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FALL 2022
(OCT/NOV/DEC)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

Pilot Mountain Senior Center

August 11, 2022

Here's to another successful year partnering with the Novant Breast Center. Thank you to everyone who came out to make this such a successful event.



YVEDDI held a Summer Blood Drive on Monday, August 15, 2022. We had a great turnout with 22 donations.



American Red Cross

Head Start Announces Retirement

Susan Yow, Teacher at Jonesville Head Start, has retired from the Head Start program. Rhonda Wrenn, Head Start Director, celebrated Susan and thanked her for her 10 years of service during the End-of-the-Year celebration in June at Lila Swaim Park. Head Start wishes Susan the best in her retirement!



Congratulations!

Effective September 4, 2022, **Melanie Poteat** was promoted to Surry/Stokes County Coordinator.

Melanie has been an employee of YVEDDI for 22 years. She started as a van driver then moved into the dispatch position. During her time at our agency she has developed into a first-rate dispatcher and great leader for her team. During the past year, Melanie has filled in at the Coordinator position and has done an outstanding job.

Please help us to congratulate Melanie on her promotion. Congratulations Melanie!





October	
Cynthia Swisher	10-2
Sara Escobedo	10-4
Tom Bachmann (Board)	10-5
Tommy Eads	10-6
Amanda Hairston	10-7
Tina Anderson	10-10
Shonia Atkins	10-14
Tina Wishon	10-15
Sonya Wilson	10-19
Patricia Peebles	10-21
Pam Crouse (Board)	10-22
Melanie Hull	10-25
David Smith	10-28
Autum Hawkins	10-29
Jeffrey Phillips	10-30

November	
Mitzi Hutchens	11-3
Joseph Shaffer	11-3
Antionette Rucker	11-4
Sheila Myers	11-5
Larry Johnson (Board)	11-7
Mary Ann Wagoner	11-10
Terry Daniels	11-11
Paige Branscome	11-13
Catlin Harris	11-13
Jill Hohanson	11-18
Zandrea Stevens	11-20
Kathy Payne	11-21
Daphne Cothren	11-25
Bonnie Whitley	11-25
Timothy Baker	11-28
Donna Sims	11-28
Greg Bruner	11-29
John Wall	11-29
Joe Valliere, Jr.	11-30

December	
Tina Arbcast	12-3
Carolyn Gentry	12-3
Rochelle George	12-3
Ben Pendleton	12-4
Kelly Craine (Board)	12-5
Connie Brown	12-8
Nathanial Childress	12-8
Bristol Mitchem	12-9
Carol Richards	12-10
Shelby King (Board)	12-11
Suzanne Wright (Board)	12-13
Jennifer Romero	12-16
Hurley Casstevens	12-19
Marion Welborn (Board)	12-23
Jerry Dodson	12-24
Penny Spainhour	12-24
Linda Light	12-25
Mark Jones (Board)	12-28
Karen Shelton	12-29

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



Congratulations

Remembering in Prayer

Board

David Jordan: Wife passed away & son has medical issues

Danny Royall: Brother passed away

Staff

LaShonda Griffith: Father passed away
Rhonda Wrenn: Father is having health issues

Celebrating the Journey...
Happy Retirement!

Danny Overby

Susan Yow

Length of Service

15 Years

Teresa Mullis
Sammie Clement

10 Years

Cristina Alonzo

5 Years

Larry Pinnix

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

November 11th

Veteran's Day

November 24-25

Thanksgiving

December 23, 26, 27

Christmas



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.

YVEDDI documents and forms can be downloaded from the P: drive. Reminder: Please do not leave your information on the forms.

BEE Your Best!

Head Start Pre-Service Training

August 1-5, 2021 and August 8-12, 2022



Head Start Kicks Off the 2022-2023 School Year with 2 Weeks of Training

Rhonda Wrenn, Head Start Director, welcomed management and classroom staff back with two weeks of Pre-Service training beginning on August 1. This year our focus is on "Being Positive" in all aspects of the school year. There was a lot of information presented about mental health for staff and children in our care. Other training session topics included Health and Safety, Fire Prevention and Safety, and general policies and procedures. Teaching Strategies staff also presented Implementing Studies in the Classroom and information about our parenting curriculum, Ready Rosie. There was a lot of information presented and there were also many moments of fun and laughter, as always when Head Start staff is together.

We Are Still Enrolling!

Do you or someone you know have a child that is 3 or 4 years old? If so, you can complete an application for your child now for the 2022-2023 school year. Save time- the application is available online! Visit our website: www.yveddi.com and click Head Start.



Yadkin County Senior Centers

September 6, 2022

Our Master's of Aging Celebration was very successful! We had 82 people join us for the celebration including NC Tarheel Representative, Richard Lasky. Mr. Lasky provided us with very useful information about aging services in North Carolina. He serves on several boards including the Yadkin County Aging Services Planning Committee and is always willing to listen and help out whenever he can. We had a great dinner that was made by the Senior Center Managers - Rhonda Reed Beavers from the East Bend Senior Center, Lori Moore from the Yadkin County Senior Center and Sandra S. Johnson from the Yadkin Valley Senior Center. There were two special volunteers from McCall Insurance, John and Frank, who shared that they will be opening an insurance office in Yadkinville soon and invited everyone to come see them for their insurance questions in the upcoming year. They also helped tremendously with bingo - you know we can't have a party without bingo! Lastly we enjoyed a mix of old and new music played by Stan Bobbitt. Our seniors enjoyed a nice dinner, several games of bingo and wonderful music and dancing. It was a really good night. Thank you to all that came out and made it such a success. You guys make aging look so easy!



Surry County Senior Center

June 27, 2022

Thanks to Robin Portis, Master Gardener, (and her expert lessons and advice,) we have 7 seniors who are planting and maintaining their own gardens! Some are already harvesting and enjoying some of their hard-earned vegetables!



Yadkin County Senior Center

Quarter Bingo



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

June 23, 2022

We finally had our drawing today for the lap quilt and the crocheted throw. Our new Safety Officer Deputy O'Leary was kind enough to do both drawings for us after our safety program today. The winners were Rene Hayes and Brittany Hodges - they are mother and daughter! Pictured below is Brittany.



The first day of school was a success!



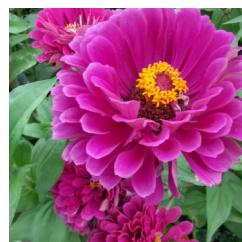
"Measure your success, not by money, but by the number of faces you bring a smile upon each day."
 ~Unknown ~

Surry County Senior Center

September 2022

Our seniors have really enjoyed using the seed library!

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



East Bend Senior Center

June 29, 2022

Chair Volleyball and Crafts



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

4th of July Party



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

August 2022

Projects our quilters have been working on. BEAUTIFUL!



Surry County Senior Center

June crafts



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

July 5, 2022

Harvest Time



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

September 20, 2022

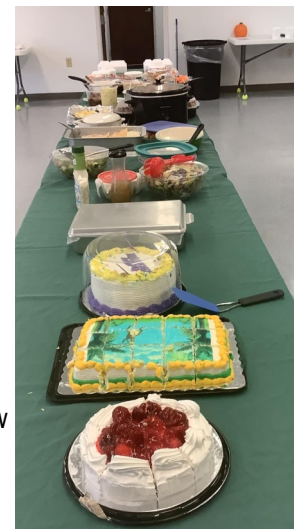
Our volunteers enjoyed putting these hygiene kits together for the home bound. Thanks to Shallow Ford Foundation we have been able to send hygiene, activity kits, and fresh produce out to our seniors.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

August 22, 2022

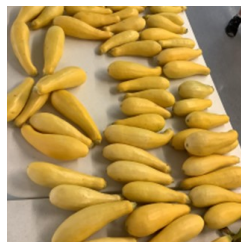
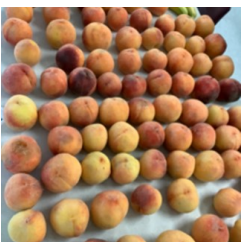
We had a Senior Supper last night! It was pot luck and it turned out great! We had plenty of food. Our folks ate, laughed, and played bingo. Sure was good to do something that seemed "normal" again. Thankful to Elkin First United Methodist Church for continued donations that allow us to purchase the extras we need to make these activities happen.



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

August 30, 2022

Nutritious goodies going out! Thank you Shallow Ford Foundation for your continued support!



Surry County Senior Center

July 2022

"Christmas in July" crafts



Yadkin County Senior Center

Quarter Bingo



Surry County Senior Center

August 12, 2022

Don't mess with SENIORS

Three 200+ games today!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Joe Denny 212 game

Gary Stevens 253 game

Tim Vennon 206 game



Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded, and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear".

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder".

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning late so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor and smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir"?



Another fall, another
turned page...

- Wallace Stegner



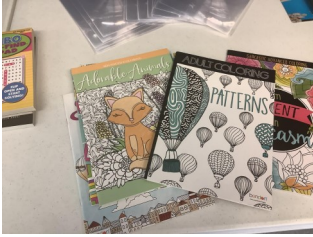
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Yadkin Valley Senior Center

August 2022

Activity Kits went out last week to our home bound clients. Some like to color, some like games, some like word search - I think we got them all covered! Big thanks to Shallow Ford Foundation and Elkin First United Methodist Church for donations to help cover a few extras for our seniors. We really appreciate it and they do too!



Pilot Mountain Senior Center

August 17, 2022

Fall Gardening Workshop with Master Gardener, Robin Portis




Yadkin Valley Senior Center

August 2022

“Crazy Quilt” made by Pat and “Majestic Mountain” made by Christene. Beautiful!!



 October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Head Start

August 22, 2022

Hadleigh started back to school today! She is in the NC Pre-K program with Headstart and she is so excited to be back with all her friends and teachers!!!

Welcome Aboard!

Tina Arbgast	Assistant Teacher
Amanda Casstevens	Assistant Teacher
Abdier Echevarria-Soto	Driver
Lindsey Gravley	Food Aide/Substitute
Amanda Hairston	Teacher
Glenda Hatcher	Sub. Teacher
Ashley Hiatt	Teacher
Glenn Hunt Jr.	Driver
Morgan Lang	Teacher
Beth McCraw	Assistant Teacher
Edward McDaniels	Custodian
Bristol Mitchem	Health Supervisor
Iaisha Oliver	Food Aide/Substitute
Dwayne Parks	Driver
Meaghan Pell	Assistant Teacher
Ralph Renegar	Driver
Jennifer Romero	Food Service Aid
Rebecca Smith	Driver
Ashlyn Triplett	Substitute
Martha Valencia-Padilla	Family Advocate
Randall Walker	Driver
Sonya Wilson	Teacher



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Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?

DIAL 2-1-1

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Your connection to:

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

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



Yadkin Valley Senior Center

September 8, 2022

We had a very informative presentation from the American Banking Association representatives. They covered Identity theft, Social Security, Tech Support, and IRS Imposter Scams. It's good to know there are people out there to help keep our seniors safe! Oh and this is Karen, we are celebrating her CANCER FREE report!



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, select "Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc." for organization, and begin shopping to give back.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



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- 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 people to lead more successful lives. We are committed to doing our part to reduce inequality in our communities.



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

Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



**American
Red Cross**



YVEDDI Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 11th

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

533 N. Carolina Ave. Hwy 601, Boonville
Conference Room

For an appointment please visit, www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: YVEDDI, scan QR code below or contact Stephen Harris at saharris@yveddi.com



Trick or treat yourself with a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice when you come to give blood, platelets or plasma in October with a valid email address on file.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Do you qualify for food assistance?

If yes, your child qualifies for Head Start!



YVEDDI Head Start

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!

SERVICES OFFERED

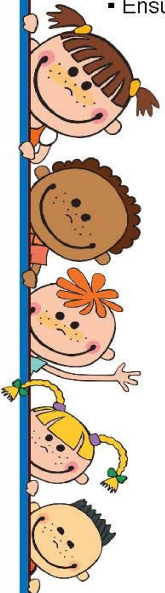
- NO COST Preschool Program
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services



SCAN ME

NEEDED FROM PARENTS

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



Call Today to Enroll!

Save Time – Application available Online!
Visit our website: www.yveddi.com and click Head Start

Davie County Office
(336) 284-2374

Stokes County Offices
Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022
King (336) 983-2344

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

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.

United Fund Campaign

YVEDDI Incentive Program

2022 - 2023

Would you like to...

- ✓ Have a paid day to go to the Spa, or
- ✓ Have a paid day to watch Netflix all day in your PJ's, or
- ✓ Have a paid day to go to the pool or go shopping, and
- ✓ Contribute to a worthy cause in your community, and
- ✓ Have a charitable tax deduction

Level of Contribution	Perks
\$220 per year club (\$8.47 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 24 hours Admin Leave
\$120 per year club (\$4.62 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 12 hours Admin Leave
\$100 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 8 hours Admin Leave
\$50 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 4 hours Admin Leave
\$25 one-time gift payable to YVEDDI (UF Campaign in memo)	Voucher for 2 hours Admin Leave

Please complete the attached United Fund form and turn in to your supervisor for submission to the district office by October 31st, 2022.

Administrative Leave must be scheduled and prior approved by the program director. Leave will be awarded after the contribution is verified per copy of the check or contribution form submitted to the Executive Director.





Leave must be used by **December 31, 2023.**





YVEDDI Pledge Campaign

Workplace Campaign **2022-2023**

My Information			
Name			
Home Address			
Email Address		Phone	
My Pledge	Enter your donation amount \$		
Direct my contribution to the following: (Select Option Below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> *Yadkin County United Fund 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yadkin Valley United Fund 	<input type="checkbox"/> *United Fund of Surry 	<input type="checkbox"/> United Fund of Stokes 
Designate my gift to a specific agency: (optional) See list on back			
<i>*A \$50 minimum donation is required to designate a specific agency.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am giving a one-time tax deductible gift of \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Check Number: _____) Make check payable to YVEDDI (specify United Fund name in the memo) and return with form			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll Deduction: I am doing a payroll deduction through YVEDDI \$ _____ x 26 (bi-weekly) = \$ _____ <small>\$ paycheck # of pay periods Total payroll deduction</small>			
<i>Deductions begin January 2023 and continue through December 2023</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I want my gift to remain anonymous			
Perks at Work	Level of Contribution	Perks	
	\$220 per year club (\$8.47 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 24 hours Admin Leave	
	\$120 per year club (\$4.62 per pay period payroll deduction)	Voucher for 12 hours Admin Leave	
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Signature _____

Date _____

<i>Yadkin County United Fund Agencies</i>	<i>Yadkin Valley United Fund Agencies</i>
American Red Cross	American Red Cross / Surry County Chapter
Boonville Community Public Library	Boy Scouts of America-Old Hickory Council
Boy Scouts of America	Cancer Services of Elkin
Cancer Services	CareNet Counseling of Wilkes/Elkin
Children's Center of Yadkin	Children's Center of Surry
East Bend Public Library	D.A.R.E
Grace Clinic	ECHO Ministries-The ARK
Jonesville Public Library	Elkin Lions Club
Mountain Valley Hospice – Yadkin Co.	Elkin Rescue Squad
Share A Home	Feed The Elderly
Smart Start of Yadkin County Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Foothills Art Council
The Ark Homeless Shelter	Girl Scout Hut Fund
The Salvation Army	Grace Clinic Yadkin Valley
Tri-County Christian Crisis Ministry	Jonesville Public Library
Yadkin Christian Ministries – Medical Assistance	Mountain Park Rescue Squad
Yadkin County 4-H Clubs	Mountain Valley Hospice
Yadkin County Public Library	SAFE, Inc.
Yadkin County Rescue Squad	SHAHC (Surry Homeless and Affordable Housing Coalition)
Yadkin Family YMCA	Salvation Army Surry County
Yadkin Special Olympics	Surry Friends of Youth
YVEDDI Domestic Violence (Yadkin County)	Surry Homeless and Affordable Housing Coalition
YVEDDI Senior Services	Tri-County Christian Ministry, Inc.
	Triple C Scholarships
	Wilkes Developmental Day School
	Watershed NOW, Inc.
	YVEDDI Surry Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
	YVEDDI Yadkin Valley Senior Services / Community Center

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<i>United Fund of Surry Agencies</i>	<i>United Fund of Stokes Agencies</i>
American Red Cross	American Red Cross
Ararat Rescue Squad	Bowman Gray Child Guidance
Armfield Civic Center: Camp Pilot Mountain	Boy Scouts, Old Hickory Council
Blue House Teaching Studio	Cancer Services
Blue Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad	Group Homes of Forsyth County
Boy Scouts: Old Hickory Council	Hospice & Palliative Care Center
Children's Center Of Surry	Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Joan & Howard Woltz
Dobson Rescue Squad	Hospice Home
Girl Scouts: Peaks To Piedmont Council	Stokes Advocacy Council to Seniors
Mountain Valley Hospice And Palliative Care	Stokes County 4-H
Mount Airy Rescue Squad	Stokes County Public Library Summer Reading Program
Pilot Mountain Rescue Squad	Stokes County Special Olympics
Reeves Community Center Foundation	Stokes Family YMCA
Surry Arts Council: Special Needs Program	Stokes Friends of Youth
Surry Friends Of Youth	Stokes SCAN
Surry Homeless And Affordable Housing Coalition	The Salvation Army
Surry SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)	YVEDDI Stokes Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault
Surry Medical Ministries	
The Salvation Army	
The Shepherd's House	
Webb Southern Carroll Community Club	
YOKEFELLOW Cooperative Ministry	
YVEDDI Surry Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault	
YVEDDI Senior Services	

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