What's Happening

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FIA Christmas '14-

Fun! Festive! Fellowship!

Approximately 80 enjoyed the FIA Christmas Party held December 12th at Bethany Lutheran Church. Christmas gifts were distributed to 56 Hardin County individuals referred through the Faith in Action and Friendship Club programs.

Following rousing games of Christmas musical stockings and Christmas Bingo, participants and staff shared their talents of music, poetry, and "comedic"? talents. A hearty soup supper was provided and the event was capped off with a visit from Santa.

Over $2500 was donated in cash and inkind gifts for the event.

Thank you to the following for your support:

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- Bethany Lutheran Church for the use of the church for the party!

The Sisters share their "talent"?? at the party (above).

Below, Sharon and Rebecca share some time with Santa.

HAPPY NEW YEAR- WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL 2015!

County Social Worker Position Approved

The Hardin County Board of Supervisors has formally approved the addition of a part-time County Social Worker to the Community Services staff. Mary Swartz, who has served as the Mental Health Judicial Advocate for Hardin and Franklin Counties will take on the additional role of County Social Worker.

The Social Worker will be available to work with individuals to help assure that they access social service programs that they are eligible for (such as Medicaid, Social Security, etc.). They also will work with individuals with mental illness in efforts to reduce the need for inpatient hospitalizations. Since Hardin County has never had a County Social Worker, the role will be evolving as needs arise.

The new position becomes effective January 5, 2014.

FIA Board Chair Robin England and Mary Rosendahl coordinated the soup supper for the FIA Christmas Party.

Club Members Give Back

Every Monday morning Friendship Club participants volunteer to help the Church Women United. This group donates generously to the FIA Friendship Club program and they are in need of volunteers so we decided we could help by sorting bags. We fold plastic bags flat in baskets so they are ready to use and recycle the ones with holes. It seems so simple but it takes 15 of us ½ hour to fold enough bags for the CWU Friday and Saturday open days. Participants enjoy helping when they can; it is a positive group effort!

Dates To Note-

1/22/15-Hardin County MHDD Advisory Board, 2:00 p.m., Eldora.
1/28/16-FIA Adv. Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Friendship Club, Iowa Falls.

Did You Know-

People who know why they wake up in the morning live up to seven years longer than those who don't. Know your purpose! (Wellmark)

MC Glenda introduces Ben to sing. Tim shared "Silent Night" (Below).

JANUARY 2015 FRIENDSHIP CLUB

OPEN Mon, Wed & Fri 10:30 - 3:30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Member Birthdays	MON, WED, FRI *Participant Hrs* *10:30 -3:30* *Office Hrs* *8:30 -10:30*		**641-648-7500** fiafc@hardincountyia.gov	1 	2 11:00 Morning Moments Sack Lunch *SHOW & TELL*	3
4	5 11:00 CWU SERVICE Sack Lunch *Cooking with Kathleen*	6	7 **Out to EAT 502** Peopleride pickups start at 10:30 then delivered to 502 at 11:00 *Behavioral Health*	8	9 11:00 Morning Moments Sack Lunch Sandy Snowman Craft	10
11	12 11:00 CWU SERVICE Sack Lunch *YOUR CHOICE!*	13	14 11:00 Morning Moments Friendship Birthday Lunch: Tator Tot Casserole Helpers: Tim & Pete *Readings with Virginia*	15 MHIT Meeting 8:00 AM	16 11:00 Morning Moments Sack Lunch ***BOWLING***	17
18	11:00 CWU SERVICE Sack Lunch 19 *Calendar Planning & BINGO*	20	21 8:30 FIA Board Meeting 11:00 Morning Moments Friendship Lunch: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Helpers: Vicki & Kayla **Participant Meeting & Participant Choice**	22	23 11:00 Morning Moments Sack Lunch **Entertainment Surprise!**	24
25 Autumn Garrard	26 11:00 CWU SERVICE Sack Lunch **MOVIE MONDAY & POPCORN**	27	28 11:00 Morning Moments Friendship Lunch: Tuna & Noodles Helpers: Autumn & Shirley *What's Happening with Harold?*	29	30 11:00 Morning Moments Sack Lunch **Newsletter Mailings**	31 Adam Eakon