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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff & Volunteers

January/February/March
2020

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 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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Happy New Year!

Certificate of
Appreciation and
Recognition awarded
to Don Hutchens on
December 11, 2019

After 28 years of outstanding service to the YVEDDI and the people of Yadkin County, Alfred (Don) Hutchens is parking his van and hanging up the keys for the last time. Don is retiring, his last day of work will be December 31, 2019.

For many years Don has been the regular driver for several special needs passengers. Don started working as a part time van driver for YVEDDI on December 23, 1991. During his 28 years there have been a lot of changes. When he started work with the YVEDDI in 1991 gasoline was \$1.14 per gallon, postage stamps were \$.29 each, and cell phones were the size of a sub sandwich. Some of the things that have not changed is Don is still as dependable as a Timex watch, has constant and consistent attention to detail with extensive note taking, and expert penmanship that would rival an Olympia typewriter. When it comes to drivers, there is none better than Don Hutchens.

We will miss Don but we wish him the best of luck and much happiness in his retirement.

Be More Awesome Than Last Year



Thank You!



The Yadkin Valley Senior Center Quilting Group donated 42 lap quilts to Pruitt Health- Elkin for Christmas to ensure everyone had a loving heart felt gift.

Thank you Christene Mason, Jay Mason, Sue Macemore, Jane Stoker, Audrey Getz, Nellie Peele, Libby Burchette, Susan Burchette, Judy Wilmouth, Pat Lyons, Carol Cheek, and Barbara Ashley.

RELOADABLE RIDER PASSES ON SALE NOW!

RELOADABLE RIDER PASSES
ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
FOR THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:

- Mocksville Circulator
- Elkin Circulator

\$30.00 for Monthly Passes

(up to 100 trips per month)

\$10 for Weekly Passes

(up to 25 trips within the same week)

Passes are Reloadable

Passes are NOT Transferrable

Replacement for lost/stolen cards:

No Charge for the 1st replacement

\$5 for additional replacement cards

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(336) 679-2071 for
more information

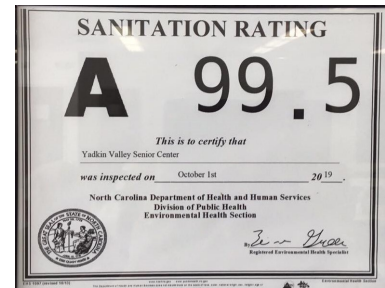


Passes may be purchased from the
driver or at the local office:

622 N. Main Street Suite 201
Mocksville, NC 27028

1413 W. Main Street
Yadkinville, NC 27055

We recommend calling ahead to make
sure that someone will be in the office.



Congrats!
Yadkin Valley Senior Center



Yadkin County Senior Center
Thank you to the amazing Yadkin River Quilters
Guild for quilting our Mission Statement!

Welcome Aboard!

- Ashley Beck - HS Teacher
- Katrina Boyles - HS Teacher
- Phillip Brock - Driver
- Dollie Hale - Driver
- Joyce Hutchinson - Driver
- Michael Lineback - HS Family Advocate
- Tara Martin - HS Health Supervisor
- Maribel Martinez - HS Teacher
- Connie Mooney - DV/SA Advocate/Program Specialist
- Clayton Morgan - Driver
- Daniel Privette - HS Facilities Coordinator
- Kathy Reed - RSVP Manager
- James Richards - Driver
- Cynthia Swisher - Assistant Teacher

Please submit your news-worthy articles
and pictures to drutledge@yveddi.com

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





You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream
 ~Aristotle~

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

Service Anniversary Celebrations

5 Years
 Alan Moxley

10 Years
 Regina Chappell

15 Years
 Zandrea Stevens

Celebrating the Journey... Happy Retirement!

Don Hutchins, Driver
 Lee Johnson, Purchasing Manager



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Social Services

DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILLS?

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) may be able to help you.

Households with a person age 60 or older or a disabled person receiving services through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services can apply from December 2, 2019, through December 31, 2019. All households can apply beginning January 2, 2020, through March 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

Contact your local county department of social services for more information.

Households with a Native American adult age 18 and older residing in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland counties, who wish to apply for LIEAP benefits, must do so through the Lumbee Tribe.

Households that include an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) living in the five-county service area of Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties, who wish to apply for LIEAP benefits, must do so through the EBCI. This includes enrolled EBCI members on and off the Qualla Boundary in the five counties.



Funds are Limited, APPLY TODAY!

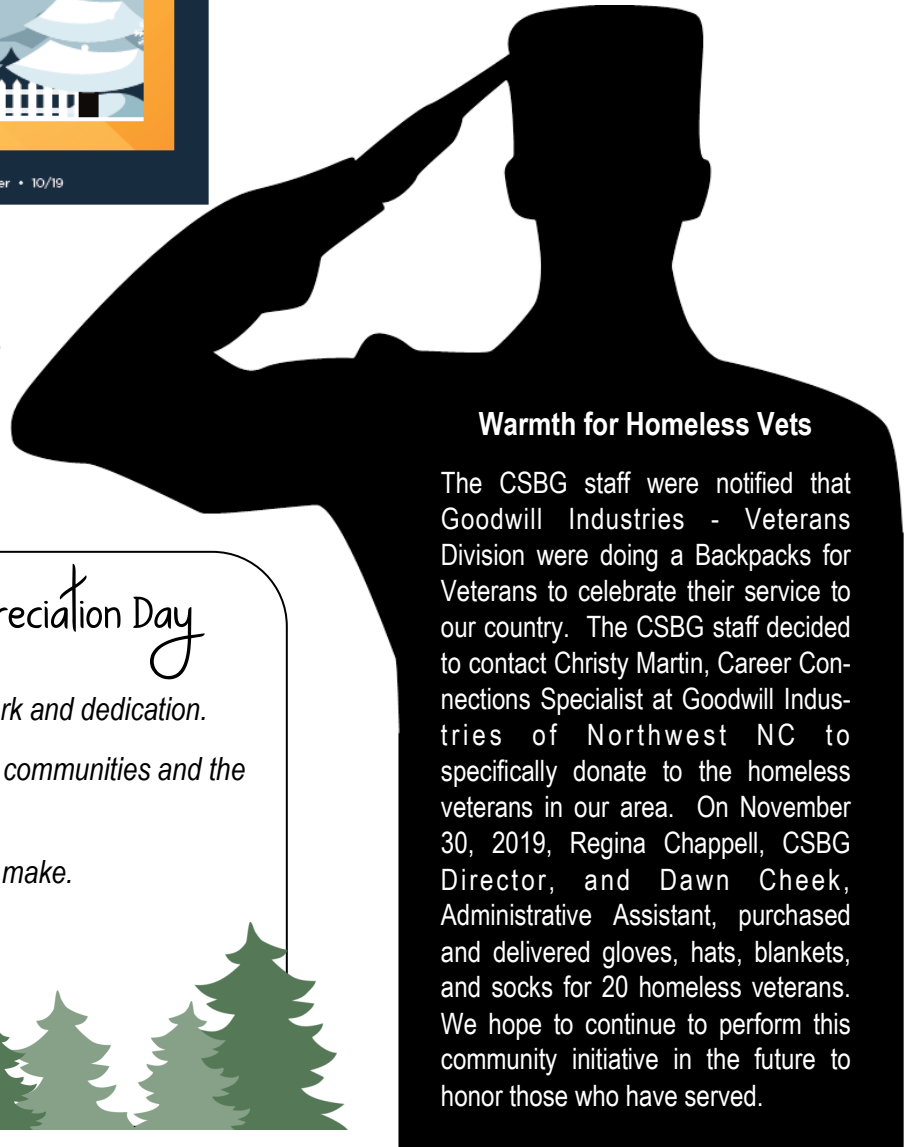
Division of Social Services
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The Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Party was held at the Yadkin County Senior Center on December 10th with entertainment by John Floyd, Comedian



February: National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month



Warmth for Homeless Vets

The CSBG staff were notified that Goodwill Industries - Veterans Division were doing a Backpacks for Veterans to celebrate their service to our country. The CSBG staff decided to contact Christy Martin, Career Connections Specialist at Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC to specifically donate to the homeless veterans in our area. On November 30, 2019, Regina Chappell, CSBG Director, and Dawn Cheek, Administrative Assistant, purchased and delivered gloves, hats, blankets, and socks for 20 homeless veterans. We hope to continue to perform this community initiative in the future to honor those who have served.

March 6, 2020 is Employee Appreciation Day

I want to commend each of you on your hard work and dedication.

Thank you for your commitment to YVEDDI, our communities and the people we serve.

I appreciate each of you and the difference you make.

Thank You Today and Everyday!

Kathy Payne

Executive Director





Santa To A Senior

Home Instead Senior Care, has for several years, partnered with many businesses and organizations in the community to help provide senior citizens in our community with Christmas gifts. These seniors may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

We are so grateful to Van and Anne Lankford of Home Instead Senior Care of Mount Airy for including our Mount Airy homebound seniors in this year's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program again.

More than 500 Surry County seniors are being served this year who might not otherwise have anything for Christmas.

Thank You!



District Office Christmas Luncheon
December 13, 2019

Save the Date

SPONSORED BY THE DRAGON SLAYERS

**Meals on Wheels
5K/10K**

2020

For more information contact:
Tom Beckom
(336) 367-3531 or
tbeckom@yveddi.com

Saturday | **MARCH 28, 2020**
10K - 8:00 AM
5K - 8:15 AM

All proceeds from this event benefit YVEDDI Meals-On-Wheels GROWING waiting list to feed seniors in Surry County.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Baby, It's Cold Outside

We Need Your Help!

We are in need of **hats, coats, gloves, boots and shoes** for all ages for our free community clothing closet.

We also are in need of **blankets and bedding** items.

Household items such as **utensils, curtains and towels** are requested frequently so please keep Grace's Closet in mind when cleaning out for the new year.

Please bring your donation to Grace's Closet located at:

215 Jones School Road • Mount Airy, NC 27030
(Located inside the L. H. Jones Family Resource Center)

Donations are accepted: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Your donation helps us make a difference in the lives of neighbors in need!

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Share the Love with Vulnerable Seniors This Year

Exciting news! For the 12th year running, the Meals on Wheels network is participating in [the 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event](#). Over the past eleven years, Subaru and its retailers have helped Meals on Wheels to deliver more than 2.2 million meals nationwide to seniors in need.

Why does Subaru support Meals on Wheels? Too many seniors are struggling to stay independent and healthy. **One in four seniors lives alone in isolation** and **one in seven seniors might not know from where their next meal is coming**. This is simply unacceptable, which is why YVEDDI Senior Services provides the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to the seniors of Yadkin and Surry Counties. This vital support keeps seniors in their own homes, where they want to be.

We're incredibly grateful to Subaru and its Retailers for supporting our organization and the seniors we serve. With that in mind, we thought you might want to learn a little bit more about the Subaru [Share the Love Event](#).

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

This November 14, 2019, through January 2, 2020, for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased, Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of participating charities.* Meals on Wheels is one of four national participating charities and has been since the inception of the event. Through this event, as a member of Meals on Wheels America, YVEDDI Senior Services will receive a share of the donation from Subaru vehicles sold at participating Subaru Retailers.

You might not be in the market to purchase a new car, but if you are, please look into the [Subaru Share the Love Event](#) to learn more. If you're not shopping for a new vehicle, *you can still help* by spreading the word to your family and friends. A few quick and easy ways to do that:

- Share this article!
- Share our posts about the Share the Love Event on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Yveddi-Senior-Services>

And remember: this holiday season you can ensure our senior neighbors are not forgotten, when you purchase or lease a new Subaru and select Meals on Wheels as your charity of choice.

*Disclaimer: Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased from November 14, 2019, through January 2, 2020, to four national charities designated by the purchaser or lessee. Pre-approved Hometown Charities may be selected for donation depending on retailer participation. For every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased during the campaign period, participating retailers will donate a minimum of \$50 in total to their registered Hometown Charities. Purchasers/lessees must make their charity designations by January 15, 2020. The four national charities will receive a guaranteed minimum donation of \$250,000 each. See your local Subaru retailer for details or visit subaru.com/share. All donations made by Subaru of America, Inc.

**The YVEDDI Retired Senior Volunteer Program
& the Surry County Senior Center**

Are proud to announce that we are partnering with the
Mount Airy Public Library and the IRS to provide

**FREE Tax Preparation at the Mt Airy Public Library
and the Surry County Senior Center!!!**



VITA sites provide *free* income tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers (generally those who make \$56,000 and below) who need help filing their returns.

**To schedule an appointment, call (336) 415-4225
on or after January 6, 2020.**

Surry County Senior Center
215 Jones School Road • Mount Airy, NC 27030



Please Join Us...

Friday
April 24
2020

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

Volunteer Opportunities Available
Call YVEDDI R.S.V.P at (336) 415-4247

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- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

Let Go Of Yesterday

Quilt Raffle



Purchase your tickets at the
Yadkin County Senior Center

207 East Hemlock Street
Yadkinville, NC 27055
(336) 679-3596

\$2.00 each or 15 for \$20.00

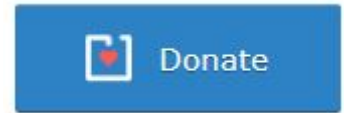
Drawing:
May 29, 2020



*Quilt handmade and donated by the
Yadkin River Quilters Guild*

\$2 each or
15 for \$20.00





YVEDDI now has a Donation Button on our website that makes it more convenient to donate to your favorite program. Please visit www.yveddi.com

Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI) is a qualified 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization, EIN 56-0851147.

All donors should refer to their tax advisor regarding the deductibility of their donation.

No goods or services are provided in exchange for contribution.



Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a

brand new ending.

~Carl Bard~



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.




Office Space for Lease

Current Occupant's Include:
 Medical Loan Closet
 Yokefellow
 United Fund of Surry
 J. J. Jones Alumni Association
 Mount Airy City Schools
 Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board
 YVEDDI FRC Administrative Office
 YVEDDI Grace's Closet
 YVEDDI Senior Services
 YVEDDI Senior Center
 YVEDDI RSVP
 YVEDDI CSBG
 YVEDDI Head Start



215 Jones School Road • Mount Airy, NC 27030
 Located inside the L. H. Jones Family Resource Center

Location: 215 Jones School Road • Mount Airy, NC 27030

Space Available: 162 sq. ft. • 280 sq. ft. • 553 sq. ft. • 556 sq. ft. • 586 sq. ft. • 615 sq. ft. • 796 sq. ft.

Lease Fees: Based on cost sharing of monthly expenses per square footage percentage

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

Call to schedule your tour today!

Ph. (336) 415-4256 • bmitchem@yveddi.com