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WINTER 2025
(JAN/FEB/MAR)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

Please submit your news-worthy articles and pictures to drutledge@yveddi.com

- Outstanding Achievements of an Employee
- Employee/Volunteer of the Month or Year
- Engagements/Weddings/Births
- Special Events
- Favorite Recipes
- Quotes/Jokes

Length of Service

20 Years

Zandrea Stevens

10 Years

Alan Moxley

5 Years

Billy Glenn
Shirley Harris
Joel Wooten
Kathy Chilton

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

Another successful street outreach event in East Bend today with our awesome community partners!! YVEDDI, ICGH, Partners, Insight, Wellness Alliance and Brain Injury Association of North Carolina!!



Thank you to the Stokes County Fire Marshall for visiting our Danbury center and teaching the children fire safety. The kids were engaged and had a great time while learning emergency response.



Yadkin Valley Senior Games & Silver Arts "Silver" Winners

Barbara Hall & Sam Clawley

Barbara placed second in Literal Arts and Sam placed 7th in golf of over thirty players in his age group



Thank you for years of dedicated service!



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January	
Wendy Cunningham	1/3
Maynard Quesinberry	1/6
Temeka Marsh	1/7
Sandra Johnson	1/10
Inpone Phavorachith	1/11
Donna Rutledge	1/12
Marcia Dinkins	1/20
Darlene Nelums	1/21
Geraldine Hall	1/22
Doug Cockerham	1/27
Annetta Dalton	1/30

February	
Kathy Chilton	2/1
Deborah Rawley	2/7
Traci Wagoner	2/8
Jessicca Smith	2/9
Vasilikie Iliopoulos	2/9
Mary Osborne	2/10
Maria Galicia	2/11
Kathy Hicks	2/12
Reginald Nichols	2/15
Brandon Trivette	2/16
Susan Lawrence	2/17
Jan Zachary	2/20
Morgan Harrison	2/20
William Vickery	2/22
Heather Handy	2/22
Teresa Mullis	2/25
Mary Potts	2/26
Catherine Adams	2/27

March	
Kitty Martin	3/1
Denise Bradford	3/4
Sharon Branch	3/4
Emma Young	3/6
Dawn Cheek	3/15
Jessica Mabe	3/15
Grayson Boles	3/19
John Patton	3/20
Kathleen Heinrich	3/23
Debra Ferguson	3/24
LaShonda Griffith	3/24
Kimberly Hagwood	3/27
Shirley Harris	3/28
Yulisa Antunez Mojica	3/28
George Hauser	3/30
Tonya Martin	3/31

May your Birthday and every day be filled with smiles, laughter, love and cheer.

**MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO THE
PERSON YOU ARE AND THE DIFFERENCE**

YOU MAKE

Remembering in Prayer

Board

Jewell Welborn, Marion's wife passed away 12/2/24

Husband of Kelly Craine having treatments

Kathy Cartner, Mickey's wife having treatments

Staff

Jan Zachary – Finance Director, new grandbaby (boy) born 12/3/24

Breanna Jones – Head Start, Mt. Olive AT, had a baby boy

Allison Chappell – Head Start, Deputy Director, had recent surgery

Traci Wagoner – Head Start, Health Supervisor, had hip replacement 12-12-24

Congratulations

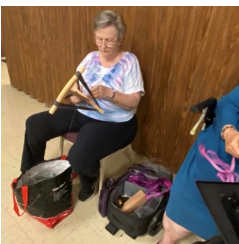
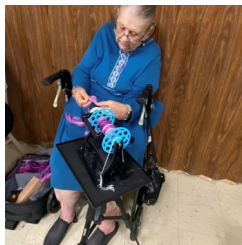
Welcome Aboard!

Yulisa Antunez Mojica	Teacher
Nancy Ayi Bamah	Teacher
Amanda Blevins	Substitute Teacher
Heather Caron	Driver
Marcia Dinkins	Driver
Kimberly Hagwood	Driver
George Hauser	Driver
Brittany Hernandez	Driver
Harvey Jennings Jr.,	Driver
Rebecca Lucas	Driver
Michael Miller	Driver
MARY POTTS	Substitute Teacher
Dario Rodriguez	Driver
Haleigh Simpson	Substitute Teacher
Brandon Trivette	Weatherization Technician

Pilot Mountain Senior Center

October 2024

Yarn Spinning Group



Surry County Senior Center

October 2024

We appreciate all that Robin RT Portis, Master Gardener from N C Extension Services does for us. Seniors learn more about gardening and enjoy the plants they grow. Thank you!

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 25, 2024

- Our quilting group is always up to something! Look at the beautiful sewing mats! I'm
- happy to be able to provide a place for them to gather and help each other in so many ways. Sewing is the least of
- what they accomplish!



East Bend Senior Center

October 2024

Lunch and Learn with Emily from Second Harvest Food Bank.

We learned about different types of protein and was able to cook and taste meatless burgers.



Head Start is still enrolling at some locations for this school year. Please call (336)367-4993 x 246 for more information about how your child can have fun while learning!



East Bend Senior Center October 2024

East Bend crocheting ladies made toboggans, bookmarks, and toy cars to send to our neighbors in Western Carolina Mountains through Samaritans Purse.



Pilot Mountain Senior Center

November 16, 2024

A big thanks to Robin Portis for coming to PMSC and teaching folks about a Lasagne planter. Lots of laughs and learning!!!



Holiday Schedule

Jan. 1st, 2025

New Years Day

Jan. 20, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mission Statement

Dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties through a variety of programs and partnerships to build stronger communities.

Resource Reminder:

For your convenience, employees may access YVEDDI's Facebook page for news and events or policies and procedures at www.yveddi.com. Please consult your supervisor if you need a password for the website staff page. YVEDDI documents and forms can be downloaded from the P: drive. Reminder: Please do not leave your information on the forms.

Sandy Ridge families get in the fall spirit as they enjoy creating a pumpkin craft during their Parent Club meeting.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

October 2024

Widow/widowers Meeting

Dinner, conversation and of course BINGO. We offer this monthly meeting to anyone who has lost a spouse or partner no matter the age.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

October 2024

Our most favorite Italian Firecracker made it back to the center for a visit. Still sweet, sassy, sarcastic and impeccably dressed with matching shoes.

We love you Ms. Chris!



The Danbury Head Start Parent Club had a great time with a social/emotional activity to help children AND parents adjust to the tough transition from home to preschool!



A Prayer for Staff

I pray that You would give all employees wisdom and strength for the tasks at hand and that You would guide their steps and their decisions.

Help them to work together in harmony and to support one another in times of need. I ask that You bless our work environment and bring about positive change where it is needed.

Amen



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Your connection to:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

Mt. Olive families welcomed fall by painting pumpkins after their Parent Club Meeting. The Teacher, Ms. Nellums, also created an awesome front door display.



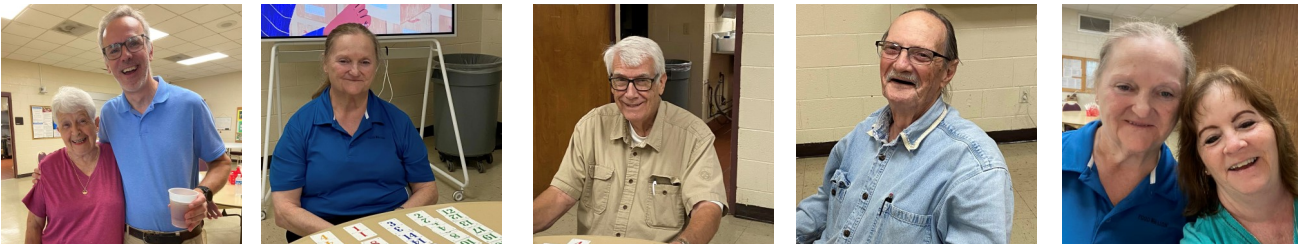
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Pilot Mountain Senior Center

We love our Seniors



YVEDDI CSBG is working with Wheels 4 Hope to obtain vehicles for customers.

Wheels4Hope is a non-profit, faith-based car donation program that turns donated cars into local blessings. We are located in the Triangle and Triad areas of North Carolina. Our mission is to provide affordable, reliable transportation to economically vulnerable families and individuals who are referred to us by one of our partner agencies. As an IRS approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Wheels4Hope exists only through the contributions of numerous donors, volunteers, congregations and partner businesses who understand that reliable transportation is a vital component for self-sufficiency.

The details are located on their website.

<https://wheels4hope.org>

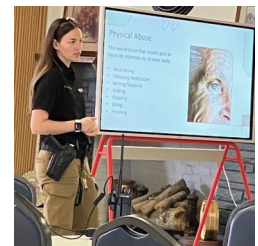


Also, if anyone would like to donate a vehicle they will tow it and will take vehicles in any condition.

Call (336) 355- 9130 for more information

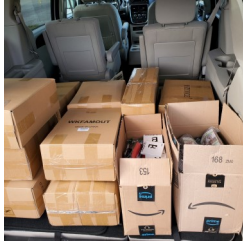
Yadkin County Senior Center

Crime Prevention with Deputy O'Leary



Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

The CSBG Program partnered with Goodwill Connections in Elkin for their Veteran's Homeless Outreach. Through the CSBG grant funding, we were able to provide sleeping bags, water bottles, and first aid kits to be included in care packages for our homeless veterans.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Another fun class (10/10/2024 Miss Emily taught the class how to read nutrition labels and make better choices. Today they made egg and spinach English muffins. Thumbs up from all!



East Bend Senior Center

November 2024

Our Thanksgiving bingo party was a great time with wonderful friends.



East Bend Senior Center

October 31, 2024

We had a spooky good time at our Halloween party!

Thank you to everyone who came out and those who brought spooky cute snacks to share!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 27, 2024

- We had an awesome meal last night at our "Better Together" support group. One of our newest members pushed through some heavy grief to prepare a meal for us. He made a "Four Seasons" Chinese dish for us and it was better than anything I have ever bought at a restaurant. He studied Chinese cooking for four years and it shows! We had some other goodies; pies, a homemade coconut cake and a cheese cake. He's also a Chinese culture and history buff. It was a very entertaining night.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 18, 2024 - Fellowship Meal

- We celebrated Thanksgiving and November Birthdays with an abundance of food and our hearts full of Thankfulness. Watch for the dates of our evening gatherings on our monthly newsletters. We have two evening meals monthly. One is for anyone - "Friends and Family" and the other is our "Better Together" support group that aims to support those who have lost a spouse or partner. It is also for those who have lost a loved one and just need a place to go to create new memories and have a little fun.



- Oak Grove Head Start had a visitor to-day! Check out the elf who stopped by and had a great time with the kiddos!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
Prayer Shawl Dedication
(10/16/24)**

Our amazing ladies donated 130 prayer shawls to Mountain Valley Hospice. These prayer shawls are all made by hand. Each stitch is done with love and prayer. Thank you all for your kindness.



**East Bend Senior Center
November 15, 2024
Craft Class-Making Scarecrows**



**Surry County Senior Center
November 2024**

What a fantastic afternoon! The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County held their final Lasagna Planter Workshop for the season. We had an awesome turnout, and we are expecting gorgeous spring Blooms in 2025!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center
October 31, 2024**

Halloween and Birthday Party. We really know how to party!



We Need Your Help!



Volunteer Drivers are needed to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to home-bound seniors in **Surry County**

Please Call And Volunteer Today!

(336) 415-4241

Susan Lawrence, Nutrition Specialist
YVEDDI Senior Services

401 Technology Lane, Suite 100 ▪ Mount Airy, NC 27030



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Paynetown shows us that volunteering is not just about cutting and cleaning, it is also doing fun activities with the children. Looks like they had a blast!



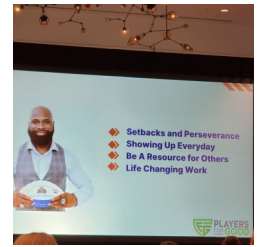
**If you have any of these signs,
symptoms or "diagnosis:**

- Cold
- Persistent Cough
- Body Aches and Chills
- Fever
- COVID
- Flu
- RSV



Please stay at home until you are well!

CSBG Staff, Dawn Cheek and Elisha Harris attended the Southeastern Association of Community Action Agencies Conference (SEACAA) in Orlando, FL. It was a wonderful time to network with agencies across the southeast and attend many educational and inspiring workshops.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 1, 2024

Second Harvest Food Bank MicroGreens Class was a hit!

Beth Sarmiento introduced us to MicroGreens and taught us how to grow them. She also brought several varieties for us to try. We had sandwiches and wraps with MicroGreens instead of full grown lettuce like we are all used to. The radish and broccoli were packed with flavor. It only takes a few to make a big difference. We also made a little MicroGreens garden of our own. Great class Beth! Thanks!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 2024

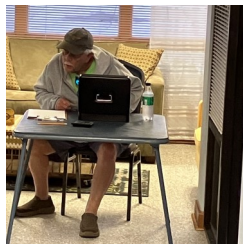
- Second Harvest Food Bank Cooking Matters Class #6. Emily brought black bean brownies - they were hit and miss for this class who has been baking the sweet stuff for years and are pretty much experts at this point. Nonetheless they tasted pretty good in my opinion! We finished up the class today. This class was very informative and fun. The takeaway is that no food is off limits, we need to read labels because packaged food sometimes has hidden ingredients and that we all need to make better choices with sugar, salt and fats as they take a toll on our bodies over the years.

Congratulations Graduating Class of 2024!



Yadkin County Senior Center

Pancake Fundraiser (9-18-2024)



Yadkin County Senior Center

Cardio Drumming



Pilot Mountain Senior Center

October 2024

Crafts with Natalie



Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, siblings, and babies have fun at the Mount Olive, Yadkinville and Sandy Ridge Parent Club Meetings.



- **Yadkin Valley Senior Center**
- **October 2024**
- **Cooking Matters Class (10/17/24) We love this class!**



Paynetown Head Start located in Mt. Airy currently has openings. Contact (336) 786-6155 x 508 and ask for Clara today to see if your preschooler qualifies!



- **Surry County Senior Center**
- **December 20024**
- **The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County**
- **kicked off the holiday season at YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers in Mount Airy. We had a full house and lots of beautiful holiday decorations.**



Yadkin County Senior Center

November 15, 2024

Big crowd today for Bingo. Thank you for the new clients that came today, hope to see you again. Thanks Terry and Peggy for the wonderful Thanksgiving gift bags.



The CSBG Program partnered with Bruised But Not Broken Ministries in Surry County to provide for the area's homeless. We were able to assist 12 individuals with temporary shelters utilizing tents and 24 individuals with sleeping bags. The Bruised But Not Broken Ministry provides food and clothing as well as a hot meal monthly for those in need in Surry County.



Oak Grove Head Start

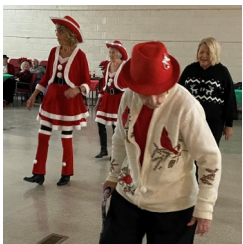
Children are having fun making leaf angels. There are only a few more spots available. Complete an application for your child today! Call Sharon Branch, Family Advocate, at (336) 786-6155 x 507.



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Surry County Senior Center

December 6, 2024
Annual Reindeer Hop



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The CSBG Staff is excited to partner again with the NETworX Program in Yadkinville in supporting their efforts to make a difference in a local low-income community. NETworX provides weekly meetings that include a shared meal where relationships are built as well as fostering mutual accountability with goal setting and a time for celebration. Through CSBG funding we were able to provide a holiday meal and supplies for a multigenerational activity to foster creativity and fellowship.



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Yadkin Valley Senior Center

November 6, 2024
These are a few quilts the Yadkin Valley Quilters are working on. They are beautiful! Great job ladies. Christene Mason is their fearless leader. She is always ready to lend a helping hand to those wanting to learn how to make these beautiful pieces of art. Thank you Chris for all you do!





Do you qualify for food assistance?

If yes, your child
qualifies for Head Start!



We Accept
SNAP
Benefits



Today's List

~~1% milk~~
~~butter~~
~~sandwich bread~~

Head Start

YVEDDI Head Start

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before
August 31, 2024?

If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2024-2025 school year.
Scan the QR code below with your camera to contact us!

SERVICES OFFERED

- NO COST Preschool Program
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services



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- Child's Birth Certificate
- Shot Record
- Proof of income for each parent/caregiver
- Insurance/Medicaid Card

Call Today to Enroll!

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Visit our website: www.yveddi.com and click Head Start

Davie County Office
(336) 284-2374

Surry County Office
(336) 786-6155
Ext. 506/507/508

Stokes County Offices
Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022
King (336) 983-2344

Yadkin County Offices
Boonville (336) 367-7175
Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239

*Head Start is following all required state health guidelines regarding COVID-19 to ensure the health of our staff and the families we serve. We may potentially offer remote services, depending on the status of the pandemic.

