make Ham 'N Jam 2011 such a wonderful success. Raffle ticket sales alone raised over \$9,000! We couldn't have reached our goal without the generosity of the GVE Board of Directors, Inter-Quest, Hupf's Repair, United Cooperative, Neuman Pools, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Ferron Farms, Kwik Trip, Falbe Collision and Automotive, Design Plus, everyone that attended, and the

awesome GVE employees who sold thousands of raffle tickets on their own time and donated many hours the day of the event.

The atmosphere couldn't have been better; great food, live music, and a diverse crowd, not to mention perfect summer weather, all of which contributed to the event's success. Circle July 28, 2012, you won't want to miss next year's Ham 'N Jam!



## On Point by Jack Hanks, Executive Director



As someone sneaking up on sixty I sometimes marvel at the huge changes I've seen in my lifetime. I've been around long enough to see from Sputnik to space shuttle, room-sized

computers to handhelds, and even some really annoying advances, like robo-telemarketing.

Even in an environment of change some things will stay the same. We might call them truisms, core beliefs, or anchor principles, depending on the conversation. A couple of my favorite truisms are: First, the idea that none of us is as smart as all of us, and second, a Henry Fordism: "Coming together

is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Here at the Valley we're beginning to learn a lot more about *integrated employment*, or working together. Readers will learn a lot more about that in the next year or two. In a nutshell, we are preparing to ramp up the forces necessary make sure that we do a better job of helping our guys be successful in the community. There are lots of pieces to that, but we're

committed to building our success in this area. A big part of this may be volunteerism, or people who would love to spend some time with one of our guys job coaching or building more life skills. We're in the learning stage right now, but I'm sure that in a year or two we'll be well along the way, and it is in perfect alignment with the most important word in our mission statement – *independence*. Stay tuned!

## Juneau Victorian 4H Club Hosts Ag Adventure Day for Green Valley



Pictured front, is Zach McLean with Job Coach Chris Beckert, Jackie Harrison, and Jeff Kohlmann, ready to take a hay wagon ride during Ag Adventure Day at the Dodge County Fairgrounds.

What a day for Green Valley participants! On July 21, the Juneau Victorian 4H Club invited Green Valley for a day of fun in the country. Rain in the morning made way for clear skies and sunshine.

The Juneau Victorian 4H Club planned the entire event and their hard work was evident in all that they did. The petting zoo gave Green Valley city slickers a chance to get up-close and personal with goats, rabbits, ducks, and other furry friends. Entertainment included camp songs, games, honey tasting, goat milking, and lots of crafting.

The club is truly a friend to Green Valley and their commitment to our mission to help individuals achieve maximum independence is inspiring. The kids and their leaders volunteered



Ross Wagner, front, waits to help the next group into the hay wagon. Ross made the ramp specially for the event to ensure everyone would be included in the fun.

countless hours toward the event and we can't thank them enough for creating wonderful memories that are sure to hold us over until next year! A special thanks to Ross and Jill Wagner and their friends and family for making Ag Adventure Day a reality for over 100 very special people.



**Don't FORGET!** Green Valley is closed due to Holidays on:

**November 24 & 25**  
**December 23 & 26**  
**January 2**

## Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow....

Whether you're a snow lover or not, old man winter will be knocking at our door before we know it. In order to minimize transportation issues that occur due to inclement weather, it is important to know where to turn for up-to-the-minute transportation information.

AlertNow™ is the computerized system used by Green Valley to simultaneously call all Green Valley employees, program attendees, and their families and guardians. The system calls cell phone numbers, work numbers, multiple home numbers, and any other numbers entered into the AlertNow™ System. The message alerts you if transportation to Green

Valley has been cancelled or is merely running on a delayed schedule. If you have not received a prior AlertNow™ message, such as the announcement that went out as a reminder that Green Valley would be closed on Labor Day, please provide the office with information on how best to reach you and to update information if necessary (920-887-4282). Transportation related weather announcements will also be called in to WBEV (AM 1430) and WXRO (95.3 FM). If at all possible, please don't call Green Valley for weather related announcements as the volume of calls is extremely heavy when we experience severe weather conditions.



## How Do I Cancel Transportation?

If you or a member of your family or residence need to cancel or change transportation for any reason it is important to let Green Valley know as early as possible. If something comes up during the day please report it to the office at (920)887-4282, someone will be available to take your call from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. If you need to call before or after hours, please leave the information on the Green Valley answering machine

and staff will inform transportation and case managers of any changes.

Please keep in mind that as the weather turns cooler fog, icy roads, and snow can all contribute to slight delays in normal pick-up and drop-off times. Getting everyone to Green Valley and back home safely is always our number one priority, so please accept delays as an important part of our transportation safety program.

## Hometown Hero Spotlight: United Way of Dodge County

Each year in September, the United Way gathers volunteers for a "Day of Caring," to help United Way funding recipients complete chores and/or projects that there just isn't enough time or staff to take care of it without extra hands.

On Sept. 17 a crew of 20 volunteers gave up their Saturday morning to help Green Valley clean the building from top to

bottom until it shined. United Way has helped fund GVE programs and services for 42 years and we are eternally grateful for their support.



**THANK YOU  
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AND VOLUNTEERS!**



## SAVE THE DATE!

Green Valley  
Annual Board  
Meeting:  
Jan. 19, 4 PM  
Green Valley  
Room 108  
1223 Madison  
St., Beaver  
Dam, WI



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### OUR MISSION

Green Valley Enterprises, Inc. serves people of all ages with special needs. The primary goal is to assist clients, along with their families, to achieve maximum potential, enabling clients to become more independent.

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