

# the bizBUZZ

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff

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2019

### 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

**January 1st**

New Year's Day

**January 21st**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## YOU ROCK!

YVEDDI Community  
Transportation Program  
Employees of the Month "YOU  
ROCK" Awardee



SEPTEMBER 2018  
**KITTY MARTIN**  
(STOKES COUNTY)

In September YVEDDI Public Transportation transferred all Stokes County operations from the Danbury office to a new office in King. Without waiting for guidance or any direction, Kitty stepped up and singlehandedly spearheaded the move from the Danbury office. She organized, sorted and packaged YVEDDI assets to ease the transportation to the new office. She also dedicated several weekend hours in moving furniture and organizing the new office to prepare it for immediate occupation. Her dedicated attention to detail resulted in the smooth transition from Danbury to King and made the King office much more functional and created a pleasant working environment for all employees.

*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**



Senior Center Manager, Jane Surratt, trying to convince Santa that she has been good this year.

**Happy Retirement Jane!**



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Save the Date

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Meals on Wheels  
5K/10K



Help eliminate food  
insecurity for our  
Seniors in Surry  
County

Call  
(336) 367-3531

Sponsored by Dragon Slayers

All proceeds will go to the Surry  
County Meals on Wheels Program

Saturday

MARCH 30, 2019

10K - 8:00 AM

5K - 8:15 AM



Start Location: Folger Street beside City Park ▪ Dobson, NC

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DragonSlayers5k/10kforSurryMealsonWheels](http://www.facebook.com/DragonSlayers5k/10kforSurryMealsonWheels)



# YOU ROCK!

YVEDDI Employees contributed a grand total of \$11,032 to this year's United Fund Campaign.

Thank you - YOU ROCK!!!!



Beautiful prayer shawls made by the Prayer Shawl Group at the Yadkin Valley Senior Center. These shawls are hand crafted for the sole purpose of bringing comfort to hospice patients.



These beautiful lap quilts were made by our very own Quilting Group at the Yadkin Valley Senior Center. This group fills the halls with laughter on Monday mornings. They are talented and kind as evidenced by the work they have done on these quilts and the reason behind their work. These 70+ quilts were made for patients at a local nursing home to ensure that the residents will have a Christmas gift made with love.



Thank you Woodmen Life for your generous donation to the Senior Centers of Yadkin for the Holly Jolly Christmas Party!  
We really appreciate your kindness.



October 31, 2018  
Marlen Varona-Jacobo and Sandee Rondeau handing out candy to the kids and outreach materials to adults and families for Halloween in Downtown Yadkinville.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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

## January

Tasha Gordon	1/3
Maynard Quesinberry	1/6
Sandra Johnson	1/10
Don Hutchens	1/11
Regina Chappell	1/12
Donna Rutledge	1/12
Carolyn Self	1/14
Laura Melvin	1/14
Marissa Williams	1/15
Darlene Nelums	1/21
Danny Overby	1/22
Maribel Martinez	1/25
Sandra Rondeau	1/26
David Beck	1/27

## February

Lori Anderson	2/6
Lindsey Huttar	2/6
Deborah Rawley	2/7
Kathy Cave	2/9
Jessicca Brindle	2/9
Shanna Vernon	2/9
Mary Osborne	2/10
Kathy Hicks	2/12
Bonnie Holyfield	2/13
George Hutchinson III	2/14
Felicia Steele	2/14
Redd Nichols	2/15
Susan Lawrence	2/17
Richard Veler	2/19
Morgan Harrison	2/20
Sherman Bell III	2/23
Teresa Mullis	2/25
Mary Potts	2/26
Catherine Adams	2/27
Patty Vestal	2/28

## March

Kitty Martin	3/1
Sharon Branch	3/4
Donna Flippen	3/6
Elvira Sanchez	3/13
Dawn Cheek	3/15
Wynona Poag	3/15
Misti Dewitt	3/15
Floyd Boles	3/19
Timmy Bingman	3/22
LaShonda Griffith	3/24
Margaret Vestal	3/25
Seth Miller	3/26



## Promotions

Missy Whitaker, RSVP Manager (PT) promoted to Surry County Senior Center Manager (FT)

## Service Anniversary Celebrations

**5 Years**

Catherine Adams

**10 Years**

Tina Wishon

## Welcome Aboard!

- Lori Anderson, Head Start
- Leslie Flippin, Head Start
- Sonia Jacobo, Public Transportation
- Morgan Lang, Head Start
- Amy Luck, Public Transportation
- Kathy McCrary, Public Transportation
- Laura Melvin, Head Start
- Wynona Poag, Public Transportation
- Sandra Rondeau, DV/SA Program



*In Memory of...*  
**Ronald Wayne Hudson**  
 Public Transportation (Surry County)

## Shocked Over High Electric Bills?



Call Today!

*Are you in need of a new HVAC system?*

YVEDDI Weatherization, 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**

YVEDDI Weatherization, Inc.  
 3800 River Road • Boonville, NC 27011



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## Big Journeys Start With Small Steps



### *The Journey Continues...*

with Melissa Casstevens

Melissa's journey and struggles started at an early age as published in an earlier edition of the YVEDDI Employee News-letter, but that's not stopping her...

On June 2, 2018, Melissa Casstevens graduated with a Masters of Science in Clinical Counseling and now holds her state licensure as a Licensed Practical Counselor Associate (LPCA).

Congratulations on a great achievement!



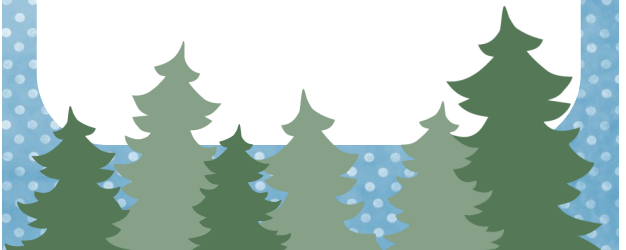
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- Outstanding Achievements of an Employee/Volunteer
- Employee/Volunteer of the Month or Year
- Engagements/Weddings/Births
- Special Events
- Favorite Recipes
- Quotes/Jokes



### 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.



# BINGO

Please Join Us...

# Bash

Friday

April 26

2019

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**



## Buffalo Chicken Dip

2 (10 or 12 ounces) cans chunk chicken (drained)

2 (8 ounces) packages cream cheese (softened)

1 cup ranch dressing

¾ cup hot sauce (such as Texas Pete)

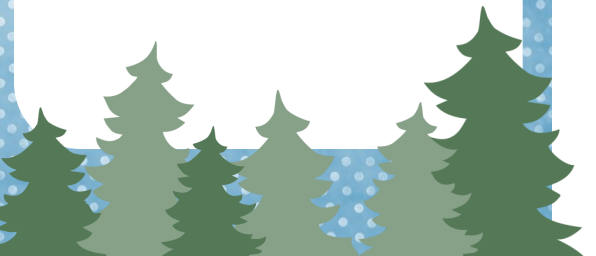
1 ½ cups cheddar cheese (shredded)

Heat chicken and hot sauce in a pot over medium heat, until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing.

Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded cheese, and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover, and cook on low setting until hot and bubbly.

Serve with celery sticks, crackers or Tostitos Scoops Tortilla Chips

# YUMMY



## Dobson Christmas Parade

LaShonda & Sparrow ready to handout goodies from YVEDDI Head Start



## 2018 N.C. Senior Corps Director's Conference

YVEDDI RSVP Manager, Missy Whitaker attended the N.C. Senior Corps Director's Conference in Durham on Nov. 8 and 9, 2018. Missy was selected to serve on the Planning Committee for the conference and was also selected to act as moderator for the conference break-out sessions.

The conference focused on new structural changes for Senior Corps, policy and budget updates, and new program measures.

The new program measures focus on the opioid crisis in North Carolina and recent natural disasters affecting our state. Much of the conference focused on ways Senior Corps can assist communities and local government with opioid awareness and interventions.

Several programs were recognized for their service to Senior Corps. YVEDDI has administered the RSVP program since 1973 and was recognized for having the longest running program by the same sponsor agency.



Oldest Sponsoring Organizations



NC Senior Corps Training - Planning Committee

### Rental Space Available

The YVEDDI L.H. Jones Family Resource Center located at 215 Jones School Road in Mount Airy is seeking occupants for several available office spaces.

Lease fees are based on cost sharing of monthly expenses.

Non-profit agencies that would enhance the services provided by current occupants should contact Bristol Mitchem at (336) 786-6155 ext. 222. or (336) 415-4256.

Call to schedule your tour today!

#### Available Spaces:

796 sq. ft.	280 sq. ft.
615 sq. ft.	556 sq. ft.
586 sq. ft.	162 sq. ft.
553 sq. ft.	

Congratulations to the most recent graduates of the Head Start Family Engagement Certificate Program!

**Jessicca Brindle**

**Patricia Hernandez**

**Clara Urquiza**

**Donna Snow**

**Cristina Alonzo**

The Head Start Family Engagement Certificate Program is offered by NCCAA in partnership with Delaware State University.

Over the past 8 weeks, working at their own pace on one web-based module per week.

Participants completed assignments designed to encourage critical reflection and skill application. Modules focused on topics including the History of Head Start, considerations for working with families in need, use of the ROMA (Results Oriented Management and Accountability) Cycle as a framework for outcomes focused case management, safety in home visiting, and the importance of self-care.



*May All The Goodness That Comes With A Fresh Start And A New Year Follow You Wherever You Go And Whatever You Do As You Enjoy The New Blessings And Fresh Abundance of the New Year.*

**Happy New Year!**



# Give a Hoot, Help Us Recruit!

Dear Friends of Head Start,

YVEDDI Head Start is currently taking applications for three and four year old children.

We request that you assist with our recruitment efforts by distributing the enclosed information in your community.

Please ask permission before posting in public locations such as stores or other businesses.

If you need additional recruitment materials, please be sure to contact our office.

Thank you,

YVEDDI Head Start Staff  
(336) 367-4993

