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SUMMER 2023
(JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)

A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers



March 25, 2023

YVEDDI Meals On The 5K/10K Run

The race was a smashing success.

We had 105 runners, 23 volunteers PLUS an unknown number of volunteers from Central Surry Fire Department, Dobson Rescue Squad, Dobson Fire Department, Dobson Police Department, and Surry County Sheriff's Department.

There were 30 sponsors and more than \$9,000 generated for home-delivered meals.
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Thank you for years of dedicated service!

Length of Service

30 Years

Yolanda Lytton
Mavis Moore
Patricia Peebles

15 Years

Crystal Smoot-Dulin

10 Years

Tom Beckom
Tommy Eads
Gregory Bruner
Reginald Nichols
Tammy Pendleton

5 Years

Doug Akers
Hurley Casstevens
Morgan Harrison
Linda Light

**YVEDDI Meals On The Run
March 25, 2023**



Chief Shawn Myers, Dobson Police Department, thank you for all you do to coordinate officers, rescue personnel, and fire departments to keep our runners and volunteers safe.

Thank you for caring about the homebound seniors in Surry County. We appreciate you very much.

Also thanks to officers Larrie Robinson, Jake Lavesque, Joel Gonzalez, Zack Yarborough, Will Perdue, Connor Letendre, Colt Davis, and Tony Nance. We appreciate you giving up a Saturday morning to keep us safe.

Thank you to all the volunteers and YVEDDI staff that helped make this possible!

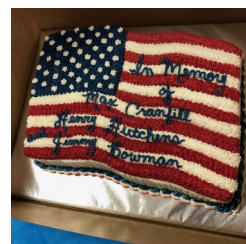
Yadkin Valley Senior Center

April 2023

We had an extra fun day today. We had a guest speaker from Yadkin EMS (not pictured) then bingo, a potluck lunch, Easter egg hunting, shot a little pool and most of all spent time with each other.



**May 2, 2023
Yadkin County Senior Center
Flag Dedication Day**



Dedicated in memory of
Henry Walker
(1911-1988)



July	
Ashley Hiatt	7/2
Crystal Smoot-Dulin	7/5
Tom Beckom	7/6
Roger Willard	7/8
Alan Moxley	7/10
Alan Pilcher	7/10
Robert Freeman	7/13
Sheila Harris	7/17
Donna Kingsland	7/17
Rhonda Wrenn	7/17
Morgan Lang	7/21
Martha Jones	7/25
Cristina Alonzo	7/27
Otis Hill	7/27
Meaghan Pell	7/27
Randall Walker	7/27

August	
James Bonello	8/3
Getzemani Pineda	8/5
Clara Berrum Urquiza	8/15
Carol Marino	8/16
Iaisha Oliver	8/23
Karl Allen	8/24
Melanie Poteat	8/25
Elisha Harris	8/28
Glenn Hunt Jr.	8/29

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

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
Crystal Williams	9/19
Stephen Harris	9/21
Rebecca Smith	9/21
Darry Groce	9/23
Lisa Money	9/23
Tammy Pendleton	9/25
Lindsey Gravley	9/26
Carrie Gooden	9/27
Yolanda Lytton	9/27
Rita Crutchfield	9/28
Lori Moore	9/28
Lynn Wall	9/29
Jeff Cockerham	9/30

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

In Memory...

Mr. Larry Dale Utt Sr.
3/25/1950 - 6/4/2023



Welcome Aboard!

- Danny Cockerham Driver
- Shaquedra Davis Driver
- Nathan Debord Driver
- Antonio DelGadillo Weatherization Technician
- Maria Galicia HS Family Advocate
- Carrie Gooden Nutrition Site Manager
- Gary Hicks Driver
- Leticia King Assistant Teacher
- Linda Light Teacher
- Crystal Williams Assistant Finance Director
- Timothy Zach Weatherization Technician

Holiday Schedule

July 4th

Independence Day

September 4

Labor Day

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.



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.

April 2023

YVEDDI Pilot Mountain Senior Center, YVEDDI Yadkin County Senior Center, YVEDDI RSVP, and YVEDDI Surry County Senior Center were represented at the Senior Health Fair at Reeves Community Center!



June 18, 2023

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

We had a great turnout for a Vaya Health program followed by what else?? BINGO. Our folks love a good game of BINGO. It's good to hear them laughing again although they are not always happy with me when I walk through and randomly yell BINGO!

May 2023

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

We have a new helper in our garden. His name is "Mac". He has several years of gardening and farming experience. He is trying to share his secrets to "raising up a good crop" and Ivan is always eager to see how the garden is growing and checks in as often as he can.



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

April 2023

Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Fresh fruit and vegetables! Shallow Ford Foundation and Gonzales' produce for the win! This month we were blessed to send out 30 servings to each of our homebound folks. Decreasing food insecurity in our community, with an apple a day. 300 lbs. of produce delivered this week!



June 2023
Yadkin County Senior Center
#engAGED What do you do to stay socially engaged?

Remembering in Prayer

Board

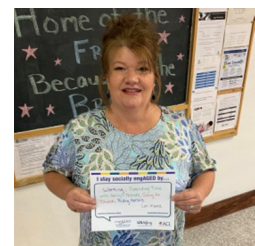
Mickey Cartner's wife Cathy
Marion Welborn's wife June
Danny Royall having health issues

Staff

Larry Utt, Surry TSP Driver passed away suddenly on June 4th
Doug Cockerham, TSP Driver involved in accident
Sherman Smith, TSP Driver lost his wife after a surgery
Rhonda Beavers, Senior Services – still recovering from an accident
Barbara Smith, Head Start- recovering from knee replacement
Bristol Mitchem, Head Start –son in car accident 4-14-23
Michelle Edwards, Head Start- sister had foot amputation
Donna Sims, Head Start – daughter-in-law hospitalized in ICU for unknown illness

Other things to pray for:

The Agency, Board, Staff, and their families
The people we serve
Our government



Congratulations



March 30, 2023
Congratulations to Yadkin Valley Senior Center manager, Sandra Johnson on her graduation from the Ann Johnson Institute for Senior Center Management!
Way to go, Sandra!



Me: can you pass me the Rooster sooster sauce?

Him: the what?

Me: the Warsha chester sire sauce.

Him: are you having a stroke?

Me: the Worst sister shire sauce.



June 14, 2023
East Bend Senior Center

Flag Day 2023



Flag Day is a day to celebrate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress in 1949, after President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916. The idea of Flag Day originated from a Wisconsin teacher named Bernard Cigrand in 1885. He led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday and continued to promote respect for the flag throughout his life.

The ladies and Aileen did a great job. So thankful for our US Flag and what it means to the men and women whom fought for it

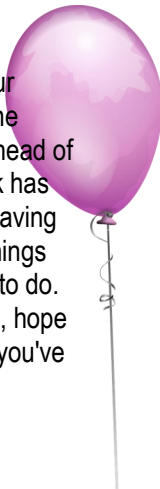


Celebrating the Journey...



Congratulations on your retirement and enjoy the world of possibilities ahead of you! All your hard work has finally paid off! Enjoy having the time to do all the things you've always wanted to do. Now that you're retired, hope you'll have time for all you've got planned!

Kathy Payne,
Executive Director



A Fond Farewell

Vivian Easter, Teacher at Jones III, retired on June 8th after 19 years of service. Vivian has been a dedicated employee to the Head Start Program and over the years has prepared an estimated 350 children for kindergarten. Vivian will be missed by the children, their families and her co-workers. We wish her the best in her retirement and hope that she gets to enjoy lots of rest and relaxation!

Congratulations, Vivian!



Welcome to the Head Start Administrative Office

Amanda Hairston, Teacher at London Head Start, was promoted to the position of Education Supervisor in June. She will now be working at the HSAO in Boonville. Amanda comes to the position highly qualified as she has earned her BS Degree in B-K and also holds a Master of Education- Early Childhood Education. We are pleased to have Amanda join our admin team and look forward to working with her in her new position.

Welcome aboard, Amanda!



Congratulations to Waylon J. for being the lucky recipient of a new bike and helmet from our Enrollment Sign-Up Days prize drawing. The family resides in Surry County and mom is a former Head Start participant with fond memories of the program. We are still enrolling for the upcoming 23-24 school year. Enjoy riding bikes with your brother Waylon!



May 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center
 This is one of the ladies from our Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is her 600th completed prayer shawl! Pat Bryant, you are amazing. Thank you for your constant dedication to serving others. We appreciate you!

June 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center



Look at all that nutritious goodness! Love being able to send this out to our homebound folks. BIG THANKS to Shallow Ford Foundation and Gonzale's Produce for helping to accomplish the goal of reducing food insecurity in our community.

375 pounds of produce was delivered this week!



WE NEED CONTRACTORS

YVEDDI Weatherization Assistance Program is seeking HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Contractors for the Heating Appliance Repair & Replacement Program (HARRP).

Minority and women-owned contractor businesses are encouraged to apply.

**For more information, call
 (336) 367-3535**

Mail Bids to: YVEDDI
 Attention: Weatherization Program (BID)
 P. O. Box 309 • Boonville, NC 27011

www.yveddi.com



Bids Accepted Year Round

June 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Our quilters were at it again this morning! They gifted our very own Butch Casstevens with a Quilt of Valor. Thank you for your service to our country Butch!



Yadkin Valley Senior Center
April 2023

We enjoyed a presentation from Yadkin County's Deputy O'Leary and Dispatcher Sheila Riding. We learned about what happens when you call 911. Most of us didn't realize how many people are involved in a call. We had a great question and answer session. Then we had a few games of bingo for the ones that can stand the excitement.





**May 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center**

We had a great night celebrating Older Americans Month. For dinner, we had subs and banana splits! We discussed a few facts about aging. For example, in 2021, 21% percent of the population in Yadkin County was 65 or older and it is estimated that number will be 24% by 2041. (Yadkin County North Carolina Aging Profile 2021)

We honored our most senior person who attends the center, Christina Smith. She is pretty awesome. She enjoys playing Bingo, playing Rook and going out to eat with her friends. She loves God and her family. We are blessed to have her here.

**Head Start
April 2023**

Congratulations to our Survey winner! Marty A. of the Danbury classroom located in Stokes County won a new bike. Thank you to all that participated in the Early Head Start survey. There are still a couple months left of school and Danbury currently has openings for your 3- or 4-year-old. Have fun Marty!



**Pilot Mountain Senior Center
April 2023**

We had a great time making a salad in a bowl with RT Robin Portis and her helper Carole Ford!!! A BIG thank you [N.C. Extension Master Gardeners](#) for coming & teaching us about how to grow our own food.



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.

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

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



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| ▪ Consumer Help | ▪ Senior Services |
| ▪ Counseling | ▪ Support Groups |
| ▪ Crisis Intervention | ▪ Volunteer Opportunities |



Congratulations to the Bohannon family for winning a brand new bike at the Little Folks Festival held at Mount Olive Elementary School.

The Bohannon's have two children that attended Head Start. Have fun and we hope to see you this fall

June 5, 2023
Yadkin County Senior Center
Quarter Bingo



May 2023
Pilot Mountain Senior Center
A big thanks to RT Portis & Sharon Johnson for coming and sharing the "Berries n a Basket" with our seniors.



June 3, 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Shout Out to our Quilters on their first Quilt Show! They did an excellent job. Thank you Ladies (and Jay) for all you do.



Pilot Mountain Senior Center
April 20, 2023

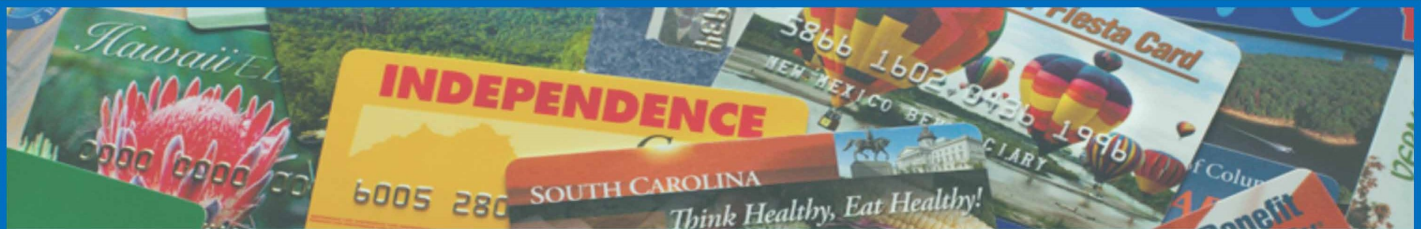
The Sing A Long "Country Livin' " was wonderful. A BIG thank you to Willie & Judy Chambers for coming to share your talents with us.



June 17, 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center



We had an impromptu Prayer Shawl dedication. These ladies have made 94 prayer shawls for Mtn. Valley Hospice since our last dedication. We are so proud of them all for their dedication to serving others. For those who are not aware, Mtn. Valley Hospice gives a prayer shawl to their patients as a reminder that they are loved. Our ladies pray for the person who will be receiving the prayer shawl while they are making it. When they complete several, we have a dedication. We gather around the table and pray for God's comfort and peace to surround the person and their family in the midst of their battle. There is no requirement to join us. We meet on Wednesday's at 1:00pm.



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, 2023?

If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2023-2024 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



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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

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Ext. 506/507/508

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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.

