

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## *Faith in Action Chili Cook-Off 2012 Champion*



*Norman Wilson*

### *Takes Home the Grand Champion Trophy!*

Norman Wilson with his Mild Chili #1 was this year's crowd favorite as he received the highest total number of votes to win the championship trophy and have his name included with all former Chili Chef Champions on the FIAEC Chili Cook-Off Grand Champion plaque.

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### *Diana Acord retires from FIA Board of Directors*



Diana Acord was presented a plaque along with our heartfelt gratitude for her years as a dedicated member of Faith in Action Board of Directors. Diana began her service on the FIA Board August 3, 2005. During that time she represented the Western section of Edgar County and served several of those years as Board Secretary.

Diana and her husband Jim are both volunteers from the Kansas Christian Church where she also works as church secretary. Thank You Diana!

## *Spring Nila's Corner*

It is no secret that Spring is by far my favorite time year! In fact my excitement starts building on Groundhog's Day when I know there is finally only six weeks until it gets here!! I hope this Spring you take the time to stop and breathe in the sweet smells while admiring the beauty of God's creation.

Excitement is also building in the office of Faith in Action as we make plans for our Spring and Summer activities! Very soon Judy Benton (member of the FIA Board of Directors and volunteer) will be the hostess for a bus trip through Diamond Tours to Branson Mo. Thirty+ people have taken advantage of this great offer which will take place from April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the entire trip is only \$489 each of which \$30 will be recognized as a donation for FIAEC. Monte Reichenberg is also planning another "Victor or Victim Seminar" April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't get a chance to attend this last year, you do not want to miss this one! If this isn't enough excitement...then I will share that at this time we are working on the plans for our 3rd Annual Volunteer Family and Friends Picnic! What a fun day! You truly won't want to miss it! Also during the Shrine BBQ Weekend we will have our annual Bake Goods and Ice Water Sale. This year all activities will take place at the Edgar County Fairgrounds. We will need baked goodies and helpers for this event, so if you are interested let me know.

Faith in Action has seen tremendous growth so far this year in both Volunteers and Care Receivers! This has been REALLY EXCITING! We are always in need of more volunteers. So if you have been thinking about it, give us a call and see just how easy and rewarding volunteering with FIAEC truly is!

*Happy Spring!  
Have a Very Blessed Easter!*

*Nila*

*Here We Grow Again! Faith in Action Welcomes:*

*Ray Korte, Ralph Irwin, Mickey Michels, Valinda Woods, Duke and Ellen Jones*

Each month our care receiver list grows and it is fantastic to see our volunteer list continue to grow in order to help meet the variety of needs. Each of these volunteers brings a multitude of talents and areas of expertise to the ministry! We are happy to welcome them into the Faith in Action family!

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 ★ *Thank You for Your Gifts* ★

We are grateful for each of the in-kind gifts we have received to help keep our office and program running smoothly! A special thank you to First Assembly of God Church for all the office supplies and assorted greeting cards, to Terry Bergdolt, Judy Benton and Dr. Marilyn Frey for their donation of gas cards and Michelle Nugent for card stock paper. We are always in need of Postage stamps, Copy Paper-20 and 24 weight, as well as colored paper and card stock-white and colored, Ink cartridges: HP 97 and 96; Kodak 10; and Lexmark 27 and 17. What a creative way to donate while helping FIAEC be a stronger outreach to the community!



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*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

**Board of Directors**

- Monte Reichenberg President
- Linda White Vice President
- Judy Benton Secretary
- Terry Bergdolt Treasurer
- Lillie Davis
- Rita Goodman
- Ron Hensley
- Norma Henson
- Karl Marshall

**Calendar of Events**

**\*COMING in \*April, May, June\***

- Apr 4-** Board of Director's Meeting
- Apr 11-12-** FIAIL Director's Conference (Springfield)
- April 16-20 -** Branson Trip (Diamond Tours)
- April 21 -** Caregiver's Expo- 8:30AM -2:30PM
- Apr 23 -** Pizza Hut Night Benefit 4:00PM - 8:00PM
- April 24 -** Card Angels 9:30AM - FIA Meeting Rm
- May 2 -** Board of Director's Meeting
- May 28 -** Pizza Hut Night Benefit 4PM - 8PM
- May 28 -** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- June 6 -** Board of Director's Meeting
- June 8 -** FIAEC BAKE SALE
- June 9 -** FIAEC BAKE SALE
- June 12 -** Card Angels Meet 10:00AM
- June 23 -** FIAEC Family Picnic NOON Twin Lakes
- June 25 -** Pizza Hut Night Benefit - 4:00PM - 8:00PM
- Reminder: Volunteer's Monday Morning Coffee**  
 Break 8:30 - 10:00 each Monday morning



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**FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!  
 MONTHS OF DEC. ~ JAN.**

Service	DEC.	JAN.
Transportation	133	168
Visiting	4	18
Shopping/Errands	21	23
Light Housekeeping	0	
Yard Work	0	
Telephone Contacts	10	6
Sewing and Mending	0	
Respite	0	
Meal Prep	0	
Special Projects	117	93
Office Assistance	35	116
Board Meetings/Fundraising	6	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>4,282</b>

Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly: Dec. 32 Jan. 36

Contacts made with care receivers: Dec. 172 Jan. 223

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.

# Faith in Action Family and Friend Picnic

Saturday ~June 23, 2012~ Noon

Twin Lakes Park



Faith in Action will be hosting our **3rd annual Volunteer and Friend Summer Picnic!** All FIAEC Volunteers and Families as well our Care Receivers, Family and Friends are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish or two to share, and comfy lawn chairs. The committee is working to plan a very memorable afternoon! Get ready to kick back after a delicious picnic lunch and enjoy entertainment that will be brought to you by Jim and Judy Hoge! What a great time to visit and get to know more of all the people that make up the whole Faith in Action Family!

**Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this relaxing, fun Summer Kick Off!**



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*Card Angels at Work*



Having a good time and maybe being a tad built overwhelmed were the Card Angels that gathered recently to sort through a huge donation of greeting cards. Thanks to these hard working ladies, several hundred cards were sorted and put into their own categories. Now they just wait to be sent to brighten someone's day! Joining in this monumental task were Katie Marlowe, Lillie Davis, Judy Benton, Wilma Overton, Martha Hance, Joyce Sisson, Jean Willoughby, Helen Creed, Diana Beason and Anna Schumacher.

**THANK YOU LADIES for a job WELL DONE!**



*Have a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July*



# Memories of a Super Successful 2012 Chili Cook-Off!

*Sixteen of the county's best chili chefs entered their favorite chili recipes*



**February 18, 2012** was the evening for fun as Faith in Action hosted their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off. The Winners in the **Hot Category** were: 1st Place- Angel Templeton, Chili #9; 2nd Place- a tie between Twin Lakes Rehab, Naomi Gates, Chili #11 and Bill Rue, Chili #3; and 3rd Place- Edie and Cleo Emrick, Chili # 14). The Winners in the **Mild Category** were: 1st Place- Norman Wilson, Chili #1; 2nd Place- Roger Hopper, Chili #5; and 3rd Place- Michael Step, Chili #10. The Winners in the **Unique Category** were: 1st Place- Debbie McConkey, Chili #4; 2nd Place-Jamey Littleton, Chili #17; and 3rd Place - Tonya Moore, Chili #13.

**2012 Faith in Action Grand Champion Chili Chef is NORMAN WILSON**  
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**The chefs included:** Norman Wilson (Mild 1), Bill Rue (Hot 3), Debbie McConkey (Unique 4), Roger Hopper (Mild 5), Rita Goodman & Doris Lau (Mild 6), Lillie Davis (Unique 7), Norma Henson (Mild 8), Angel Templeton (Hot 9), Michael Step (Mild 10), Twin Lakes Rehab, Naomi Gates (Hot 11), Monte Reichenberg (Mild 12), Tonya Moore (Unique 13), Edie and Cleo Emrick (Hot 14), Nancy Jewell (Mild 15), and The First United Methodist Men, Rick Brinkerhoff (Mild 16). All chefs received Certificates and Ribbons of Appreciation. First, Second and Third place prizes were given to chili chefs who received the greatest number of votes in the three categories of Mild, Hot and Unique.

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very grateful to the entire Community for supporting the Chili Cook-Off. Also to Lake Ridge Christian Church for allowing us to use their Family Life Center, to all who made chili, provided food and to all who worked very hard before, during and after the event to make this year's Faith in Action Chili Cook-Off a successful and entertaining fundraiser.

**We welcomed close to 300 people to our event. Our gross ticket sales and monetary donations reached \$2,410 , falling just a little less than last years total. After expenses FIAEC recognized \$1,700 to help provide services for residents who live with chronic illness and physical limitations in Edgar County!**

**THANK YOU EDGAR COUNTY!**

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## *Diamond Tour Bus Trip to Branson Missouri!*

Judy Benton, Board of Director and Volunteer of Faith in Action of Edgar County will be the hostess on a trip to Branson Mo. April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. To date 30 people have signed up to spend the week in Branson enjoying seven shows, eight meals, and accommodations at the Branson Yellow Rose Inn. The group will be escorted to and from each event by bus including a representative from Diamond Tours. The total fee for the trip is \$489 which includes transportation, lodging, 8 meals, the seven shows, bus drivers tip, snacks, games and prizes, as well as a \$30 donation to Faith in Action for each trip booked.

*This promises to be a great vacation and a new adventure for Faith in Action!*

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~ Events Coming Up This Summer ~



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Shrine Week End Bottled Water and Bake Sale ~ Edgar County Fairgrounds - June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

### Notice the change in location for this year's Shrine Weekend.

**We need helpers to work in the booth for two hour increments throughout both days.** The times will be 8:00 – 10:00; 10:00 – 12:00; 12:00 – 2:00; and 2:00 – 4:00. If you are interested in helping during any of these times, please call or email me. You might have a couple times in mind just incase your time slot is filled. I hope to be able to have two people working each session.

**We also need baked goods for the bake sale.** If you would like to donate items such as fruit pies (no cream pies, please as we can't keep them cold enough); cookies; cakes (pieces or whole cakes); brownies; dry noodles; breads; puppy chow; fudge; or anything else you think might be appropriate. These items can be brought to the office on the Thursday before or look for our tent at the Fairgrounds on Friday or early Saturday Morning. Each item must be wrapped and ready to sell. For example if you donate cookies, you can put several on a plate, sealed in a gallon baggie or wrapped in plastic wrap. Smaller quantities could be put in little sandwich bags. Kids love to purchase those. Pies and cakes should be sealed securely in plastic wrap. Our booth will be scheduled for an inspection from the dept. of health at least once during the event. Therefore, it will be necessary for the name of item and date that it was prepared for sale to be visible. This is such a fun weekend! We meet so many great people! **Last year our bake sale made \$504 to help promote the work of FIAEC!** Please call or email me if you would like to donate goodies or your time. ~~~~Thanks!

### Did You Know?.... FIAEC began services in Sept. 2003.....and...

1. Our Faith in Action Special Project Volunteers under the leadership of Monte Reichenberg, has built 265 Wheelchair Ramps. The total cost of a few of these ramps was covered by Faith in Action for those who did not have the financial means to purchase the lumber.
2. Faith in Action of Edgar County has included more than 600 Edgar County residents into the program as care receivers. We have had 161 FIA Volunteers with 116 listed as active.
3. This January, 36 FIA Volunteers made more than 220 contacts with care receivers providing services to those who struggle because of long-term illness and/or physical limitations.
4. FIA Volunteers have driven a total of 258,000 miles and provided 27,600 hours of service to help Edgar County residents maintain their independence.
5. New activities added to Faith in Action's list of services now include Friend's Day Out, Encouragement Seminars, Volunteer and Care Receiver Summer Picnic, Card Angels which are all opportunities for residents to engage in social, service and self-help activities
6. All services of Faith in Action are provided at No-Charge to their receiver and FIAEC offers mileage reimbursement to our Volunteer Drivers.
7. FIAEC partners with 31 area congregations and 14 agencies.

**Working Together we DO Make a Difference!**

