



YVEDDI Employee *newsletter*

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2017

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

November 10
Veteran’s Day

November 23-24
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25-27
Christmas Holiday



Please join us for a Candlelight Vigil to remember those we have lost due to domestic violence and to recognize domestic violence survivors.



Yadkin County Candlelight Vigil will be Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017, at 5:30 PM.

This event will be held at Yadkinville United Methodist Church in Yadkinville.

Opening prayer by Reverend Dennis Shaw
Guest Speakers: Pamela Weikle, Jeffrey Pyles, and Yadkin County Commissioner, Kevin Austin.

Stokes County Candlelight Vigil will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 5:30 pm.

This event will be held at the Stokes County Government Center (Lower Level).

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Judge William Souther, III

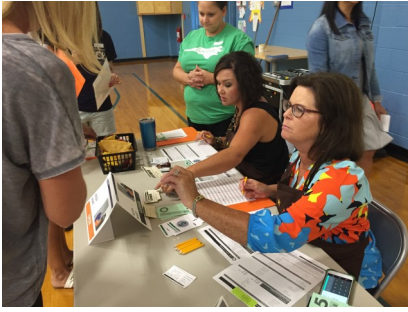


Forty-three years ago I left a mountain area in which one of our nation’s most successful community action agencies works to help those who cannot help themselves or need a bit of extra help starting or restarting their lives. I never thought I would ever return to North Carolina let alone contribute to some of the most professional and committed community action professionals in the nation. As a retired Army Officer, former Foreign Service Officer, and Smithsonian official, and now core faculty member at Capella University, I was honored to be able to visit and provide leadership and human resources training to Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI). YVEDDI is an example of what a community action organization should be.

While I had worked in a nonprofit before, I did not fully understand the scope and the scale of the extraordinary contributions that YVEDDI makes for thousands of people who live in the Yadkin Valley. I was surprised and delighted with the pride demonstrated by the staff and leaders to whom I presented training. The counties served by YVEDDI are very fortunate that YVEDDI is staffed by such a committed and outstanding group of professionals who dedicate their lives to serving the poor, the elderly, victims of abuse, young children and their families, and anyone who comes to them asking for assistance. Their work is not easy, but their work builds futures and offers both hope and promise to those who, at this time in their lives, require a little assistance to move forward.

My thanks for hosting me in an unexpected homecoming.

Dr. Adolfo (Al) Gorriaran, SPHR, SHRM-SCP MSHRM Lead, Core Faculty School of Business, Capella University



Dr. Myra Cox, Superintendent at Elkin City Schools participated in the activities

The CSBG team presented a COPE/Bridges (poverty simulation) with the Elkin City Schools August 22-23.

They also did a brief poverty simulation with the YVEDDI Board of Directors at the August board meeting.

They received wonderful feedback from both sessions on how impactful it was to be put in actual situations of poverty.

Thank You Brent Trivette for being our police officer; also Thank You CSBG team for doing a great job in educating our communities about poverty.

We also made the front page of the Elkin Tribune!

Go Team!



Left to Right: Marion Welborn, Board Member, Kevin Austin, Board Member and Kathy Payne, Executive Director



We are looking for more good people...

To deliver meals to home-bound seniors in Yadkin and Surry counties.

Volunteer mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance may be available.

For more information, please call (336) 786-6155 ext. 229

YVEDDI Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

**YVEDDI Head Start Enrollment Openings
Sign Up Today!**

We provide high quality childcare at no cost. Eligibility is based on income.

If you know of a three or four year old who may qualify for our services, please contact our office at (336) 367-4993 ext. 233.

You will need:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Verification of Income (W-2/Tax forms)
- Medicaid/Insurance Card



Recently YVEDDI Community Transportation Program Administrative Assistance, Penny Spainhour, was promoted from Administrative Assistant to **Administrative Coordinator**. Penny started with YVEDDI as a part time van driver in 1998 and very quickly became a leader within our program. During her almost 20 years she has proven to be a dependable and valuable employee. We congratulate Penny on her well deserved promotion.

Unfortunately for YVEDDI, we must bid farewell to Kevin Edwards our Operations Manager who has accepted a position with the NC Department of Transportation in Raleigh. Kevin came to work with YVEDDI in 2012 as the Safety and Security Manager for the transportation department. During his five years with YVEDDI, he has helped our department to implement an updated training program and helped see us through several successful NCDOT audits and reviews. We wish Kevin the best in his future position in Raleigh.

The YVEDDI Human Resource Policies Manual has been amended.

Please review pages 15 and 39.

Please visit www.yveddi.com, Click on the Staff Log-In tab or ask your supervisor to review a copy.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

Marty Snow	10/5
Tommy Eads	10/6
Nicole Durham	10/8
Homer Hendrix	10/11
Shonia Atkins	10/14
Alvin Dunn	10/15
Tina Wishon	10/15
Gary Dahmer	10/18
Deanna Laxton	10/19
Sheena Jones	10/20
Patricia Peebles	10/21
Kimberly Layell	10/23
Lana Smith	10/24
Melissa Whitaker	10/25
Lynn Stokes	10/27
Ada Luna-Caso	10/28
Jeffrey Phillips	10/30

November

Tara Wallace-Boone	11/9
Mary Wagoner	11/10
Susan Yow	11/10
Terry Daniels	11/11
Cathy Stewart	11/18
Zandrea Stevens	11/20
Kathy Payne	11/21
Bonnie Whitley	11/25
Lee Johnson	11/26
Donna Sims	11/28



December

Booby Boggs	12/1
Lisa Martin	12/2
Rochelle George	12/3
Linda Watkins	12/3
Catherine Brown	12/4
Fabiola Estudillo	12/4
Ben Pendleton	12/4
Lisa Sexton	12/4
Bristol Mitchem	12/9
Cynthia Sidden	12/9
Jane Surratt	12/11
Claire Chandler	12/14
Nancy Rios-Aispur	12/18
Taketra Snow	12/19
John Sherrill	12/20
Chantal Moore	12/23
Penny Spainhour	12/24
Richard Carter	12/27
Mary Gwyn	12/28
Calvin Willoughby	12/29
Shane Stout	12/30
Leticia Carbajal	12/31

Years of Service Recognition

5 Years

Cristina Alonzo
 Angie Coe
 Horace Redmon, Jr.
 John Sherrill

10 Years

Shelby King (Board)
 Teresa Mullis

15 Years

Rhonda Beavers

25 Years

Jeff Cockerham

35 Years

Mike Crouse (Board)

*Thank you for your
 loyalty and dedication.*



Happy Retirement!

James Rawley



Welcome Aboard!



Flora Atkins, Driver
 Sharon Atwood, Nutrition Site Manager-Yadkinville
 Patricia Donaldson, Weatherization Office Assistant
 Zany Gray, Driver
 Lindsey Haigwood, Migrant Head Start Monitor
 Janira Hernandez, Head Start Assistant Teacher
 Lindsey Huttar, Head Start Family Advocate
 Sandra Johnson, Yadkin Valley Senior Center Manager
 Henry Johnson, Migrant Head Start Monitor
 Ada Luna-Casco, Migrant Head Start Bilingual Caregiver
 Lizeth Mendoza-Peneda, Migrant Head Start Monitor/Bilingual Caregiver
 Iaisha Oliver, Head Start Food Service Aid/Sub Assistant Teacher
 Haley Payne, Migrant Head Start Assistant Teacher
 Cynthia Sidden, Head Start Sub. Assistant Teacher
 Donna Sims, Head Start Teacher
 Richard Veler, Driver
 Missy Whitaker, RSVP Manager
 Marissa Williams, Head Start Teacher
 Sharon Branch, Head Start Family & Community Partnership Supervisor

Promotions

Head Start

Sarah Dehart promoted from Family Advocate to Health Supervisor

Transportation

Penny Spainhour from Admin. Assistant to Transportation Admin. Coordinator

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YVEDDI Head Start welcomed their classroom staff back on August 3rd. The classroom staff met in Boonville at the Family Life Center for seven days of intense training to prepare for their year. Since Head Start will be using a new curriculum, The Creative Curriculum 6th Edition, the first two days were devoted to that topic with information provided to introduce the new curriculum kits and lesson plans. The week continued with staff receiving information on various topics including CACFP, Playground Safety, Transportation Safety, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Fire Safety.



Our program was also thrilled this year to include current teaching staff members on the agenda covering topics such as Sign Language for Preschool Children and Literacy Activities for Preschool Children. Teachers that are currently enrolled in the EESLPD process to receive their state SP11 licensure, must become proficient in the area of Demonstrating Leadership. One way is to provide training to their peers on a chosen topic. This year, Vivian Easter, Tonya Carpenter, and Ashley Jones conducted sessions on the topics mentioned above.

We are excited to be beginning another year with 385 children that will fill our classrooms. We look forward to providing quality services to children and families and making a difference in the lives of those that we serve.



Jane Surratt, Surry County Senior Center Manager, did a great job coordinating the Annual Surry County Senior Fun Day at Fellowship Baptist Church in Mount Airy on September 8, 2017.

There was a great turnout and everyone had a good time.

Music was provided by the Dennis Tolbert band, and the grand prize was a rocking chair donated by Brannock and Hiatt Furniture.

There were door prizes, refreshments and contests.

Sponsors included Food Lion, Home Instead Senior Care and Mountain Valley Hospice.

