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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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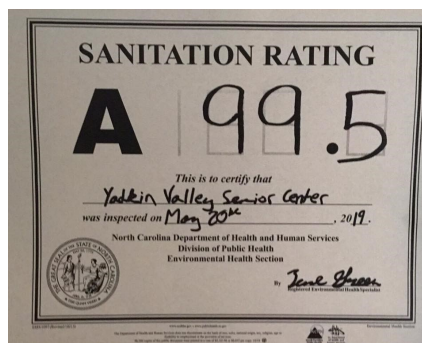
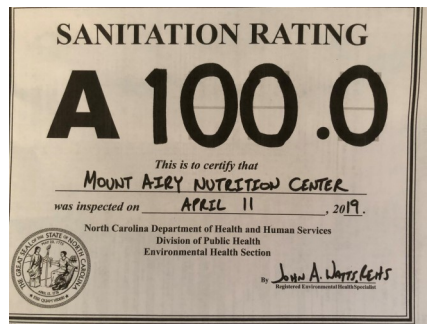
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## Sparkle And Shine

So proud of Mt. Airy Nutrition Specialist, Susan Lawrence, and Yadkin Valley Nutrition Site Manager, Butch Casstevens. Working hard to keep our seniors safe! Thanks for going above and beyond. Your diligence is appreciated!



- Carolyn Gentry, RSVP Manager attended the 2019 Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service Recognition Ceremony and Reception that was held on May 6, 2019 in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Alexandria Cooley, Barbara George, Caroline Simpson, and Carolyn Gentry



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## July

7/1 Samantha Snow  
 7/2 Ashlee Freeman  
 7/5 Crystal Smoot-Dulin  
 7/6 Michael McCollum  
 7/6 Tom Beckom  
 7/10 Alan Moxley  
 7/10 Crystal Ellis  
 7/11 Leslie Flippin  
 7/14 Kathy McCrary  
 7/15 Angela Honeycutt  
 7/17 Sheila Harris  
 7/17 Rhonda Wrenn  
 7/21 Morgan Lang  
 7/22 Deborah Roberts  
 7/24 Horace Redmon Jr.  
 7/25 Martha Jones  
 7/27 Cristina Alonzo

## August

8/7 Maritza Berrum  
 8/10 Iris Leonard  
 8/12 Carl Riffe  
 8/14 Sarah DeHart  
 8/15 Clara Berrum Urquiza  
 8/15 Katherine Knight  
 8/17 Penny Bingman  
 8/23 laisha Oliver  
 8/23 Maria Hernandez  
 8/24 Karl Allen  
 8/24 Nikkie Hickman  
 8/25 Miranda Stevens  
 8/25 Melanie Poteat  
 8/28 Elisha Harris

## September

9/1 Ramona Rios  
 9/3 Ronald Holcomb  
 9/4 Amirah Bridges  
 9/6 Brenda Vance  
 9/7 Sammie Clement  
 9/8 Melissa Guillen  
 9/10 Mary Hutchens  
 9/11 Tonya Carpenter  
 9/13 Glenda Hatcher  
 9/14 Mavis Moore  
 9/16 Glennadean Tenney  
 9/16 Edward McDaniels  
 9/19 Carol Andre  
 9/19 Zany Gray  
 9/20 Holly Felts  
 9/21 Tina Watkins  
 9/23 Darry Groce  
 9/23 Lisa Money  
 9/25 Tammy Pendleton  
 9/27 Yolanda Lytton  
 9/28 Lisa Gonzalez  
 9/28 Lori Moore  
 9/30 Jeffery Cockerham

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



## Welcome Aboard!

Steven Allen - Driver  
 Aileen Davis-Cockerham - Nutrition Site Manager  
 Fabiola Estudillo - Services Specialist  
 Jill Johnson - Teacher  
 Carl Riffe - Driver  
 Rodney Bledsoe - DV/SA Advocate/Assistant  
 Renee Inman - Monitor  
 Emily Moore - CSBG Success Coach  
 Amirah Bridges - Bus Monitor  
 Linda Chambers - Teacher  
 Sofia Delfin - Teacher  
 Melissa Guillen - Teacher  
 Katherine Knight - Assistant Teacher  
 Melissa MacMenamin - Food Service Aid  
 Tracy Moreno - Teacher  
 Kaitlyn Rondeau - Center/Bus Caregiver  
 Dante Saffo - Bus Monitor  
 Victoria Steele - Teacher  
 Adriana Tellez - Bilingual Caregiver

## Length of Service

### 5 Years

Lois Howes  
 LaShonda Griffith  
 Felicia Steele  
 George Hutchinson III  
 Michael McCollum

### 10 Years

Junior Eddleman  
 Shirley Key

### 15 Years

Lana Smith

### 20 Years

Shirley Shaffner

### 25 Years

Betty Tucker



*Celebrating the Journey...Happy Retirement!*

John Paul 3/2019  
Richard Carter 6/2019  
Nelda G. Caudle 6/2019  
Mary Osborne 6/2019  
Deborah Rawley 6/2019

**FUNDRAISER UPDATES**

**5K/10K Run/Walk for Meals on Wheels**

Event held on March 30, 2019  
Raised: \$10,210.61  
Proceeds benefit the Senior Services Programs

**BINGO Bash**

Event held on April 26, 2019  
Raised: \$3,001.00  
Proceeds benefit the L. H. Jones Family Resource Center  
Special thanks to all the JFRC staff and volunteers that helped make the event a success.

**60/40 Raffle**

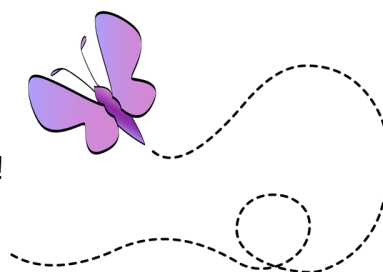
Drawing held on May 10, 2019  
Raised: \$700.00 total  
Winner: Max Cranfill (\$280.00)  
Proceeds benefit the Yadkin County Senior Center (\$420.00)

**Chicken Pie Dinner & Auction**

Event held on June 1, 2019  
Raised: \$1,920.00  
Proceeds benefit the East Bend Senior Center

**Indoor Yard Sale**

Event held on June 15, 2019  
Raised just over \$300.00  
Proceeds benefit the Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
Thanks to everyone who donated items for this event!



**Holiday Schedule**

**July 4th**  
Independence Day  
**September 2nd**  
Labor Day



Newsletter Editor:  
Donna Rutledge,  
Communications  
Specialist

## 2ND ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW & LIVE BAND

April 27, 2019

Raised approximately \$7,000

Door Prize Winners:

1st Place: Chad Fuller of Mocksville

2nd Place: Sylvia Foster of Boonville

50/50 Winner: Jeff Harman

Proceeds Benefit the YVEDDI Programs



Hugh Holcomb - Best of Show



Gary Chandler - Ladies Choice



Kathy Billings - Best Engine



Jerry Brown - Best Paint



Jerry Benefield - Best Interior



Jeff Harman 50/50 Winner



Janet Phillips, Larry Johnson, Wyatt Johnson (drawing the winners), and Terry Daniels

# NATIONAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



On Friday, June 14, 2019 the East Bend Senior Center held a National Flag Day Celebration to honor Veterans.

Randy Lovette led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, entertainment, with performances by Jennifer Wooten, Ronald Beavers, Danny Carter, Vickie Warden, Brian Poindexter, Wayne Johnson, and Mel Speas.

Local veterans displayed their medals and memorabilia.

A flag-folding demonstration was conducted with each of the 13 folds explained by Larry Adams.

The Flag Order of Precedence was completed by Mel Speas.

There was also a flag ceremony, where the old flag was removed from the flag pole outside and a new one raised.

Honorable Guest, Virginia Foxx (U. S. Congresswoman) was the guest speaker. And commented that this was the only Flag Day celebration in her district!

Other Guests included, Mike Fenley, Field Representative from U.S. Senator Richard Burr's office, who also attended the Veteran's Coffee in Jonesville that morning, East Bend Mayor, Archie Hicks, and Surry County Commissioner and YVEDDI Board Member, Larry Johnson.

Many veterans and others joined us in the celebration.

Lunch included All American hotdogs, apple pie and homemade ice cream.

Thanks to everyone that helped make this event a great success!

A Special Thanks to Virginia Foxx for supporting this great event, the Faith Community Baptist Church for providing lunch, the East Bend Ladies Auxiliary for providing ice cream and Friends of the Senior Center for providing apple pies.



Virginia Foxx  
(U. S. Congresswoman)



Mike Fenley, Field Rep. from  
U.S. Senator Richard Burr's  
office



Mel Speas & Pat Weston



Larry Adams



Archie Hicks, Mayor of East  
Bend



The Flag Order of Precedence



Jennifer Wooten & Ronald Beavers



Kathy Payne, Virginia Foxx, Lisa Money, and Larry Johnson



Brian Poindexter



Randy Lovette & Pat Weston (aka. Betsy Ross)



Rhonda Beavers



Danny Carter & Vickie Warden



Displayed Memorabilia



Jennifer Wooten



Flag-folding Demonstration



**WELCOME EMILY MOORE TO THE CSBG TEAM!**

**Emily Moore** is a part-time Success Coach in Stokes County and is also presently covering the Davie County location.

Emily is a nurse by profession, who also teaches part-time at Davidson Community College.

She can be reached at :

**Stokes County**

Monday

8 am - 4:30 pm

Wed./Thurs./Friday

12 pm - 4:30 pm

(336) 593-2371 ext. 402

**Davie County**

Tuesday

9 am - 3:30 pm

(336) 753-8205 ext. 314

emoore@yveddi.com



# REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**SERVICES OFFERED**

- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services

**NEEDED FROM PARENTS**

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

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before

**August 31, 2019?**

If so, you can pre-register your child NOW for the 2019-20 school year.



**HOURS:**  
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Monday – Friday

**Which site should your child attend?**  
**CONTACT:**  
Phone: (336) 367-4993 x 246

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

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

**Yadkin County**  
Boonville (336) 367-7175  
Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239



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

# YVEDDI RSVP VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND AWARDS

April 29, 2019



April is National Volunteer Recognition Month, and on Thursday, April 25th, the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI) Senior Services team assisted the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Carolyn Gentry, RSVP Manager, in recognizing the volunteers registered through RSVP who provide so many

valuable services to the people of Surry and Yadkin Counties.

A banquet was provided for the volunteers, and each one was presented a goody bag.

Last year 158 RSVP volunteers provided more than 19,861 hours of service with an economic value of more than \$490,000.00!

Surry County Commissioner and Chairman of the YVEDDI Board of Directors, Eddie Harris recognized the top volunteers who had each logged more than 600 hours of service this past year at the YVEDDI board meeting that evening:

- Henry Hutchens, who volunteers at the Yadkin County Nutrition Site
- Dr. Ed Stevens, YVEDDI Board member and Pilot Mountain Nutrition Site volunteer
- Ivan Orta-Gonzalez, who volunteers at the Jonesville Nutrition Site
- Jimmy Bowman, who volunteers at the Yadkin County Nutrition Site

Also recognized was Barbara George, who volunteers with the American Red Cross. Barbara has volunteered 1,948 hours of her time in the last year and was selected to receive the Governor's Medallion Award. Barbara was recognized at the Governor's Medallion Award ceremony in Raleigh on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you are age 55 or better and are interested in a rewarding volunteer opportunity in your community, please call YVEDDI RSVP Manager, Carolyn Gentry at 336.786.6155, ext. 224.



Eddie Harris & Henry Hutchens



Eddie Harris & Dr. Edward Stephens



Eddie Harris & Jimmy Bowman



Eddie Harris & Barbara George



Eddie Harris & Ivan Orta





Give blood.  
Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross



### BLOOD DRIVE

July 2, 2019

12:00 PM to 4:30 PM

YVEDDI

Conference Room

533 N. Carolina Ave., Hwy. 601

Boonville, NC 27011

Please contact Allison Chappell at (336) 367-4993 ext. 231 or email chapell@yvheadstart.com. You may also visit redcrossblood.org and enter keyword: Yadkin Valley

Please bring photo ID!



We are excited to announce that the YVEDDI East Bend Senior Center received a \$2,000 grant from Sam's Club.

The funds will be used for senior events and activities.

Thank You Sam's Club!



We are excited to announce that the YVEDDI Surry County Senior Center received a \$500 grant from Walmart Giving!

We can't wait to offer more exercise and art classes to Surry County Senior Center participants.  
Thank You Walmart!



#### Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VITA, One Tax Season at a Time Since 1969!

Congratulations to the IRS certified volunteer tax preparers from Mount Airy Public Library/ Surry County Senior Center. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year partnering with the IRS to provide free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA offers free tax help to people who generally make \$55,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

The East Bend United Methodist Church will be a summer feeding site June 10-July 19 (Monday -Friday).  
Any child between the ages of 1 and 18 may eat breakfast and lunch for free.  
224 Main Street ▪ East Bend, NC 27018



Surry Senior Center community garden



Yadkin Valley Senior Center community garden

## YVEDDI YADKIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER



The Yadkin Valley Senior Center was honored to host the **Blue Ridge Christian School** from Sparta for "A Day at the Senior Center".

Lori Moore of Yadkin County Senior Center, Rhonda Beavers of East Bend Senior Center and Sandra Johnson of Yadkin Valley Senior Center did an extensive sensitivity training to the non-elderly.

We used cotton balls to mimic hearing loss, reading glasses with hairspray and stickers to hinder vision and exemplify cataracts and lastly we let the kids experience nephropathy by putting popcorn kernels in their shoes.

They played BINGO, they had a dance party, they heard about the efforts of recycling with our rain barrel garden and they learned how to crochet a chain with our Prayer Shawl Group.

They brought their lunch and ate with us and chatted away. What a Great Day!



Ray Atkins with NC Beltone also join us to call Bingo!



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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

There is a **CRITICAL** need for Volunteer Drivers to deliver meals to home-bound seniors in Mount Airy and Pilot Mountain.

Please call and volunteer today!

(336) 786-6155 ext. 233 or 224

*Volunteer mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance may be available.*



PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

The YVEDDI Yadkin Valley Senior Center held a Prayer Shawl Dedication on June 5, 2019.

Thanks to our volunteers who made these beautiful prayer shawls, 159 Prayer Shawls were given to Mountain Valley Hospice.

If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Group, please contact the Yadkin Valley Senior Center at (336) 526-1087 or Sherry Gibson, Volunteer Coordinator at (336) 677-1692.



**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.



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- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities



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