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SUMMER 2025  
(JULY/AUG/SEPT)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers



## Length of Service

### 40 Years

Kathy Payne

### 25 Years

Lisa Money  
Melanie Poteat

### 15 Years

Martha Jones  
Patricia Hernandez

### 10 Years

Terry Daniels  
Grayson Boles

### 5 Years

Temeka Marsh

## Surry County Senior Center YADKIN VALLEY SENIOR GAMES

A great big thanks to our VETERANS who participated and all other veterans who gave so much so we could have such a great time.

Thanks to BRADLEY KEY AND Surry Parks and Recreation and Directors of all our YVEDDI SENIOR CENTERS for all the hard work they do so we can have an awesome time participating in the Senior Games



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

*Thank you for years of dedicated service!*



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July	
Marguerite Barnett	7-2
Jason Hill	7-2
Terri Williams	7-4
Crystal Smoot-Dulin	7-5
Tom Beckom	7-6
Michael Lucas	7-8
Alan Moxley	7-10
Alan Pilcher	7-10
Robert Freeman	7-13
Sheila Harris	7-17
Donna Kingsland	7-17
Rhonda Wrenn	7-17
Morgan Lang	7-21
Sylvia Stevenson	7-21
Nathan DeBord	7-23
Martha Jones	7-25
Cristina Alonzo	7-27
Meaghan Pell	7-27
Randall Walker	7-27

August	
James Bonello	8-3
Tommy Meeks	8-3
Clara Berrum Urquiza	8-15
Paige Quesinberry	8-15
Carol Marino	8-16
Haleigh Simpson	8-16
Whitney Ravit-Mendez	8-20
Iaisha Oliver	8-23
Karl Allen	8-24
Melanie Poteat	8-25
Elisha Harris	8-28
Pamela Hepler	8-30

September	
Ramona Rios	9-1
Dominique Branch	9-3
Joseph Nixon	9-5
Sammie Clement	9-7
Kirby Hunter	9-8
Mark Bowen	9-9
Foster Tedder Sr.	9-10
Mavis Moore	9-14
Gina Gregory	9-16
Zany Gray	9-19
Crystal Williams	9-19
Stephen Harris	9-21
Darry Groce	9-23
Lisa Money	9-23
Tammy Pendleton	9-25
Robert Severt	9-25
Lindsey Gravley	9-26
Yolanda Lytton	9-27
Amanda Blevins	9-28
Lori Moore	9-28
Lynn Wall	9-29
Jeff Cockerham	9-30

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

### Remembering in Prayer

**Board**

- Kelly Craine and family: health challenges
- Mickey Cartner: wife illness (Kathy)
- Larry Hayes: mother passed away
- Angie Walker: having hip replacement

**Staff**

- Doug Cockerham, TSP: Recovery from surgery
- George Hauser, TSP: Recovery from hip replacement
- Grayson Boles, TSP: death of nephew (Crue Martin)
- Former HS employee, Carol Carter Caudill passed away in March
- Wendy Cunningham, HS: has been in hospital
- Morgan Lang, HS: mother has been in hospital

### Congratulations

**Welcome Aboard!**

- Bowen, Mark C      Driver
- Christensen, John      Driver
- Hepler, Pamela R      Driver
- McCall Jr, Billy D      Transportation Operations Mgr.
- McKnight, Ricky      Driver
- Nixon, Joseph L      Driver
- Treece, Donald      Driver
- Young, Candie N      Head Start Substitute

**Yadkin Valley Senior Center**

Prayer Shawl Dedication  
March 26, 2025

Thankful for these ladies who sacrifice their time to make prayer shawls for Hospice Patients. Each shawl is made carefully and prayerfully for people they may never meet. They are a true blessing.



- **Pilot Mountain Senior Center**
- **April 2025**
- Lunch & Learn with Tracie & Michael Artim
- "Civil War"

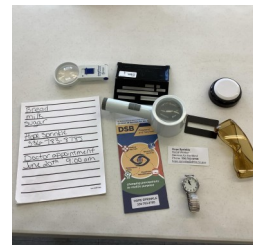


**Yadkin Valley Senior Center**

**April 2025**

Hope Sprinkle, Social Worker for the Services of the Blind, shared information about services available in our area. We also tested some devices that are useful to enhance vision. If you or anyone you know is in need of services or devices for the blind or seeing impaired give her a call 336-783-8785 or email her hope.sprinkle@dhhs.nc.gov.

Thank you Hope!



**Yadkin County Senior Center**

**May 2025**

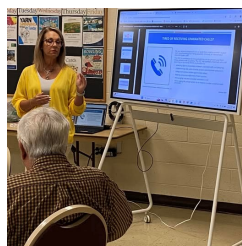
Older Americans Month Celebration



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

**June 2025**

Lunch & Learn presented by Heather Poindexer with Health Shield 360 Insurance was very informative. "Stop the Calls", Heather gave us some great resources and 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.

### Holiday Schedule

July 4  
Independence Day

September 1  
Labor Day

#### 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

Please submit your news-worthy articles and pictures to [drutledge@yveddi.com](mailto:drutledge@yveddi.com)

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

### Yadkin County Senior Center May 1, 2025

We raised the funds for the new stove. Thanks to all that gave donations and support.



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center May 2025

Crafting is so much fun! Thanks Pam for leading the class.



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center

June 2025

Christene Mason from Yadkin Valley Senior Center, made this beautiful bag that won first place at the Silver Arts Show. WAY TO GO, CHRISTENE! We are so proud of you!



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center May 2025

Week 1 Senior Center Garden. Just getting started!



#### Resource Reminder:

For your convenience, employees may access YVEDDI's Facebook page for news and events or policies and procedures at [www.yveddi.com](http://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.



## [www.NC211.org](http://www.NC211.org)

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?

DIAL 2-1-1

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

#### Your connection to:

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

### Surry County Senior Center

June 2021

Thank you to the 21 vendors who came out to our Senior Health Fair today! Lots of information was shared with our seniors and others in our community!



### Yadkin County Senior Center

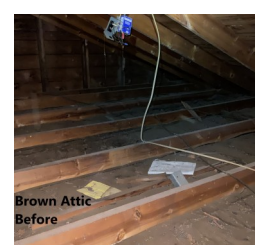
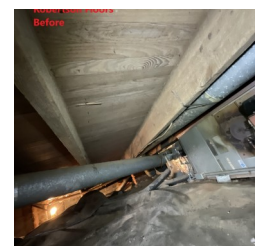
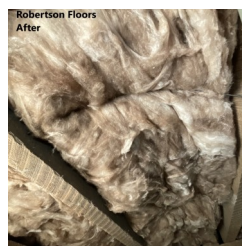
### East Bend Senior Center

June 2025

Wonderful senior day trip to breakfast at Pete's Restaurant, Hamrick's and a stop for some ice cream.

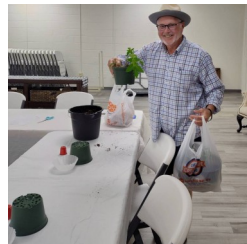
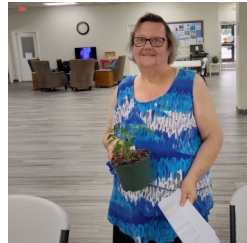


- These photos show the work of the weatherization program.
- The scope of our work includes insulation of the attic and floors,
- which helps keep your home warmer in the winter months and
- cooler in the summer months.



**Surry County Senior Center  
May 2025**

It's tomato planting time! The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County held a Tomato with Ollas Workshop today at YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers. We are getting ready to enjoy some juicy homegrown tomato sandwiches this summer!



**NC STATE** EXTENSION  
Master Gardener | Surry County

**NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**



**Weatherization Program**

*The ladies in the office were very helpful. The crew was very courteous and cleaned up every day. They answered any questions that were asked.*

M Castillo

**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
April 2025**

Easter Party and our 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**East Bend Senior Center  
May 2025**

- Another successful mammo-gram event.
- Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a success.



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.

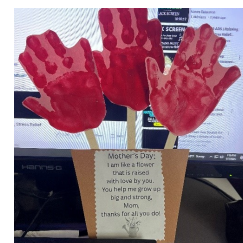
<https://wheels4hope.org>



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**

Oak Grove made the most adorable handprint flowers



**East Bend Senior Center**

**April 2025**

We had a blast with this months craft class. Special thanks to **Backyard Carolina** for donating such beautiful crafts



**Yadkin County Senior Center**

**June 2025**

Thank you to the Yadkin County DSS for a lovely Bingo day.



**2025 Yadkin Valley Senior Games Silver Arts Show**



Granite City 2 reads the book about the Three Little Pigs and then split up into teams to build a straw house, a stick house, and a brick house!



Mount Olive Classroom enjoys making a potion with Ms. Nelums!



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

**June 2025**

We had a great time planting Sunflowers" today with Robin Portis.



Mount Olive Classroom enjoys making a potion with Ms. Nelums!



Boonville Students use recycled soda bottles to make flowerpots for the children's flowers for Mother's Day. What a great activity tying recycling and gardening together!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center**

May 2025

In case you didn't know, this is what 86 looks like! Happy Birthday Jo Ann! We had a good turn out for our monthly Fellowship and Birthday meal.



- **Yadkin Valley Senior Center**
- May 2025
- Making the best of the rainy days.



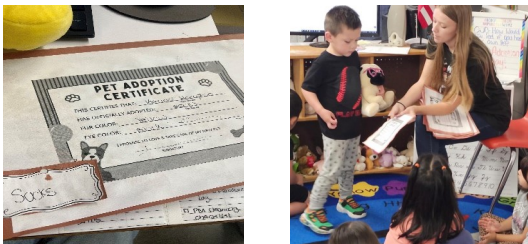
**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

May 2025

Sing A Long with Willie & Judy Chambers "Patriotic Songs"



Oak Grove has been learning all about pets. They recently held a Pet Adoption Fair. All the children were able to pick a pet, name it and sign the adoption paperwork!



**East Bend Senior Center**

June 2025

We had another wonderful Flag Day celebration!

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us!

I would like to thank Pete Knight and every Veteran who came out for our celebration today! It is always a honor to celebrate with you all!

Thank you to Woodman Life for our new flag and individual flags for our Veterans. Thank you to God and Country for the gifts for our Veterans!



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

**April 2025**

Mr. Ed, we sure do appreciate your talent!!



- Making buildings
- from milk cartons –
- who doesn't LOVE



**East Bend Senior Center**

**June 2025**

Thank you Backyard Carolina for another great craft!



Jocelyn at Paynetown creates her own Island!



Sandy Ridge Families enjoy a family activity during April Parent Club Meeting. One of the parents brought a bunny kit for the kids and families to make a bunny!



Sandy Ridge families created buildings at home as a family while studying buildings!



**Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program**

Three (3) Advocates completed state certification program:

- Sheila Myers
- Melanie Hull
- Kennedy Snow

**Weatherization Program**

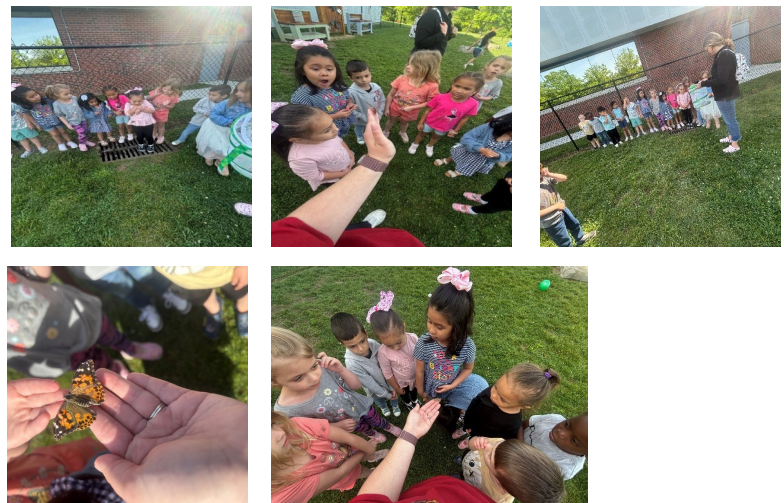
*Junior and his crew are amazing! I had a family emergency and had to leave the state. I had complete confidence in their work and character. This allowed me to focus on the emergency while they continued working.*

K Hamilton

Mount Olive Classroom enjoys TEAMWORK to create a classroom mural!



Granite City 3 has been learning about insects and watched caterpillars turn into butterflies!



The Yadkinville I children are enjoying our buildings unit of study and are having a blast learning about and creating their own structures! Give us a call to find out about enrolling your child for the upcoming school year: 336-367-4993 ext. 239.



Making buildings from milk cartons – who doesn't LOVE finger paint!



More buildings from milk cartons – art and recycling all in one project!



A town made from recycled boxes and decorated by the children.



Their classroom chart showing the residents in each child's home. We love our Head Start families.



The children made the houses from "The Three Little Pigs" story- we love group projects to help promote those preschool social skills



Collages of buildings made from magazines help build fine motor skills using scissors and glue



The milk carton buildings are part of each child's "town" project.

*The weatherization crew introduced themselves on their scheduled arrival date, Greg, Junior, Larry and Antonio. Great team, patient and explained each service, which was given each day. The purpose to when and why I will see a difference which will benefit me for many days to come. I learned a lot and was very appreciative for this program and this crew for their services.*

T Gaither

Paynetown had an egg hunt with parents and siblings for their April Parent Club Meeting!



- Paynetown Students continue their fun with insects in the sandbox and on the playground!



**East Bend Senior Center**

- May 2025
- Craft Class



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

- May 2025
- "Steady Steps" balance and strength class is catching on!! A great workout for our seniors





Do you qualify for food assistance?

If yes, your child qualifies for 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



SCAN ME

**NEEDED FROM PARENTS**

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



## Call Today to Enroll!

Save Time – Application available Online!  
Visit our website: [www.yveddi.com](http://www.yveddi.com) and click Head Start

<p><b>Davie County Office</b> (336) 284-2374</p>	<p><b>Stokes County Offices</b> Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022 King (336) 983-2344</p>
<p><b>Surry County Office</b> (336) 786-6155 Ext. 506/507/508</p>	<p><b>Yadkin County Offices</b> Boonville (336) 367-7175 Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239</p>



\*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.