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SPRING 2025
(APRIL/MAY/JUNE)

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

10 Years

Dawn Cheek

5 Years

Lynn Wall

Happy Retirement!

Brenden Trivette: Weatherization

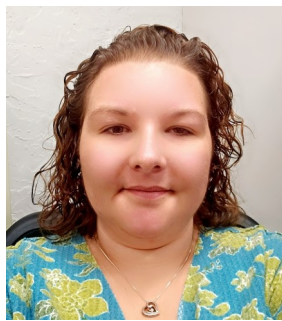
Lois Howes: Transportation

David Torres: Transportation

CSBG

Feb. 2025

Temeka Marsh, representing the YVEDDI CSBG Program, was present at the Shepherd's House Street Outreach Event on February 28, 2025, contributing to a collaborative effort in serving the community.



Crystal Williams has been promoted to the position of Finance Director.

Congratulations!



Yadkin County Senior Center

Graduation Day

Lori Moore completed the last Module for AJI Senior Center Training.

Congratulations!

Thank you for years of dedicated service!

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April	
Brenden Stillwagon	4-1
Jennifer Somers	4-2
Gelee Beal	4-3
Julie Chappell	4-5
Valeria McDaniel	4-10
Brian Greene	4-15
Tracey Speight	4-20
Katrinka Rinehart	4-22
Patricia Hernandez	4-23
Sherman Smith	4-30

May	
Joel Wooten	5-3
Belinda Stillwagon	5-5
JR Eddleman	5-10
Lois Howes	5-15
Dario Rodriguez	5-16
Kimberly Antunez	5-31



June	
Alicia Ray	6-1
Antonio DelGadillo	6-3
Janet Phillips	6-7
Rebecca Lucas	6-9
Anthony Aquilano	6-12
Jameca Adams	6-13
Beth McCraw	6-14
Betty Tucker	6-14
Mary Owens	6-14
Gary Hicks	6-19
Kristofer Stevens	6-25
Larry Pinnix	6-28
Joyce Hutchison	6-30

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**

Congratulations
Welcome Aboard!

Remembering in Prayer

Board

Kelly Craine, husband is taking treatments

Kathy Cartner, Mickey's wife is taking treatments

Staff

Tommy Eads, Weatherization – surgery with complications

Doug Cockerham, Tsp. Driver - surgery

Traci Wagoner, Head Start –had hip replacement in December

Greg Bruner, Weatherization Tech, heart surgery

Antunez, Kimberly	Substitute
Branch, Dominique M	Assistant Teacher
Hunter, Kirby O	Assistant Teacher
McDaniel, Valeria R	Substitute
Owens, Mary H	driver
Reid, Brenda K	Substitute
Tedder Sr, Foster	Driver

Holiday Schedule

April 18th, 2025
Good Friday

May 26th, 2025
Memorial Day

This and That

By Kathy Payne, Executive Director



Recent Monitoring

The YVEDDI Senior Services program was monitored by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council for program compliance in early December. The monitors reviewed Congregate Nutrition, Home Delivered Meals, Elderly Transportation, and Senior Legal Assistance, and we're thrilled to report there were **NO FINDINGS!** Congratulations to the Senior Services staff, and thank you for making YVEDDI shine!

The YVEDDI Domestic Violence program underwent monitoring in February by the NC Council for Women, and we are proud to announce full compliance with all 39 pages of regulatory requirements. Congratulations to the Domestic Violence staff, and thank you for making YVEDDI shine!

Mocksville Head Start Renovations

In December, YVEDDI acquired ownership of the former Jerricho-Hardison Community Center on Greenhill Road in Mocksville, where we will provide Head Start preschool services. Renovations are underway, and the facility is on track to open this fall to serve children in the area.

New Board Members

In February, YVEDDI welcomed new board members Commissioner Van Tucker from Surry County and Commissioner Ricky Oliver from Yadkin County. We are excited to collaborate with you both to serve our local communities!

New Vans Are Coming In

New vans are arriving at YVEDDI! In FY23, we ordered 11 new vans to replace older, high-mileage vehicles that had reached the end of their useful life. Due to supply chain delays and complications with the contract, we've just started receiving the new vans, with 8 of the 11 now in our possession. These new vans will help reduce maintenance costs and provide more comfortable rides for our passengers.

YVEDDI Benefits – Not Too Shabby

Did you know that YVEDDI offers vacation and sick leave on par with the State of NC? Check out some other great benefits we provide:

- Flexible health and dental insurance options tailored to your needs
- Immediate vesting in our retirement program for new employees
- Life insurance coverage, with up to \$75,000 for your family if something were to happen to you while employed with us
- 13 paid holidays each year
- Teacher insurance provided during the summer months
- Optional Pet Insurance!
- A strong focus on work-life balance because we believe taking time off is key to supporting healthy families!

Surry County Senior Center December 2024

Thank you, Robin [RT Portis](#) for faithfully holding the Gardening Workshops at the Senior Center! We have learned so much! The last class of 2024 was the Holiday Swag workshop.



January 2025

Snowball fight, anyone? Granite City 2 children and teachers enjoyed the brisk air and socialization, which, for some, was their very first time seeing snow.



Pilot Mountain Senior Center

January 2025

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County were at the Pilot Mountain Senior Center talking about birds in your backyard and how to help them. We also made a



East Bend Senior Center

January 8, 2025

Our Blood Drive was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out!



East Bend Senior Center

January 2025

We spent the morning "building" snowmen and getting ready for all the snow to come in.

Thank you to Backyard Carolina for another great craft kit!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

January 2025

We had another fun night! We celebrated our January birthdays with chili beans, sandwiches and several desserts. We also had a very sweet guest speaker, Tina Anderson from YVEDDI's Weatherization Program shared very useful information on weatherizing homes in our area. YVEDDI's Weatherization Program assists elderly, disabled and low income people in David, Rowan, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties. Tina also shared contact information for assistance in other neighboring counties. Good food and good information



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.

Surry County Senior Center

January 17, 2025

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County spent a great afternoon at the YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers learning about how to help our resident birds through the winter.



Surry County Senior Center

March 2025

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County were sowing seeds for beautiful Surry County garden.



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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- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

East Bend Senior Center

December 2024

We had such a great time at our Christmas party!



Surry County Senior Center

January 30, 2025

- The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers had a wonderful day at the YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers today discussing Winter Care for Birds.
- Our Surry County birds should be very healthy this year since we learned how to make pine cone feeders with suet.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

January 2025

Check out the beautiful work our Prayer Shawl Ladies do for Hospice Patients. I have met many recipients of prayer shawls over the last few years and they are greatly appreciative of such a beautiful gift. I'm so thankful for each of these ladies as well as the ones that couldn't be here today. You ladies are awesome!



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

Surry County Senior Center December 2024

The DIY Christmas Card class was a BIG success!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

February 2025

Happy Birthday to our February Kids. Hope all of you have a year full of health and happiness. We celebrated last night with soup and sandwiches.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

December 2024

We have had a very busy couple of weeks here at the center. I have some of the best senior participants in the county here and they always make my day better in one way or another. We played Dirty Santa at our Christmas party. Everyone had such a good time.

We celebrated Butch Casstevens 78th birthday. Birthdays are kind of a big deal here.



Yadkin County Senior Center

Feb. 14, 2025

Great fun at the center today at the Valentine Party, Bingo and Stove Fundraiser kick off



March 2025

Yadkin Valley Senior Games had a great time hosting our first Spring Bingo. We had over 100 participants come out to enjoy some good food and free bingo!



We Need Your Help!



Volunteer Drivers are needed to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to home-bound seniors in Pilot Mountain, NC

Please Call And Volunteer Today!
(336) 368-2012 Ext. 1052

Katrinka Rinehart

Pilot Mountain Senior Center

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East Bend Senior Center

December 2024

Thank you to Small Town Christmas for supplying 53 treat baskets for our congregate and homebound seniors!

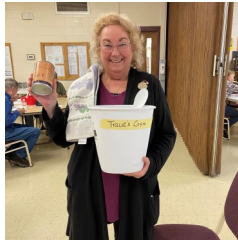


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Pilot Mountain Senior Center

December 2024

A BIG thank you to Tracie Artim for presenting "Fitness for Everyone"



Pilot Mountain Senior Center

March 2025

The ladies made these beauties today!! Spring Garland. Lots of laughter & fun!

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!

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YVEDDI Head Start

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*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.