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FALL 2025  
(OCT/NOV/DEC)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

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



## Length of Service

**30 Years**  
Kitty Martin

**5 Years**  
Melanie Hull

YVEDDI Senior Services was honored to host Mr. Mike Fenley, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Thom Tillis, on July 15, 2025, in support of the #EndTheWait campaign for Meals on Wheels. During his visit, YVEDDI staff had the opportunity to discuss critical issues with Mr. Fenley, including service waitlists, the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, and regulatory barriers impacting program implementation.



## Yadkin County Senior Center July 2025

Congratulations to Sam Crawley from YCSC for placing 1st, gold medal winner in Golf for 2025 Yadkin Valley Senior Games. Way to go Sam!



*Thank you for years of dedicated service!*

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October	
Simmons, Trevon	10/2
Snow, Kennedy	10/2
Swisher, Cynthia	10/2
Thomas, Cassie R	10/4
Draughn II, Roger	10/5
Eads, Tommy	10/6
Hairston, Amanda	10/7
Anderson, Tina	10/10
Atkins, Shonia	10/14
Wishon, Tina	10/15
Niten, SarahW	10/16
Hull, Melanie	10/25
David Smith	10/28
Reece, Autum	10/29
Phillips, Jeffrey	10/30

November	
Hutchens, Mitzi	11/3
Rucker, Antionette	11/4
Myers, Sheila	11/5
Wagoner, Mary Ann	11/10
Daniels, Terry	11/11
Sloop, Cynthia	11/11
Harris, Catlin	11/13
Morales, Melissa	11/14
Kline, Jerry	11/17
Johnson, Jill	11/18
Stevens, Zandrea	11/20
Payne, Kathy	11/21
Dodson, Jerry	11/24
Cothren, Daphne	11/25
Whitley, Bonnie	11/25
Baker, Timothy	11/28
Shore, Mary	11/28
Bruner, Gregory	11/29
Wall, John	11/29
Valliere Jr, Joseph	11/30

December	
Webb, Terry	12/1
Gentry, Carolyn	12/3
Hatley, Tina	12/3
Pendleton, Benjamin	12/4
Speaks, Ronna	12/4
McCall Jr, Billy	12/5
Bryant, Brittini	12/7
King, Kaci	12/7
Brown, Connie	12/8
Smith, James	12/8
Mitchem, Bristol	12/9
Spainhour, Penny	12/24
Mendenhall, Charlie	12/26
Shelton, Karen	12/29
Caron, Heather	12/30



*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!

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Sarah Niten      | Transportation  |
| Vernon Simmons   | Transportation  |
| Cynthia Sloop    | Senior Services |
| Kathryn Riojas   | Head Start      |
| Garry Overby     | Transportation  |
| Cassie Thomas    | Transportation  |
| Patricia Glenn   | Head Start      |
| Jennifer Spencer | Senior Services |
| Ronna Speaks     | Head Start      |

## Remembering in Prayer

### Board

Kelly Craine: father passed away and husband in Hospice  
 Sylvia Jessup: brother passed away  
 Mickey Cartner: wife, Kathy battling cancer

### Staff

Shonia Atkins (Transportation): Cancer  
 Kathy Payne family: grandson, battling Leukemia  
 Reginald Nichols and wife (Transportation): health issues  
 Darry Groce (Transportation): wife and mother health issues  
 Kathy Chilton (DV): recovering from surgery and has a sister who passed away 8/7/25  
 Linda Trivette (former DV Director): passed away

# HR Minute

WE ARE HIRING!

Visit <https://yveddi.com/employment-opportunities>

## Help prevent workplace injuries!

# YOU are our most important asset!

- ▶ **Don't take shortcuts.** Accidents happen when employees skip steps to complete a job ahead of schedule. Make sure all instructions are clear and organized to prevent undue mishaps in the workplace.
- ▶ **Inspect and maintain all company vehicles.** According to The Occupational Safety and Health Act findings, workplace-driving accidents cost employers an average of \$60 billion dollars a year. Maintenance should include monthly inspections and repairing vehicles as soon as possible.
- ▶ **Monitor safety measures.** After initial training, reinforce safety measures at every opportunity, i.e. staff meetings, supervision, and education. Watch out for coworkers. If you drop something pick it up. If you see something laying in the floor, pick/clean it up.
- ▶ **Keep an orderly workplace.** Poor housekeeping can cause serious health and safety hazards. The layout of the workplace should have adequate foot path markings, be free of debris, and stations for cleaning up spills.



Human  
Resources

### East Bend Senior Center

June 2025

We had a great time exercising with Emily O'Connor, owner of Health and Harmony!



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center

June 2025

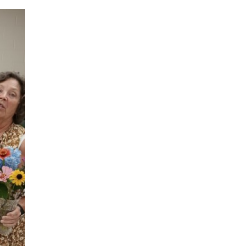
We had a great Fellowship Meal. We also celebrated two birthdays tonight. Shirley turned 58 this month and Herman turned 74! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE BABIES!



### Pilot Mountain Senior Center

July 2025

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County enjoyed the afternoon at the YVEDDI Pilot Mountain Senior Center discussing various kinds of Hydrangea and when to prune them. Everyone got creative using Hydrangeas as a focal flower to create their own arrangement.

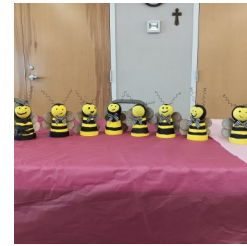


### East Bend Senior Center

July 2025

We had a great time making honey bees!

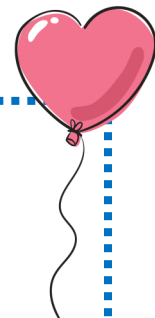
Thanks again to Backyard Carolina for another great craft!



### Yadkin County Senior Center

July 2025

Happy Retirement Butch! We will miss you!



## Holiday Schedule

**November 11**

Veterans' Day

**November 27 & 28**

Thanksgiving

**December 24, 25 & 26**

Christmas Holiday

### 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](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.

### 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.

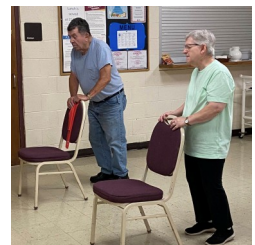
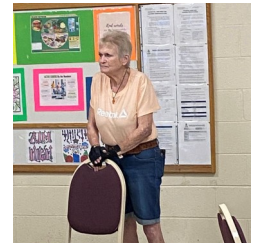
Help them to work together in harmony and to support one another in times of need. I ask that You bless our work environment and bring about positive change where it is needed.

Amen



### Pilot Mountain Senior Center July 2025

Steady Steps Class!! Helping with strength and balance.



### East Bend Senior Center

June 2025

We had a great day celebrating June birthdays! We had the honor to be apart of Mary's 99th birthday!



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

**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
July 2025**

Great presentation by Stacy Kilbury with CaptionCall today. We had several sign up for this free service.

[www.captioncall.com](http://www.captioncall.com)



**Yadkin County Senior Center  
August 2025**

Thank you Rebecca Wood for making the beautiful August Birthday cake for our center.



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
August 2025**

Thank you Janine Burchette for bringing us a "Bloom Bar"! It was such a sweet morning. Just look at these beautiful faces! Russell Farm Flowers provided these flowers for our beautiful ladies to create a bouquet. Thanks again!



**East Bend Senior Center  
June 2025**

Congratulations to our gift basket winner, Becky!

Thank you to everyone who showed their support by purchasing a ticket!



**East Bend Senior Center  
August 2025**

Thank you Ann Nickerson for coming out to help us plant our winter garden!



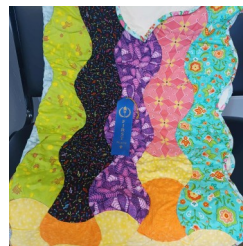
**East Bend Senior Center  
August 2025**

Thank you Backyard Carolina for another great craft! We had so much fun making pumpkins!



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
August 2025**

Our Quilters have been busy! If you want to learn this skill, we have a class on Monday mornings at 11 AM. Christene Mason is the instructor. This group caters to both beginners and accomplished quilters, welcoming anyone in between.



**East Bend Senior Center  
August 2025**

Thank you to everyone who came out to this mornings Veterans Coffee Connection Breakfast.

A special thanks to our special guests, Mike Fenley, Regional Representative for US Senator Thom Tillis, and Mike Smith, Veteran Service Officer for taking time to come out and speak with our Veterans.

Thank you to Crystal and Jacob from BoJangles in Yadkinville for donating biscuits.

Thanks to Krispy Kream for donating donuts.

I would also like to thank Jerry Wall and everyone from Golden Years for partnering with us and helping us make this event successful.



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center  
August 2025**

Steady Step Balance & Strength Exercises



**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
August 2025**

We had a great Fellowship meal this week. Three of our ladies have birthdays this month! Thankful for these folks who have become more like family than friends. We try to recognize all birthdays at our monthly evening meal. If you want a good meal and a few games of Bingo, this is the place to be.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!



**Surry County Senior Center  
August 2025**

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County held a workshop on Remembering Rosemary. We learned about the history, its many uses, and even enjoyed a few samples. It all made for a great afternoon with friends! There are more opportunities to participate. Just call your YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers to register!



**Yadkin County Senior Center  
August 2025**

Rook players having an August Birthday party



**Surry County Senior Center  
September 2025**

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County held a workshop at YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers about the Dynamic Daylily. We learned how to plant and care for daylilies and a little about the unique Daylily Language. There are more opportunities to attend this workshop. Just call your Surry Senior Center to register.



## Surry County Senior Center

August 2025

Thank you to Brittany Rogers, Brittany B Russell, and Russell Flower Farm, for the fun Dahlia Bloom Bar.



## East Bend Senior Center

August 2025

Let's play Prize BINGO!!!



## Yadkin County Senior Center

September 2025

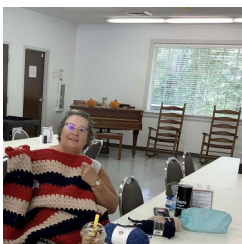
Thank you Rebecca for the wonderful Pumpkin spice cupcakes and cake you brought to the center for us.



## Yadkin Valley Senior Center

September 2025

This is some of my favorite ladies, doing one of their favorite things. They are loving the yarn donations and making beautiful prayer shawls!



# 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



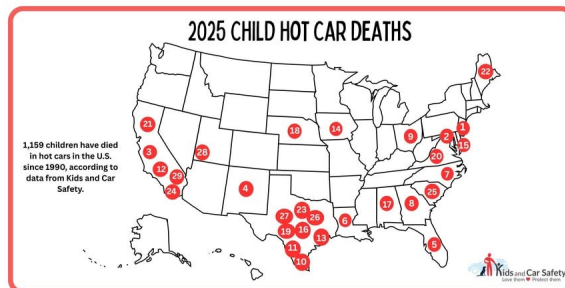
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## YVEDDI Resource Center

From September 2, through September 3, 2025, the YVEDDI Resource Center in conjunction with Safe Kids Surry County hosted a "Hot Car Display".

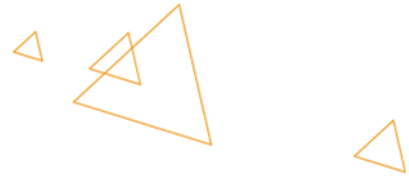


The Hot Car Display is a program that educates the public about the dangers of leaving children and animals inside vehicles. The high temperature for the day was 79.2 degrees outside the vehicle and 128 degrees inside the vehicle. Even during cooler days, the temperature inside a vehicle can be dangerous.



**Surry County Senior Center  
September 2025**

Thank you, Judy and Willie for sharing your wonderful talents with us, and on your 60th wedding anniversary, at that!



**East Bend Senior Center  
September 2025**

Thank you to everyone who came out for our interactive dementia training.

Kelley and Christy from Mountain Valley Hospice were incredible. What a fun way of learning about the struggles of dementia and how to help those who struggle with dementia.

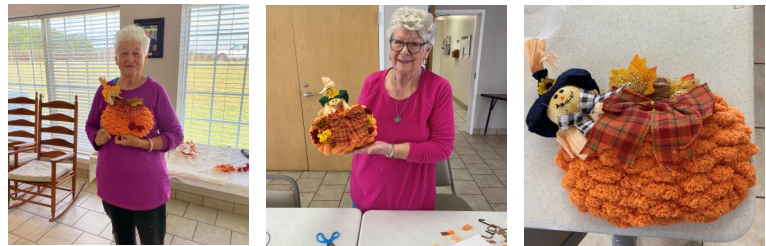
We can't wait to have them back on October 29th!

Thank you Kelley, Christy and Mountain Valley Hospice for the great training and breakfast!

**East Bend Senior Center  
September 2025**

Our pumpkin door hangers turned out beautiful.

Thank you to Backyard Carolina for another wonderful craft!



**Yadkin County Senior Center**

September 2025

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



**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!**

**Yadkin County Senior Center and East Bend Senior Center  
September 2025**

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



**East Bend Senior Center  
September 2025**

Thank you to all of the Veterans who came out to this mornings Veterans Coffee Connection Breakfast.

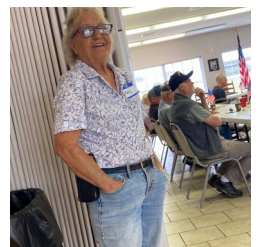
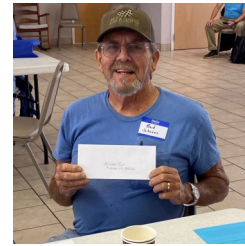
A special thanks to our special guest, Andrew Short, NC Department of Veterans & Military Affairs for taking time to come out and speak with our Veterans.

Thank you to Crystal from Bojangles in Yadkinville for donating biscuits.

I would also like to thank Jerry Wall and everyone from Golden Years for partnering with us and helping us make this event successful.

Last but definitely not least, thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all of their help.

It truly takes a village and I am forever grateful for mine.



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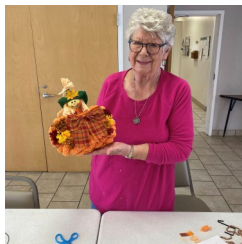
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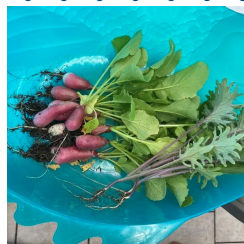
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**East Bend Senior Center  
September 2025**

Harvest from our garden



# The NoneSuch Playmakers

[nonesuchplaymakers.com](http://nonesuchplaymakers.com)

*Presents*  
**Double Feature**

**M** **Y** **S** **T** **E** **R** **Y**

**Two short thrillers for  
the Specky Season**

## ***"The Last of Lydia"***

Mild mannered financial officer Lydia Lang is missing, vanished without a trace! Her terrified co-workers at the accounting firm of Nodder and Fish are frantic with fear. They suspect EVERYONE, including a seemingly-innocent delivery person, and even each other! With FOUR possible endings to choose from, this fast-paced whodunit will keep you guessing! Who kidnapped Lydia Lang—and WHY?

## ***"Paper Detectives"***

A dinner party at the posh home of a wealthy book publisher sparks a high-stakes wager between two popular mystery authors and a no-nonsense police Captain—can these “paper detectives” solve five real-life cases before a late summer storm passes? As the thunder roars the Captain presents one case after another and the writers wield their powers of deduction to win the bet. But in the shadows of the opulent home, there’s another mystery lurking—with murderous overtones!

## **PLUS!**

A Special “Short Subject!”

Join the cast of “The Last of Lydia” for a Live Staged Reading of *“The Demon Dog of Valle Crusis”*

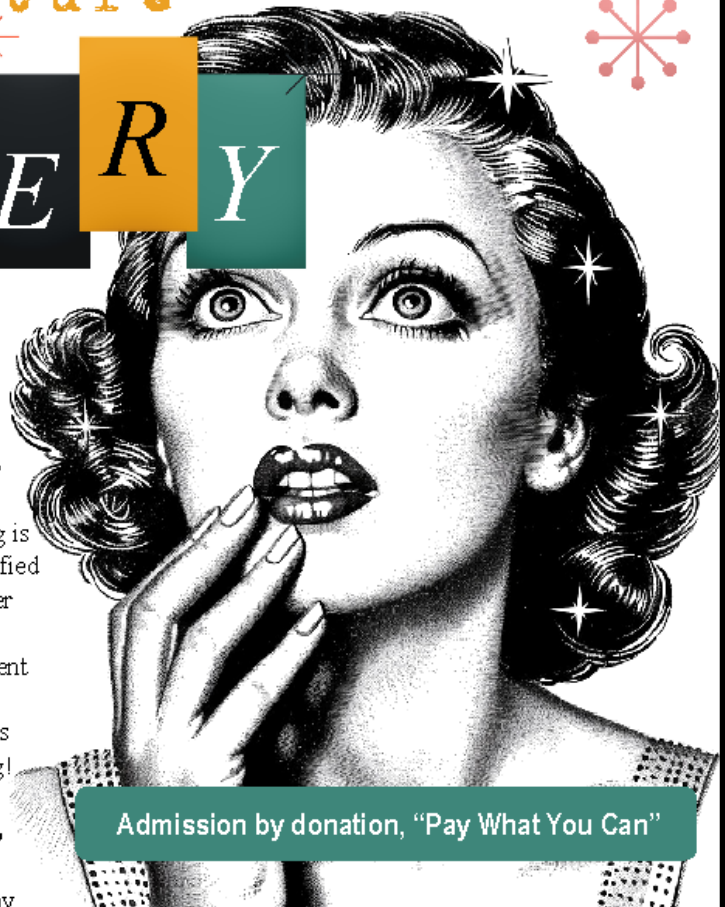
Based on the North Carolina legend



**Surry County Senior Center**  
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Proceeds benefit the YVEDDI Resource Center and the Angela H. Llewellyn Foundation scholarship fund.



Admission by donation, “Pay What You Can”

October 17th at 7:00 PM

October 18th at 7:00 PM

October 19th at 3:00 PM

2025



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

**Davie County Office**  
(336) 284-2374

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

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

**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.



**Is your Medicare plan still right for you?  
An annual Medicare review may help you save.**

**SHIP can help.**

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period is **Oct. 15 – Dec. 7**. During that time, seniors who have Medicare coverage can make plan changes that may lower their costs. You could save by:

- Evaluating eligibility for low-income subsidies
- Choosing the best Part D Drug Plan based on current medications & preferred pharmacy
- Exploring available Medicare Advantage Plans

The Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) offers free individual counseling to assist you in selecting the best Medicare options for you. **Schedule an appointment today to see if you can save!**

SHIIP Counselors will be on site at the Yadkin County Senior Center on November 7, 2025.

207 East Hemlock Street  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

Call Lori Moore to schedule an appointment with a SHIIP counselor.

Phone: 336-679-3596



**SHIIP**  
NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**INSURANCE**  
MIKE CAUSEY • COMMISSIONER

**YVEDDI  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM**

**COLOR  
WALK**

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**FISHER RIVER PARK  
DOBSON, NC**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH**

**WEAR WHITE T-SHIRTS**

**CALL 336-443-4030  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**We Need Your Help!**

The Surry County Senior Center is sponsoring a food drive to benefit our friends at Yokefellow Ministry Food Pantry.

*Please help us stock the shelves.*

*Thank you for your support!*



All donations are appreciated.

**One CAN Make a Difference**

Suggested Food Items:

- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken)
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Canned & Boxed Meals (soup, chili, Stew, Macaroni & Cheese)
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Pasta & Rice
- Cereal (Low sugar)

Accepting donations from October 1 through December 1, 2025  
**Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Items can be dropped off at the:

**Surry County Senior Center**  
401 Technology Lane, Suite 100 • Mbumt Airy, NC 27030  
(336) 415-4225



**A Prayer for Drivers**

Lord, guard us and our vehicles Lord, guard us and our cars from any danger and keep us safe on our journeys.

Give us strength and courage to face the day and help us to be successful in all our work and efforts.

We thank You for Your grace and mercy in Jesus name, Amen.

