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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff

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## 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."



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## Sparkle And Shine



Congratulations to  
Regina Dewitt,  
Yadkinville Head Start Teacher.  
Regina is our 2017-2018  
Teacher of the Year!



Congratulations, Anita Bost,  
Boonville Parent, for being YVEDDI  
Head Start's PARENT OF THE  
YEAR!  
We appreciate you!



YVEDDI Head Start is proud to announce that Elvira Sanchez, Assistant Teacher at Boonville Head Start, earned her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education in December 2017. Elvira is a former Head Start parent and started with our program as a Substitute Assistant Teacher. We are so pleased to have Elvira as a full-time member of our Head Start family!

Congratulations!



# YOU ROCK!

## YVEDDI Community Transportation Program Employees of the Month "YOU ROCK" Awardees:

### FEBRUARY 2018:

#### **RONALD HUDSON—DRIVER FOR SURRY COUNTY**

--Ronald recognized slight changes in his vehicles handling and operation. He immediately reported the concerns to his supervisor. After evaluation from a licensed mechanic it was determined that the transmission was beginning to slip and was subsequently repaired. If gone unchecked this could have resulted in a much higher repair costs or even a vehicle accident.

#### **WYNONA POAG—DRIVER FOR DAVIE COUNTY**

--Wynona was specifically singled out by her supervisor for consistently performing her duties in a professional and outstanding manner. Her performance is often cited by her clients. Her customer service attitude sets the example for all to emulate.

### MARCH 2018:

#### **SAMANTHA SNOW—DRIVER FOR SURRY COUNTY**

-- Samantha recognized a safety concern involving an impending mechanical failure of a client's wheelchair. Her concern and notification resulted in multiple agencies reaching out to get the client's chair repaired within 24 hours.

#### **MELANIE POTEAT—DISPATCHER FOR SURRY COUNTY**

--Melanie was instrumental in the successful execution of a new transportation contract with Logisticare. She had keen foresight and identified potential shortfalls in our ability to successfully execute this contract. This drove an immediate conference call with key Logisticare staff and YVEDDI Transportation staff to work through and address our concerns. Her insightfulness was key in meeting all contract expectations.

*NOTE: Community Transportation Employees are recognized via nomination from their supervisor or through direct observation of outstanding performance by the Operations Manager.*

I'm Not Here to BE Average, I'M HERE **TO** BE AWESOME



## Big Journeys Start with Small Steps

[Pictured: Melissa with her husband, Jason]



Frank A. Clark said “If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.” My familiarity with obstacles started at an early age. Growing up in a difficult home environment as a child, taught me I would have to fight for anything I wanted to achieve in life. Enduring circumstances no child should ever have to, I quickly learned responsibility and set my sights on my future adult life. I can remember as early as eight years old dreaming of my future career and family. I knew from childhood I wanted to spend my life helping others.

Growing up in our small town and with my background, I didn't have many opportunities given to me. I had to create my own opportunities. Throughout my journey, many obstacles came into my path. So many times I wanted to give up and be the person so many others told me I would become. You see, when you have a background like mine, most people don't invest time or effort into helping you, because to them, you're already a lost cause. I am so thankful for the few people, like my dad, in my life that chose to see my heart and helped me to become the woman I am today. Despite each challenge, I continued to pursue my dreams, even when all I wanted to do was quit.

To many, graduating high school seems normal, but to me, graduation day meant I had finally made it. I actually made it. I graduated within the top ten of my class with several honors and received the Community Service Award for number of volunteer hours achieved in the community. I then went on to be the first person in my family to pursue a Bachelor's Degree and graduated with my Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. So many times I feel that my life circumstances set me up for failure, but even though I had to fight every step, I was on my way.

When I came to work for YVEDDI, as Program Coordinator with the Yadkin Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, I felt somewhat inadequate for the position. I knew how serious the situations would be and how important we are to the safety and success of the people we serve. Within the first week of my position, I learned that my life, especially the tough parts, prepared me for this. Now, I get to be a voice for those who haven't found theirs yet, and show compassion to those who may not feel loved.

I sometimes wonder what my life would be like had my circumstances been different or if I made just one opposite choice. I'm grateful for my life, even the challenging experiences. Each of my obstacles moved me to the next phase of my life and planted me firmly where I need to be. In August 2017, my husband and I became parents to a little boy, after being told I could never conceive, and now I get to spend every single day loving our miracle. And on June 2, 2018, I will graduate with my Masters of Science in Clinical Counseling. I am in such awe of my life and feel so incredibly blessed. I want others to see that no matter what your battle is in life, it can take you down a rough path, but may lead you to a beautiful destination.

*Melissa Casstevens*, Program Coordinator  
Yadkin Family Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April	
Lydia Johnson	1
Toni Snow	2
Gelee Beck	3
Allison Winters	5
Patricia Donaldson	6
Angelina Melvin	7
Melissa Casstevens	8
Sharon McCrae	9
Linda Trivette	19
Rhiannon Cox	20
Tracey Speight	20
Patricia Hernandez	23
Samantha France	28
Sherman Smith	30

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



May	
Shirley Key	3
Belinda Stillwagon	5
Pamela Carter	9
Jr. Eddleman	10
Jeannie Easter	11
Lois Howes	15
Amy Key	15
Jessica Collins	19

June	
Vivian Easter	1
Donna Amos Snow	1
Regina Dewitt	2
Jessie Parson	3
Pearl Cleary	4
Marlena Varona-Jacobo	4
Melissa Ledbetter	6
Janet A. Phillips	7
Nelda Caudle	10
Shanta Wells	10
Tony Aquilano	12
Betty Tucker	14
Evelyn Money	20
Rhonda Beavers	24
Alica Lue Stewart	26
Shirley Shaffner	27
Larry Pinnix	28
Tina East	29
Michelle Edwards	30

## Length of Service

### 5 Years

Romona Rios  
Jr. Eddleman

### 10 Years

Crystal Smoot-Dulin

### 25 Years

Glenda Hatcher  
Yolanda Lytton



*Celebrating the Journey...Happy Retirement!*

**Catherine "Doreen" Brown**

Years of Service: April 1994 to January 2018

## Welcome Aboard!

David Brinkley, Public Transportation Operations Manager  
Danielle Clark-Kanetomo, DV/SA Community Outreach Advocate (Stokes County)  
Darby Fife, DV/SA Community Outreach Advocate (Yadkin County)  
Kandice Goins, Substitute Teacher  
Sharon McCrae, Head Start Family Advocate  
Courtney Rogers, Substitute Teacher

## YVEDDI Announces New Public Transportation Operations Manager



January 2, 2018 - David Brinkley has been named the Operations Manager for the YVEDDI Public Transportation. David will oversee all transportation operations in Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties.

where he resides with his wife, Tara. They have two daughters, Hayley Gutierrez who lives in Japan and Sheldon who is a sophomore at Salem College.

He holds a Bachelor of Science, Human Services degree and an Associates of Science, Security Administration degree.

David brings with him a wealth of knowledge, diversity in job skills and professional training in Leadership Studies.

He also volunteers with a variety of associations and committees.

Help us welcome David to the YVEDDI team.

David Brinkley comes to us from the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County, FL where he served as an Emergency Management Planning Consultant from 2014-2017.

David is also a retired 25-year military veteran and served in the U.S. Air Force where he achieved the rank of Command Chief Master Sergeant.

He is originally a native of and has recently relocated back to Surry County North Carolina



## YVEDDI Head Start Children Receive Christmas Gifts

Written by Allison Winters, Program Support Coordinator/ Deputy Director

Richard Lasky, YVEDDI Board Member, recently arranged for the Toys for Tots campaign to team up with YVEDDI Head Start to provide toys for 385 Head Start children. The organization contacted Head Start staff asking for age and gender of children and matched gifts specifically for each child. After the toys were delivered to the YVEDDI District Office, they were then sorted and delivered to children in Davie, Surry, Stokes and Yadkin Counties. Head Start staff worked hard to make this a memorable experience for the children. Some centers were even able to locate "Santa" to come and deliver the gifts individually.



Our Head Start staff wish to offer a sincere thank you to Richard Lasky, Lewis Pleasants of the Marine Corps League and the Toys for Tots organization for providing gifts and helping to make Christmas a time to remember for our children and families. We look forward to working together in the years to come!

YVEDDI Head Start is currently recruiting and accepting applications for the upcoming school year. If you know anyone searching for quality preschool services for children ages 3-5, please contact the Head Start office at 336-367-4993 ext. 232 or ext. 233.



## Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day  
Monday, May 28th



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Donna Rutledge,  
Communications  
Specialist

We would like to offer our sincere and heart-felt gratitude to First Baptist Church of Jonesville. We had some homebound seniors waiting for home-delivered meals; not because of a funding shortage, but because of a driver shortage. Pastor Roger Hensley graciously allowed us to come and speak to First Baptist Church of Jonesville on a Wednesday evening, and about 20 people stepped up to the plate and agreed to help us get our homebound neighbors fed. We are so very grateful and thankful to First Baptist Church of Jonesville for allowing us to talk to them about this need in our community, and for agreeing to help us take care of the need. They have attended their trainings and asked some awesome questions, they've been out on the route to be trained on the directions, how to keep the food safe during delivery, and what to do in emergency situations. We don't have the words to adequately express our sincerest gratitude for this team of volunteers who so graciously and willingly stepped up to the plate to take care of our homebound neighbors. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



**FIRE UP THE GRILL!**

**Raffle**

Tickets \$2.00 each

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

**\$250 Gift Certificate from**

Drawing held  
Thursday  
June 21, 2018

**Mt. Airy MEAT CENTER**

215 Jones School Road  
Mount Airy, NC 27030  
(336) 786-6155 ext. 233

336.786.2023

**YVEDDI**  
YOUTH VEHICLES FOR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

All proceeds benefit YVEDDI Meals-on-Wheels of Surry County



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



**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.



The YVEDDI 2016-2017 Annual Report is available

Please visit [www.yveddi.com](http://www.yveddi.com)  
Click the Audit & Compliance tab



Please Join Us...

**Bash**

Friday

**April 27**

2018

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Games Begin at 6:00 p.m.

In Advance: \$25

At the door: \$30

Packet includes 20 games, 1 coverall, and 5 door prize tickets

L. H. Jones Family Resource Center  
(Auditorium)

215 Jones School Road  
Mount Airy, NC  
(336) 786-6155 ext. 222



*Proceeds will benefit the L. H. Jones Family Resource Center*

**FOOD FUN DOOR PRIZES RAFFLES**

*Grace's Closet*



*A Free Community Clothes Closet*

**Need A Prom Dress?**

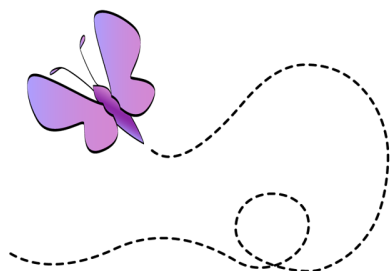
YVEDDI Grace's Closet located at the L.H. Jones Family Resource Center has a large selection of beautiful prom dresses and shoes to share at no cost.

Normal hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

To accommodate school schedules we will extend our hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays for prom shoppers to 5:00 p.m. Please check in at the front desk and someone will be glad to help you shop. You may try on the dresses and take one home at no charge. Grace's Closet will gladly accept donations to help serve as many students as possible. For more information contact Bristol Mitchem at (336) 786-6155 ext. 224.



J.J. Jones Intermediate School "Future Leaders Academy" (after school program) "Rocked" The L.H. Jones Family Resource Center during the Great Kindness Challenge week Jan 22-26. The children made lots of their own rocks and others were provided by Vincent's Kindness Legacy, In memory of Vincent Puckett, a former student in the school system. Staff and visitors of the JFRC were excited to find the kindness rocks. I'm sure they brought smiles to all who passed through our doors.



## Lyn's Medical Loan Closet

Loaning crutches, wheel chairs, walkers and other durable medical equipment items

*at no charge to citizens of Surry County.*


Affiliated with **Surry Medical Ministries** and as a ministry of **Trinity Episcopal Church** in Mount Airy, N.C.

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For information or to make a donation please call:  
**Lyn's Medical Loan Closet**  
 Jones Family Resource Center  
 (336) 786-6155 Ext 222  
 Fax (336) 786-1951

Serving Surry County  
 Located at Jones Family Resource Center  
 215 Jones School Road in Mount Airy.

Open Tuesdays from  
 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
 No appointment necessary.



The Jones Family Resource Center has a new tenant. Lyn's Medical Loan Closet, a non-profit organization, opened its doors to the public on January 30, 2018. The Grand Opening welcomed 65 guests and clients. This program loans durable medical equipment to the public at no charge. Equipment can be loaned out for 90 days and if needed longer, the client simply completes a new application for another 90 day term.







**\$2.00 each** **\$2.00 each**

# RAFFLE

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

## \$500 gift certificate

From Foothills Meat Center

*Tickets available at: Pilot Mountain Nutrition Site, Mount Airy Nutrition Site, East Bend Nutrition Site, Yadkinville Nutrition Site, Jonesville Nutrition Site, YVEDDI District Office and Foothills Meat Center.*

Drawing will be held: **THURSDAY** **JUNE 28**



All proceeds benefit the YVEDDI Meals-on-Wheels Program



# Raffle

Handcrafted birdhouse,  
made and donated by John  
Wetmore

\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5

All proceeds go to the Surry  
County Senior Centers

Drawing of the winning ticket will  
be June 13, 2018

Tickets can be purchased at the  
Surry County Senior Center and at  
the Pilot Mountain Senior Center.



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- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities



FEB. 14, 2018 - Participants at the Mount Airy Nutrition Site were given Valentine's handmade by students of the Millennium Charter Academy, along with some Hershey's kisses. One of the participants stated she had never received a Valentine before, and this made her day. Thank you Millennium Charter Academy for bringing joy to our senior participants.



**MOCKSVILLE CIRCULATOR**  
Public Transportation

**336-679-2071**

# YVEDDI WAP Inc.

Are you in need of a new heating and cooling system?

If so, YVEDDI WAP Inc. may be able to help you obtain the *financing* you need for an affordable, energy-efficient heating and cooling unit.

For more information, please call  
(336) 367-3535 or  
email: [pdonaldson@yveddi.com](mailto:pdonaldson@yveddi.com)

*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*

~Helen Keller~

Feb. 13, 2018

## Valentine's Dance & Dinner

Hosted by the Yadkin County Senior Centers



# 60/40 RAFFLE

The Lucky Winner will receive 40% of the proceeds



\$2 per ticket or  
3 tickets for \$5



Drawing: April 25<sup>th</sup>

Yadkin County Senior Center  
207 East Hemlock Street  
Yadkinville, NC 27055  
(336) 679-3596



The YVEDDI Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program in Yadkin County has moved.

New Address:

117 S. Jackson St.  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

(336) 849-4070 Office

(336) 679-2072 24/7 Crisis Line

(336) 679-2236 Fax



**STOKES CONNECTOR**  
Public Transportation

**336-679-2071**

1st Annual  
**Classic**  
**CAR**  
**Show**  
& Live Band

**APRIL**  
**21st** 12:00 - 5:00 PM  
**2018**



A Fundraiser Event to support  
the programs of YVEDDI

**RAFFLE ■ PRIZES ■ MUSIC ■ FOOD TRUCKS**

Bring a lawn chair  
NO COOLERS  
ALLOWED

Entertainment By

**“too MUCH SyLvIA ”**

**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Harris Silverworks  
Bracelet & Pendant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Gas Grill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200.00 Cash

**\$5 ADMISSION OR  
FREE ADMISSION  
WITH PURCHASE OF A  
\$10 RAFFLE TICKET**  
(children under 12 free)



Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc. (YVEDDI)  
533 N. Carolina Ave. Hwy. 601N ■ Boonville, NC  
(336) 367-7251



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- Child Support Verification (if any)
- Medicaid/Insurance Card
- Documentation of child's disability (if any)
- A physical is required for enrollment

Your child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31st

Call for more information!



Davie County  
(336) 284-2374

Stokes County  
(336) 593-2370  
(336) 983-2344

Surry County  
(336) 786-6155  
Ext 227/230/228

Yadkin County  
(336) 367-7175  
(336) 463-4137

(For qualified families)