

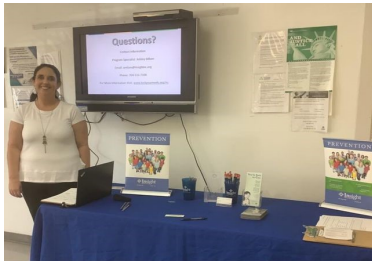
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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

HAPPY 4th of July

SUMMER 2022  
(JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)



## Yadkin Valley Senior Center April 28, 2022

A great program with Ashley Milan from Insight!

"Lock Your Meds" is one of the most interesting and important programs we have.

Thank you Ashley!

### 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.



At the April 28th YVEDDI Board of Directors meeting and with a heavy heart, a candle was lit at the usual seat of beloved, long-time board member Mike Crouse. Newly appointed Chaplain Danny Royall remarked "I can never fill Mike's shoes in the role of YVEDDI Chaplain, but I will certainly try my best, as I too love this agency". Mr. Crouse has been a YVEDDI Board member for 40 years. His relentless dedication to YVEDDI and his truly sincere love and encouragement for others will be profoundly missed by all.



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July	
Crystal Smoot-Dulin	7-5
Tom Beckom	7-6
Crystal Ellis	7-10
Alan Moxley	7-10
Alan Pilcher	7-10
Joshua Sprinkle	7-10
Robert Freeman	7-13
Sheila Harris	7-17
Donna Kingsland	7-17
Rhonda Wrenn	7-17
Nathan DeBord	7-23
Martha Jones	7-25
Cristina Alonzo	7-27
Nanmarliz Rosario	7-27

August	
Mary Sprinkle	8-1
James Bonello	8-3
Clara Berrum-Urquiza	8-15
Carol Marino	8-16
James Sprinkle Jr.	8-19
Maria Hernandez	8-23
Karl Allen	8-24
Melanie Poteat	8-25
Elisha Harris	8-28
Erica Medlin	8-30

September	
Ramona Rios	9-1
Sammie Clement	9-7
Glenda Hatcher	9-13
Mavis Moore	9-14
Emily Mauck	9-15
Gina Gregory	9-16
Edward McDaniels	9-16
Glennadean Tenney	9-16
Zany Gray	9-19
Holly Felts	9-20
Stephen Harris	9-21
Sheryl Lowman	9-21
Darry Groce	9-23
Lisa Money	9-23
Tammy Pendleton	9-25
Yolanda Lytton	9-27
Lori Moore	9-28
Lynn Wall	9-29
Jeff Cockerham	9-30

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



## Congratulations

### Welcome Aboard!

- Patrick Benitez, Weatherization Tech
- Melissa Bussard, Assistant Teacher
- Daniel Cannon Jr, Driver
- Nathan DeBord, Driver
- Sara Escobedo, Substitute Teacher
- Catlin Harris, Teacher
- Janira Hernandez, Teacher
- Donna Kingsland, Driver
- Jessica Mabe, Assistant Teacher
- Tonya Martin, Head Start Health Supervisor
- Jeanne McHone, Assistant Teacher
- Sheila Myers, DV/SA Advocate
- Mary Sprinkle, Assistant Teacher
- David Short, Driver

**MAY YOU BE PROUD  
OF THE WORK YOU DO  
THE PERSON YOU ARE  
AND THE DIFFERENCE  
YOU MAKE**

Celebrating the Journey...  
**Happy Retirement!**  
*Angela Honeycutt  
Jessie Parsons  
Susan Yow*

**Length of Service**

**30 YEARS**  
Jeff Cockerham

**25 YEARS**  
Daphne Cothren

**20 Years**  
Rhonda Beavers

**5 YEARS**  
Richard Veler  
Sandra Johnson  
Donna Sims

## Welcome new board members!

David Jordan of Davie County  
Pam Crouse of Yadkin County  
Danny Royall of Yadkin County  
Brent Ward of Davie County  
Amy Bryant of Surry County



## Bulletin:

*FY 2020-21 Audit – No Findings!*

As a reminder while you complete your shopping online, YVEDDI is now an Amazon Smiles member!

This means that YVEDDI receives .5% of the money on all purchases you make on Amazon. This feature is absolutely free to you, because the .5% comes out of the price you are already paying for a product!

If you are already an Amazon shopper, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select "Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc." for organization, and begin shopping to give back.

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.



## Remembering in Prayer

### Board

Mickey's son – recovering from a heart attack  
Pam Crouse – loss of husband Mike  
Marion Welborn's wife June - illness

### Staff

Janet Phillips, Admin - husband passed 5/6/22  
Karen Shelton, WEA - mother passed away 6/8/22  
Robert Freeman, HS - Injury and hospitalized  
Staff diagnosed with COVID-19

### Pilot Mountain Senior Center May 10, 2022

Crafting with Ann and Linda



YVEDDI CSBG is working with Wheels 4 Hope to obtain vehicles for customers.

Wheels4Hope is a non-profit, faith-based car donation program that turns donated cars into local blessings. We are located in the Triangle and Triad areas of North Carolina. Our mission is to provide affordable, reliable transportation to economically vulnerable families and individuals who are referred to us by one of our partner agencies. As an IRS approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Wheels4Hope exists only through the contributions of numerous donors, volunteers, congregations and partner businesses who understand that reliable transportation is a vital component for self-sufficiency.

The details are located on their website.

<https://wheels4hope.org>

Also, if anyone would like to donate a vehicle they will tow it and will take vehicles in any condition.

**Call (336) 355- 9130 for more information**



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The Certified Safety and Security Officer (CSSO) program is designed to help personnel build the transportation organization, enhance the professionalism of the internal team, safely serve its customers, fulfill its responsibilities in assisting in community preparedness, identify internal safety and security strengths and weaknesses and reduce system exposure to liability.

To become qualified as a CSSO an Individual will learn to:

- Take the CSSO Certification exam
- Identify system strengths
- Identify areas for improvement, and
- Develop safety, security and emergency preparedness programs
- Provide non-judgmental, confidential feedback,
- Give positive reinforcement where appropriate, and
- Be constructive, and not punitive, in nature.

The course starts with the basics of developing a safety culture in a transit organization. This culture is developed through the principles of what is called "Safety Management Systems (SMS)." SMS can be looked on as a businesslike approach to safety. It is a systematic, explicit and comprehensive process for managing safety risks. As with all management systems, a safety management system provides for goal setting, planning, and measuring performance. Once in place, a safety management system becomes part of the culture, the way people do their jobs. The CSSO training leads the Individual through the nine critical areas of transit safety:

- Leadership and Management
- Transit Operations Vehicles and Maintenance
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Personnel
- Training
- Organizational Safety
- Organizational Security
- Community Emergency Response Preparedness



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



**Inequity Statement**

YVEDDI is deeply disturbed by the recent racial injustice and violence. We have always stood for equal treatment, inclusion, mutual respect, and strive to empower the people to lead more successful lives. We are committed to doing our part to reduce inequality in our communities.

**Yadkin Valley Senior Center  
April 27, 2022**

Look what came in today all the way from Kansas! Thank you Sharolyn Harris. Also pictured are the last prayer shawls from our traveling missionary, Shari Babbs. We are so grateful for our ladies who take the time to crochet, knit and especially pray for the recipients of these shawls.



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MICRO Transit on Demand service is available within the town limits of Elkin, Jonesville and Mocksville

# GO Transit

Public Transportation  
336-679-2071

Operated by Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc.

**Micro transit** is a form of demand responsive transportation for hire. This service offers highly flexible routing and scheduling of vehicles shared with other passengers.

### Popular Destinations

#### Davie County

- Cooper Creek Apts.
- Walmart
- WFBH Urgent Care
- Foster Drug
- Davie Social Services
- Senior Center
- Food Stamp Office
- DCCC
- Lakewood Motel
- Family Promise
- Food Lion
- A Storehouse for Jesus
- Davie Family YMCA
- Veterans Office
- Mock Place/Library
- Downtown (1st Semi Circle)
- and various apartment complexes

#### Elkin/Jonesville

- Elkin Town Hall
- Walmart
- Food Lion-Elkin
- Turner Court Apts.
- Ingles
- Yadkin Valley Senior Center
- Food Lion -Jonesville
- The Elkin Center SCC

#### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM



### Three Ways to Pay

#### 1. Cash fare of \$1.00 per boarding will be charged to ride.

Correct change is required and no receipts are written by the driver.  
Medicaid Passengers must be pre-approved and pre-scheduled to ride.

#### 2. Weekly Passes \$10

(up to 25 trips within the same week)

#### 3. Monthly Passes \$30.00

(up to 100 trips per month)

Passes are Reloadable  
Passes are NOT Transferable

Replacement for lost/stolen cards:  
No Charge for the 1st replacement  
\$5 for additional replacement cards

Reloadable Rider Passes may be purchased from the driver or at the local office:  
622 N. Main Street, Suite 101 • Mocksville, NC 27028  
We recommend calling ahead to make sure that someone will be in the office.



### Three Ways to Schedule A Ride

(336) 679-2071 option #3

[www.requestmyride.com](http://www.requestmyride.com)

Smartphone-Use the "CTS Rider Portal" App



Relay Service for the Speech/Hearing Impaired:  
TDD/TTY: 1-800-735-2962  
Voice: 1-800-735-8262  
Email: [trips@yveddi.com](mailto:trips@yveddi.com)

## Yadkin Valley Senior Center May 26, 2022

A great day at YVSC celebrating our Older Americans. We had a potluck lunch, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and listened to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" after a good old American game of BINGO. Our two "most experienced at life" members led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I'm so very thankful for those who paved the way before us and the freedoms we are afforded because of their sacrifices.





## Holiday Schedule

July 4th

Independence Day

September 5th

Labor Day



Volunteer  
Opportunities  
Available

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

### 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.

### Surry County Senior Center March 24, 2022

Thank you, RT Portis and the Extension Master Gardeners! Our seniors love the Seed Library! We gave away 60 packs of seeds on the first day!



### Surry County Senior Center June 14, 2022

From one of our seniors, Sandy Rhodes, "Here is a photo of my sweet peas that are the seeds I got from the senior center. They are growing so fast. I like to eat them raw."



### Pilot Mountain Senior Center June 15, 2022

Sing-A-Long with Judy and Willie



### East Bend Senior Center June 9, 2022

We served dinner to over 50 people. Thanks so much to Shallow Ford foundation. The desserts were made by all our experienced cooks.



### Pilot Mountain Senior Center June 2, 2022

Thank you to Robin Portis for coming out to teach us how to grow our own salad bowl.



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center May 17, 2022

Senior Fresh Packs  
Thanks to the Shallow Ford Foundation, we were able to send 18 additional servings of fresh fruit and vegetables to our Meals on Wheels participants this month.



### Yadkin Valley Senior Center March 29, 2022

Heathy choices! Sending out a little love today to our home bound participants. Thanks Shallow Ford Foundation for your continued generosity.



### East Bend Senior Center April 6, 2022

Craft Day





**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

**March 29, 2022**

Craft Day



**June 2, 2022**

2022 Silver Follies (Yadkin Valley Senior Games)



Weatherization Program  
new road frontage sign



**East Bend Senior Center**

**May 20, 2022**

Craft Day



**Yadkin Valley Senior Games**

**May 3, 2022**

Let the Games Begin!



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center**

**June 15, 2022**

The Tomato in a Bucket Workshop was a great way to start our morning.

A special thank you to Master Gardener, Robin Portis at the NC Cooperative Extensions office for sharing her knowledge with us.



## Yadkin Valley Senior Center

April 14, 2022

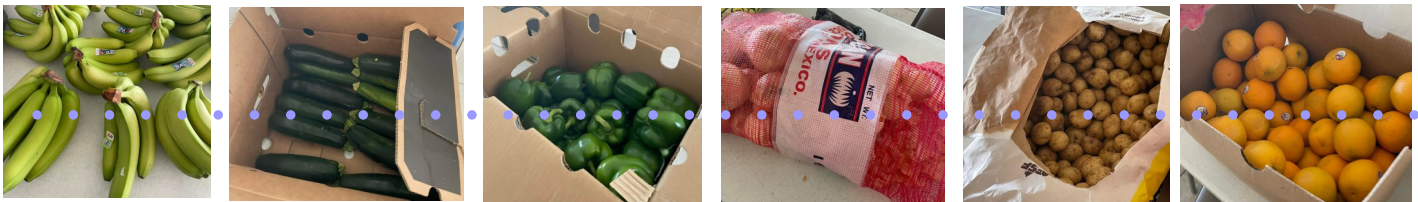
Easter Egg Hunt



## East Bend Senior Center

May 20, 2022

Celebrating Older Americans Month by sending out goody bags to our homebound and congregate participants. Made possible by Shallow Ford Foundation!



An elderly couple was flying to Hawaii for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th anniversary:

Suddenly, over the public address system, the captain announces. "Ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives."

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island.

An hour later, the husband turns to his wife and asks. "Honey, did we pay the car bill this month?"

"No, sweetheart." She responds.

Still shaken from the crash landing, he then asks. "Did we pay our credit card bill yet?"

"Oh no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check." She says.

"One last thing, did you remember to pay the medical bill for the hospital visit last month?" He asks.

"Oh, forgive me, sweetheart." Begged the wife. "I didn't send that one, either."

The husband grabs her and gives her the biggest hug in 50 years.

She pulls away and asks him. "What was the hug for?"

The husband answers. "They'll find us!"





## Yadkin Valley Senior Center

April 2022

Senior Center Garden 2022.

I hope these little plants make it.

We strive to reduce waste and recycle when at all possible. The chairs were no longer safe to use for our seniors but sturdy enough to hold the repurposed barrels. The fence was made from wire that had been taken down and trashed. The stakes used for the little fence were repurposed tomato stakes from a couple of years ago.



## Yadkin Valley Senior Center

April 27, 2022

Spring clean-up



## Pilot Mountain Senior Center

May 24, 2022

Celebrating Older Americans Month by sending out goody bags to our homebound participants today.





# [www.NC211.org](http://www.NC211.org)

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?  
**DIAL 2-1-1**

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

**Your connection to:**

▪ Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)	▪ Health Care
▪ Child Care Services	▪ Housing
▪ Consumer Help	▪ Senior Services
▪ Counseling	▪ Support Groups
▪ Crisis Intervention	▪ Volunteer Opportunities

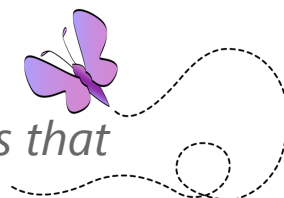
## Yadkin Valley Senior Center

April 2022

Healthy options for our seniors



*"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."*





# YVEDDI Head Start

## Accepting Applications!



All SNAP recipients are eligible

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2022? If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2022-2023 school year. Scan the QR code below with your camera to contact us!



SCAN ME



### SERVICES OFFERED

- NO COST Preschool Program
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks

### NEEDED FROM PARENTS

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

### SCHOOL HOURS:

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

### Which Head Start should your child attend? CONTACT:

Phone: (336) 367-4993 Ext. 246

Save Time – Application available Online!

Visit our website: [www.yveddi.com](http://www.yveddi.com) and click Head Start

**Davie County Office**  
(336) 284-2374

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

**Stokes County Offices**  
Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022

King (336) 983-2344  
**Yadkin County Offices**  
Boonville (336) 367-7175  
Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239

\*Head Start is following all required state health guidelines regarding COVID-19 to ensure the health of our staff and the families we serve. We may potentially offer remote services, depending on the status of the pandemic.

