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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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County Commissioners



Kevin Austin
Chairperson

Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner

David Moxley
Vice-Chairperson

Frank Zachary
Commissioner

Marion Welborn
Commissioner

We, the **Yadkin County Board of Commissioners** are honored to serve you and to present you the 11th issue of the Annual Report highlighting the governmental services provided to you and your families by the County during the last fiscal year.

This Report highlights the reporting of the County's finances and administrative activities as required by North Carolina General Statute 153A-82(6).

We as a unit of government, a community of 38,000 people and a nation continue to cope with and live through the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19. It is a time that we all need to unite and support each other as we hope to see the pandemic come to an end in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your patience and support of the County. We are very proud of our employees who have remained committed and available to serving the citizens in Yadkin County.

All are welcome to attend our **Board meetings** held twice monthly, the first Monday at 9 a.m. and the third Monday at 7 p.m.

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The County is currently updating its **2011 Land-Use Plan** and would like your input. Scan the QR code or visit the following link to access the survey (forms.gle/obirY1GAJiq4qQNAA)



Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board

Clerk to the Board

The **Clerk to the Board** is responsible for preparing agendas for the Board of Commissioners meetings, attending meetings and composing a full and accurate account of actions taken in the form of Minutes, while also maintaining Minutes and Ordinances for public inspection.

The Clerk to the Board is also responsible for notifying the public of all Board of Commissioners meetings and preparing legal advertisements as required by North Carolina Statutes.

The Clerk reports to the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners and the Yadkin County Manager.

County Administration



Lisa Hughes
County Manager

The County Commissioners, as the governing body, are responsible for developing policies, levying taxes, adopting ordinances, appointing committees and appointing the County Attorney, County Manager, Tax Administrator and Clerk to the Board. The **County Manager** is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the government. The Manager has a variety of responsibilities including implementing and enforcing policies and goals adopted by the Board of Commissioners, administration of county departments and the preparation of the recommended annual budget.

FY21 saw an impact of supplies being delayed and in some instances unavailable. In Emergency Services, we saw a shortage of KN95 masks for paramedics and purchased personal respiratory packs for them to use in lieu of the masks. This has created a change in our operations that we expect to continue. It is an example of a “new normal” that many of us are establishing in our businesses and our personal lives. We are very thankful for the opportunity to serve Yadkin County citizens and intend to keep them safe, as well as our employees.

Lisa Hughes continues to serve as the County Manager and may be contacted by email at lhughes@yadkincountync.gov or by phone at 336-849-7900.

County administration offices are located at 217 E. Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055.



Drew Hinkle
Assistant County Manager

The Manager has a variety of responsibilities including implementing and enforcing policies and goals adopted by the Board of Commissioners, administration of county departments and the preparation of the recommended annual budget.

Administration — Human Resources

Human resources is the beginning and the end of the circle of employment. This starts with communicating with prospective employees to assist in the onboarding process and continues through termination and retirement.

The Human Resources Officer provides reliable service to employees through new-hire orientations and exit interviews, benefits administration, leave coordination, personnel policy interpretation, ensuring employee safety, maintaining personnel records, and coordinating employee events.

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Brittany Kirkpatrick
Human Resources Officer

Agricultural & Educational Building / Banquet Hall

We have been open for over five years now in the **Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building**, located at 2051 Agricultural Way on the campus of Surry Community College's Yadkin Center on Highway 601.

This facility offers additional classrooms and labs on the lower level of Surry Community College. The upper level provides office space for the NC Cooperative Extension, the Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District and the NRCS, the USDA Farm Services Agency and the NC Forest Service. The upper level also offers two banquet rooms that can be combined into one large banquet hall and a commercial kitchen, all available to rent for private and public functions.

In 2017, Yadkin County launched the Yadkin County Business Development Kitchen (YCBDK), located in the Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building. This is a shared commercial kitchen that is inspected and licensed by the County's Environmental Health department. This space can be utilized by individuals or groups who want to start a food-related business without investing upfront capital.

The banquet hall is a perfect location for meetings, parties and weddings. It offers one larger or one smaller banquet room, or combine both to create a spacious banquet hall. Rental includes a podium, audio / visual equipment, wireless microphones and a sound system available for use. We provide 72 inch round and oblong tables and chairs at no additional cost.



Steve Potts
Event Planner

The YCBDK is also available for rent. Kitchen rental includes preparation areas, refrigerator, dishwasher, freezer, coolers, stove, ovens, coffee makers, ice maker, china and utensils.

To inquire about renting the YCBDK or banquet rooms, call 366-849-7739 or visit YadkinCountyNC.gov. Under "Departments" choose "Agricultural Building / Banquet Hall" for additional information.

By the Numbers

- We currently have **eight food trucks** on contract for their gray water disposal.
- The YCBDK also has **four food trucks licensed** that uses this facility as their home base.
- Rental of the banquet hall and the YCBDK totaled **516 for FY21**.

| Year-Over-Year Comparison | FY20 | FY21 | % Gain/Loss |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Banquet Hall Rental | \$ 32,696.60 | \$ 19,319.44 | (40.9%) |
| YCBDK Rental | 4,116.80 | 5,382.70 | 23.5% |
| Gray Water | 1,420.00 | 1,850.00 | 23.2% |
| Total Revenue (before refunds) | \$ 38,233.40 | \$ 26,552.14 | (30.5%) |
| Deposits Refunded | 900.00 | 500.00 | (44.4%) |
| Refunds from Cancelled Events | 1,873.88 | 1,820.00 | (2.8%) |
| Revenue Loss / Cancelled | 8,211.75 | 7,391.00 | (9.9%) |
| Total Refunds / Cancellation Losses | \$ 10,985.63 | \$ 9,711.00 | (11.6%) |
| Total Revenue | 38,233.40 | 26,552.14 | (30.5%) |
| Total Refunds / Cancellation Losses | 10,985.63 | 9,711.00 | (11.6%) |
| Total | \$ 27,247.77 | \$ 16,841.14 | (61.8%) |

Animal Shelter



Jason Roels
Animal Shelter
Director

The **Yadkin County Animal Shelter** has three full-time and two part-time employees. Our facility is located at 1027 Speaks Street in Yadkinville (behind the Farmers Market) and includes 21 double-sided dog kennels, three outside dog kennels, 21 cat kennels, an isolation / quarantine room that can house up to 20 additional cats or six additional dogs, and an adoptable cat room called the “Catty Shack”, which can house 12 cats. We are committed to reuniting lost animals with their families. If we are unable to locate an owner, we work diligently on finding these pets a home through adoption or sending them to one of our partnering rescue groups.

For FY21 the Yadkin County Animal Shelter had a total of 680 animals that were adopted, rescued or returned to their owner. The Shelter had 19 people who volunteered for a total of 790 hours. Our volunteers are vital to our success and assist in many different areas including: socializing animals, walking dogs, dog training, washing dishes / laundry and many other tasks throughout the Shelter. We had a total of 122 animals fostered this year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or foster, please contact us at 336-849-7901, option 2 or email at jroels@yadkincountync.gov.

Our **Community Spay / Neuter Program** altered 142 dogs / cats for FY21. Shelter staff administered a total of 654 Rabies, 180 DAPPV, 654 vaccines. They also drew 382 FIV / FELV tests, 85 heartworm (HW) tests and administered over 2,500 doses of medications / HW preventative and flea treatments.



Check out and like our Facebook pages “Yadkin County Animal Shelter” and “Yadkin County Lost and Found Pets”.

Board of Elections

The Board of Elections is responsible for holding Elections every year. Federal, State, County, and some Municipal Elections are held in the even year. In the odd year the Yadkinville Municipal Election is held.

The Board of Elections is also responsible for:

- Registering voters, maintaining the registration database and list maintenance
- Filing candidates
- Preparing ballots
- Testing voting equipment
- Preparing for One Stop (Early) voting
- Accepting and processing civilian and military absentee requests
- Mailing ballots out in the mail or processing them through the Absentee Portal
- Training Precinct Officials and making sure the polls are adequately staffed
- Organizing and holding elections in a safe and secure manner while producing results and canvassing the election while staying up to date on constantly changing required laws and processes.

By the Numbers

- Processed 19,995 out of 24,724 voters, 81%, during the 2020 Presidential Election
- Held the 2020 election during a pandemic, receiving and distributing PPE equipment for officials and voters so that they could safely cast their ballot
- Purchased new voting equipment with HAVA and County Funding



Elaine Barnes
Elections Director

Registration Statistics as of Aug. 30, 2021

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|--------------------------|--------|
| • Total | 24,453 |
| • Democrat | 3,344 |
| • Republican | 13,982 |
| • Libertarian | 118 |
| • Unaffiliated | 7,009 |

Central Permitting



Gary Hayes
Central Permitting
Director

Yadkin County Central Permitting is now comprised of **Planning, Environmental Health, Permitting, and Building Inspections**. All permits for new construction, remodeling, and change of occupancy for the County as well as the Towns within the County are issued from this office. Types of permits include: Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Insulation, Pools, Sprinkler Systems, Fire Prevention, Day Care, Foster Homes, Zoning, Septic Systems, Wells, Food and Lodging.

After permits are issued, follow up inspections are made as required to insure compliance with local ordinances and State Codes plus Environmental Health rules. Issues that are found not in compliance are noted and staff works with permit holders to correct.

Yadkin County Central Permitting strives to stay up-to-date with technology to speed up the permitting process but still maintains the hands-on approach to customer service to assist citizens through the process.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to get a permit? You need to get a permit when you build a structure larger than 12 feet.

Do I need a permit for a swimming pool? Yes, you need a permit for a swimming pool,

Why do I need a zoning permit? To insure compliance with the zoning ordinance or insure the use is permitted in that specific zoning category.

Do I need a permit for the portable Amish Style buildings and does it need to be tied down? Yes.

What does ETJ stand for? Extra territorial jurisdiction is referring to the mile outside the town limits where the town's zoning ordinance applies.

Where are you located? 213 E. Elm St in Yadkinville, NC.

What are your hours? We are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No permits issued after 4:30 p.m.

By the Numbers

- **Building Permits**
 - » **Commercial** (includes new structures & remodels) 30
 - » **Residential** (includes new single family dwellings & manufactured homes) 159
- **Additions, Remodels & Accessory Structures** 223
- **Trade Permits** (includes all commercial & residential permits) 1,758
- **Zoning Permits** (includes zoning, rezoning, conditional use permits & plats) . . 284

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County Attorney

The **County Attorney** is appointed by the Commissioners to advise the Board, County Manager and Department Directors on legal matters related to the operation of County government. Mr. Powell is responsible for ensuring the affairs and actions of Yadkin County are conducted in accordance with Federal, State and local laws. Opinions are provided on all laws, contracts, leases, resolutions and other legal documents.

Mr. Powell graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest School of Law. He is also a U.S. Army Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Mr. Powell's office is located in Winston-Salem, NC.



Ed Powell
County Attorney

Economic Development / Tourism Development

Yadkin County Economic Development Council

continues to work on initiatives to address current and future workforce needs. In September, a Career Festival was held at the Colonial Village Shopping Center, and Yadkin's larger employers continue to have regular job fairs. Surry Community College and the school systems in Yadkin and Surry Counties have worked together to connect workplaces and the classroom to prepare high school students for real world careers. This program, Surry Yadkin Works, now has over 110 students in paid internships to prepare the next generation workforce. We hope to start our "Dream It – Do It" program, allowing Middle School students to see what types of careers are available right here at home, as soon as pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Tourism Development Authority

While 2020 saw a decrease in tourism for Yadkin County, 2021 saw a dramatic rebound. Our video that ran early this year encouraged visitors to enjoy the outdoors, and the many parks, vineyards, and trails that call Yadkin County home. With the need for outdoor activities, the Yadkin County Quilt Trail, Civil War Trail, and wineries brought many new visitors to the County. Events at the Lone Hickory Arena, Alpha & Omega Corn Maze, and the Yadkin Cultural Arts Center were held once again with safety measures in place. Hotel tax collections in the county increased

almost 40% in FY21, partially due to the additional Airbnb and VRBO lodging choices available. Visitor spending in FY21 for Yadkin County totaled \$29.8 million, and was responsible for 306 full time jobs, and paid \$1.2 million in local taxes. This represents a state and local tax savings of \$67.57 per Yadkin County resident!

Events such as the Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival, Yadkin Valley Grape Festival, and the Summer Whites, Winter Reds and Yuletide Sippin' Tour wine events were able to be restarted. Local impact will be much larger for the FY22 year.



Emergency Services

Yadkin County Emergency Services is the hub for the coordination and delivery of services for emergency situations that arise in our county. Yadkin County Emergency Services is responsible for the citizens that live in our county and those that work here and pass through our borders. There are four divisions that make up Yadkin County Emergency Services.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

EMS provides the county with twenty-four hour advanced life support coverage, in the form of treatment and transport to area hospitals. This service brings cutting edge advanced care to the patient and maintains this level of care while they are being transported to a care facility. Paramedics are trained to the most advanced level allowed by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services. The staff is involved in constant continuing education, delivered by our own State-approved Advanced EMS Education Institution. County Commissioners have provided us with the most advanced equipment on the market, under the direction of our Medical Director, a Board-Certified Emergency Physician.

We continue to work in a world enduring a global pandemic. During the time of this report we were functioning in the continuing difficulties of COVID-19 which has changed the way



Keith Vestal
Emergency Services
Director

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we operate. We have had to rely heavily on personal protective equipment and new methods of cleaning and disinfecting to protect our staff and the public that we serve.

The call volume has rebounded from the slight decrease last year. Part of this increase is due to a large number of overdoses and motor vehicle accidents across the county. Other call types remain about the same. Calls for service during this reporting period peaked with our units responding 5,502 times. This division is under the direct supervision of **Daniel Tucker, EMS Operation Manager**.

Fire Marshal's Office

The second most well-known and visible division is the Fire Marshal's Office. **Fire Marshal Ricky Leonard** along with a part-time staff of four Fire Inspectors make up this division. The Fire Marshal is on call 24 hours per day seven days a week to aid the ten Fire Chiefs of our county in the determination of origin and cause of fires. Thirty-four investigations were completed in FY21.



Ricky Leonard
Fire Marshal

Businesses are required to have Fire Safety Inspections to be in compliance with Fire Code and on a schedule determined by the type of business. The Fire Marshal is in charge of all these inspections. Our Fire Marshal is credentialed as a Level III Fire Safety Inspector and leads the team of part-time Inspectors to complete the inspections and to ensure the places that we do business with are safe for staff and patrons. The pandemic still

plays a part in the number of inspections completed since extra precautions are taken to prevent the spread of COVID. They completed 449 Fire Safety Inspections in FY21.

One of the most important duties of the Fire Marshal's Office is Fire Life Safety Education (FLSE). The Fire Marshal works independently and in conjunction with our County Fire Departments to educate the public on fire safety issues. This helps identify safety problems to eliminate them before they put someone's life at risk. Our target populations are the elderly and children. Last year there were four Fire Life Safety Education events conducted by the Fire Marshal. The individual Fire Departments conducted other events in schools, senior centers, and other public locales throughout the county.

The Fire Marshal assisted the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the grading of one of our Fire Departments this year. West Yadkin was successful in lowering their ISO grade meaning there are significant savings in homeowner's insurance premiums in that district.

Emergency Management

This is a division of Emergency Services that works to create and maintain emergency and disaster plans. Examples of these plans include:

- Evacuation plans
- Sheltering plans
- Vital supply plans
- Points of distribution

In the event of a major or disastrous situation, this division works in two capacities. First, Emergency Management will open the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as the nerve center for the event and establish command. Second, they will serve as a liaison between the County and State / Federal resources of assistance. Another key element of Emergency Management is working with the Board of Commissioners, County Manager, and the County Attorney in establishing a Declaration of a State of Emergency. During this reporting period Yadkin County remains under a State of Emergency for COVID-19. This is crucial in granting the authority to navigate disasters or large scale emergency situations. We are also responsible for maintaining Yadkin Counties Storm-Ready designation.

Daily, Emergency Management responds to and investigates any release of hazardous materials to insure that appropriate measures are taken to remove the hazard. The responsible party must restore the environment to the condition prior to the release of the hazardous materials, and ensure the proper authorities are notified.

Working with hazardous materials, Emergency Management sponsors our Local Emergency Planning Committee or LEPC. This is a group of people from all across Yadkin County and some state agencies that meet quarterly to discuss issues relating to natural and manmade disasters. There are representatives from county government, municipal government, fire service, law enforcement, local businesses, and news media, among others.

Health Preparedness

This division works with Human Services Agency to monitor and respond to any out of the ordinary or large scale health events. The hard work of this division has been crucial in the COVID-19 response and the ability to have the PPE necessary to combat this pandemic. They prepare plans to be followed in

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the event of any illness outbreak and are dedicated to tracking down the source/cause of the illness to quarantine and to limit the spread. They work closely with the NC Health Preparedness and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

During this reporting period our Human Services Agency along with our Health Preparedness lead the

charge of COVID-19 vaccinations when they became available. They devised plans to hold large scale vaccination clinics at our old hospital location where hundreds of people were able to get their vaccination during each event. Health Preparedness works to ensure that Yadkin County is ready in the event something big comes along.

Finance



Lindsey Cearlock
Finance Officer

Revenues

The County receives money from a variety of sources to provide services to citizens.

Local Governments rely on tax revenues for providing services to citizens. In Yadkin County 78.7% of the total operating revenue comes from taxes. The two primary taxes that generate revenue are property tax and sales tax.

- **Property Tax** is the County's largest single source of revenue, accounting for \$21.1 million or 53.3% of the governmental revenue. The current property tax rate is .66 per \$100.
- **Sales Tax** (and other taxes) accounted for 25.4% or \$9.9 million of revenue. These taxes increased by around 13% from the year prior.

Expenses

The County incurs a number of expenses to provide quality services to our citizens. Two of the County's largest expenses are Education and Public Safety. Education expense makes up 22.31% of the County's expenses and Public Safety expense is 28.49%.

Accomplishments

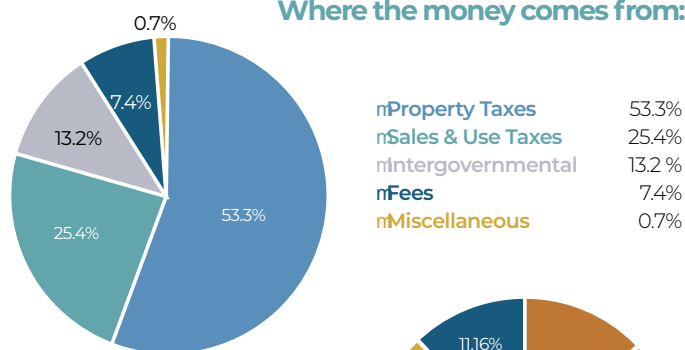
Construction on the new Sheriff's Administrative building was completed and opened in October of 2021.



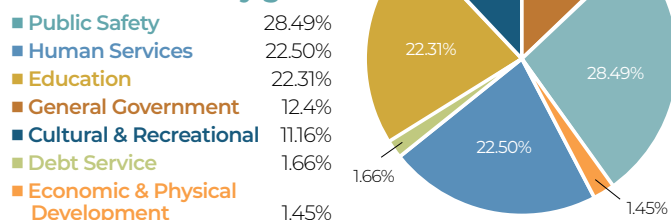
By the Numbers

- FY21 adopted budget for Yadkin County totaled \$37,092,278, an increase of \$35,783 from FY20.
- In FY21 actual expenditures were \$557,246 less than the adopted budget largely due to COVID-19 starting March 2020.

Where the money comes from:



Where the money goes:



Human Services Agency

The mission of the **Yadkin County Human Services Agency** is to protect and improve the health and quality of life of the citizens of Yadkin County. This is accomplished through the strengthening of families, promotion of self-sufficiency, eliminating poverty, assuring and maintaining healthy environments, education of the people, providing preventative services and enforcing state rules and regulations.

The department is comprised of the Public Health Department and the Department of Social Services — making one of the larger departments, with 77 employees and an annual budget of over 8 million dollars, much of which is State and Federal dollars. The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners serves as governing board.

The **Department of Social Services** administers Federal and State entitlement programs, including:

- Food and Nutrition Services
- Family and Children's Medicaid
- Adult Medicaid
- WorkFirst
- Subsidized Child Care
- Low Income Energy Assistant Program (LIEAP)
- Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)

Service programs include:

- Child and Adult Protective Services
- Foster Care and Adoption Services
- Foster Home Recruitment
- Training and Licensing
- Adult Guardianship Services
- Adult Home Specialist Services
- Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP-DA) Services
- Level I In-Home Aide Services
- Child Support Services

Social Services is at 217 E. Willow Street in Yadkinville.

The Public Health division is comprised of four units:

1. **Administration**
2. Yadkin County **Medical Clinic**
3. **WIC** (Women / Infants / Children)
4. **Environmental Health**

Administration ensures the ten essential services of Public Health. One such service is the Vital Records Division. Vital Records is responsible for completing all birth and death registrations for the County.

The **Medical Clinic** provides clinical state public health programs to eligible County citizens including:

- Maternal Health
- Child Health (including well-child visits and primary care)
- Communicable Disease / STDs
- Family Planning
- Immunizations



Jessica Wall
Human Services
Director



Marcy Mays
Human Services
Assistant Director



Laken Royall
Human Services
Assistant Director

The local **Adult Health program** is located at 320 West Maple Street, Suite B in Yadkinville. This space is co-located with Hands of Hope Medical Clinic. The Clinic includes a grant-funded Health Education program that offers child care consultation services to licensed Yadkin County childcare providers.

WIC (Women / Infants / Children) is a supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). WIC is located at 217 E. Willow Street, in Yadkinville.

Environmental Health is comprised of two areas: Food, Lodging and Institution (FLI) and On-Site Water Protection (OSWP) section. FLI is responsible for regulations, permitting and inspection of all food service facilities in the County, including all lodging facilities, childcare centers, school buildings, nursing homes, residential care facilities, local confinements, tattoo parlors and public swimming pools. OSWP is responsible for protecting the environment and public health by regulating septic systems and private water wells. Environmental Health is located at 213 E. Elm Street in Yadkinville. Permits issued Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Accomplishments

- Human Services administers the federally-funded **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)** to assist eligible citizens with a one-time payment for heating bills. During FY21, they processed more than 450 applications for LIEAP, resulting in payments of \$144,905, paid directly to energy providers, based on type of heat source. Applications are processed Dec. 1 through Mar. 31 or until funds are exhausted. During the COVID pandemic, they implemented automatic payments for eligible adults over 60 or those with a disability, in an effort to help clients receive assistance in a safe and socially-distanced manner. In January 2020, The Medical Clinic and Hands of Hope were jointly

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- awarded **"The Chairman's Award"** at the annual Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce banquet.
- The **Health Educator** continues to provide guidance to Childcare Centers during the COVID-19 pandemic regarding interpretation of health and safety regulations and assists with developing and distributing COVID-19 education information.
- The **WIC** program continues to distribute the **ApSeed learning tablets** for eligible children in the County. The tablets have educational games and programs but do not connect to the internet. The goal is to better prepare children for Kindergarten through improved literacy skills. Yadkin County citizens age 0-4 who receive Medicaid, Food Stamps or WIC are eligible at no charge. Since Dec 2019, over 850 tablets have been distributed.
- WIC** also continues its collaboration with **Yadkin Cooperative Extension** to increase sustainability

and decrease food insecurity with the 'WIC Garden'. The collaboration received two grants to expand the project, the Shallow Ford (formerly Shore Grant) and the Yadkin Rotary Grant.

- COVID-19.** The staff of the Medical clinic have been the point-of-contact for COVID-19 investigation and mass vaccination clinics. The unit has tracked over 6,000 cases and administered over 20,000 vaccines. This success, is due to the unified support and response of all departments. Staff worked alongside other departments including Emergency Services, Tax, Public Building, Central Permitting, IT, Sheriff, Veterans, Parks and Recreation, and Finance. The Agency is tremendously appreciative for the support and the unified response.

336-849-7910 (Main Switchboard)
336-849-7905 (Environmental Health)

Information Technology



Steven Ratcliffe
GIS
IT Director

Yadkin County Information Technology Department is responsible for supplying and maintaining the County's information systems, network, and all other digital needs. These systems are comprised of computers, servers, software, network wiring, switches, wireless, firewall, VPN, security video, and many network security related items that no one ever sees, in all, over 3,400 actual devices at any given point in time.

In today's world we must diligently monitor the network for attacks of any type and be ready to respond accordingly to intercept and stop the attack. With Yadkin County continuing to grow and cyber threats becoming more prevalent, the need for updating security protocols across the network has increased. This means we have to take the same security precautions as surrounding Counties. While Yadkin County may not be the largest county in the state, we still have the exact same types of data and equipment that even the largest counties have. This task requires the same caliber of safety and training to ensure a safe network for the community and employees.

We are a member of the MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center) which is a round-the-clock cyber-threat monitoring and mitigation center for state and local governments.

Yadkin County's firewalls have been updated and are vigilant against any suspicious activity, and are monitored 24/7 to keep up with the ever-changing types of attacks. We have also created and filled the position of Cyber Security Specialist. During the last year there were no recoveries of County information due to Malware or Ransomware.

Yadkin County is also PCI-complaint, meaning Yadkin County meets security standards designed to ensure that the information we receive with regards to credit card transmittals is maintained in a secure environment.

Our GIS website continues to be hosted on site by the IT Department and is maintained by the GIS Department. This allows for quicker updates on the site and a faster, more efficient way of providing geospatial data to the community. We upgraded the county's website to make it easier to get information to the public.

We are here to support all county departments with their IT resources and ensure a safe network environment. Whether it be through equipment and software or research and education, we strive to meet the department's needs efficiently and cost effectively.

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By the Numbers

- Maintained 39 virtual servers and 11 physical servers
- 32 miles of wiring / 18 miles of fiber
- 8 remote hardware VPN sites
- 27 new rugged MDTs to public safety
- 28 new PCs (desktop, laptop, tablet)
- Upgraded 150 internal PCs
- Supported approx. 350+ FT & PT users
- 150 various software applications
- Firewall upgrade / replacement
- 27 web-based applications
- Internal & external WIFI through County buildings & Sheriff/EMS mobile units
- Managed a Cisco on premise VoIP system
- 386 landlines through Cisco VoIP system
- 99 mobile phone users
- 20 locations w/security cameras
- 2,650 help tickets processed
- Maintained the Mobile Command Center
- Replaced core switches for 20GB connection
- Maintained infrastructure to 20GB fiber between buildings
- Maintained map updates for 911 & field public safety units
- Completed the GIS migration to NextGen 911 for ESINET
- Reached 98 percent accuracy for 911 addressing
- Maintained the 911 primary & backup operations center
- Maintained current updates for our finance software package
- Monitored generator backup for network, public safety radio and water lines

Libraries

Yadkin County Public Libraries (members of the Northwestern Regional Library System) are located in Boonville, East Bend, Jonesville, and Yadkinville. The library mission is to advance knowledge, strengthen communities, and inspire people.

Libraries provide full service to all residents free of charge. Books and audiovisuals are available in several formats including ebooks, audiobooks, and tablets. Public computers and staff assistance are available as well as WiFi both in the libraries and outside for use after hours. Programs and services, include early literacy storytime, Summer Learning Program, job searching / resume writing assistance, test proctoring, and more. Access to over nine million items from across the state is available through NC Cardinal. Student Access is available to all public school students with their school ID. State-wide resources such as NC LIVE (databases) and NC Kids Digital are offered. Outreach to schools, local daycare centers, senior centers and other agencies is provided by library staff. Photocopying and faxing are available for a small charge.

With the COVID pandemic, staff responded to community needs with: curbside service, new online programs and virtual programming.

Libraries continue to strengthen communities through partnerships with community agencies. Library Friends provides support through fundraising and special projects. All four public libraries are agencies of the Yadkin County United Fund.

By the Numbers

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| • Print Circulation | 63,037 |
| • Door Count | 36,016 |
| • Nonprint Circulation | 4,674 |
| • Internet Usage | 3,873 |
| • Juvenile Programs | 640 |
| • Wifi Usage | 17,233 |
| • Adult Programs | 477 |
| • Technology Transactions | 42,838 |
| • Job / career Transactions | 1,407 |

Locations

- **Boonville Community Public Library** 336-367-7737
121 W Main St Boonville, NC 27011
- **Jonesville Public Library** 336-835-7604
112 North Swaim St Jonesville, NC 28642
- **East Bend Public Library** 336-699-3890
420 Flint Hill Rd East Bend, NC 27018
- **Yadkin County Public Library** 336-679-8792
233 E Main St Yadkinville, NC 27055

Library website: www.NWRL.org

NC Cooperative Extension

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension provides research-based educational programming and resources for youth and adults that support positive change in the community. Through the collaborative efforts of our 4-H and Youth, Livestock, Horticulture and Family & Consumers Sciences Agent, we enrich the lives, land and economy of Yadkin County residents.

The Yadkin County Staff includes:

- Ashley Beard - Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
- Madaline Jones – 4-H Agent
- Kellee Payne – Horticulture Agent
- Phil Rucker – Livestock Agent
- Lisa Johnson – Administrative Assistant
- Addie Wilson – County Extension Director

Providing Knowledge & Skills

By means of consultations, workshops, facilitation, multi-session programs, mass media and webinars the Yadkin County Extension office reached 7,926 direct contacts and 526,218 indirect contacts. Our adult clientele increased knowledge and skill set in a variety of topic areas including Gardening, the Mediterranean Diet, Forage Production, Nutrition, Farmers Market collaborations, and more. Our youth audience learned and gained skills on Walkability Studies, Public Speaking, STEM, Cooking Skills, Leadership, and Community Service.

Adapting & Excelling

COVID-19 continued to provide challenges in providing face to face programs. Our office has started to host face to face programming for adults and youth. Our programs follow the most up-to-date safety guidelines from the county and state protocols. Our office staff has been granted multiple awards from their excellence in programming. Awards include:

- **Grange Search for Excellence Award – North Central District** Rucker & team, 2020
- **Grange Search for Excellence Award – Overall State** Rucker & team, 2020
- **Florence Hall Team Award** Beard, 2021
- **Best State Level Periodical Publication** Jones, 2021
- **State Level Excellence in Natural Resources and Environmental Education** Jones, 2021
- **National Winner of Excellence in 4-H Programming** Jones & team, 2021
- **Grange Search for Excellence Award – North Central District** Beard, Jones, & Wilson, 2021
- **Grange Search for Excellence Award – Overall State** Beard, Jones, & Wilson, 2021



By the Numbers

- **40 pond owners** implemented best practices to decrease weeds and making the pond more aesthetically pleasing.
- **23 producers** saw a 15% increase in forage production and a reduction in weeds.
- **Increased uptake in small scale farming:** 12 new backyard flocks, 3 small sheep flocks, 4 milk productions with either a cow or a goat.
- **More than 100 youth** received STEM kits during the pandemic
- **Seven Summer Enrichment Programs** involving 25 youth
- **Farming grows** with ten new backyard flocks, one new sheep operation, three new goat operations and two families adding a dairy cow

Community Outreach

- 7,926 direct contacts
- 526,218 indirect contacts via radio, social media and newsletters
- 864 youth and teacher contacts through school enrichment programs

Upcoming Programs

- WIC Community Garden Website with Learning Videos
- 2022 NC Piedmont Farm School
- New & Established Producer Programming

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NC State University and NC A&T State University are collectively committed to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation and veteran status. NC State, NC A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture and local governments cooperating.

Parks & Recreation

Yadkin County Parks and Recreation operates and manages seven different areas for the public to enjoy throughout the year. These include Yadkin Memorial Park at Lake Hampton, Yadkin County Park, Styers Mill Park, Richmond Hill, Shores River Access, Donnah River Access, and Huntsville River Access. The Parks and Recreation department also serves as the county landscape maintenance for all county owned property. This encompasses 29 sites and over 900 acres. Below is an overview of all that Yadkin County Parks and Rec has to offer and updates on current projects.

Yadkin Memorial Park

Yadkin Memorial Park sits on Lake Hampton and is the county's newest Park. It opened in November 2014 and has steadily become a popular spot for kayakers, walkers, bird watchers and overall nature lovers. Fishermen also enjoy the quiet lake setting as they come to catch a variety of stocked fish including crappie, bass and catfish. As a convenient "one stop shop", the office at Lake Hampton carries a variety of bait, ice, snacks and drinks. The employees are also registered to sell hunting / fishing licenses as well as register your boat. While personal kayaks, trolling motor powered boats, paddle boats and stand up paddle boards are all welcome on Lake Hampton, gas powered boats are not permitted. If you do not have access to a personal boat, the county does provide a variety of kayaks and jon boats that can be rented out by the hour or for the day.

This year, Yadkin Memorial Park again offered an opportunity for duck hunting through a lottery system. By closing on specific days throughout the fall and winter, Lake Hampton provided the lottery winners with a great location to hunt.



The other amenities at Lake Hampton include three picnic pavilions (which can be rented for events), a paved walking trail, a playground with swings, picnic tables, charcoal grills, two fishing piers and a boat launch. The facilities also include a universally accessible kayak launch. With step-by-step instructions, this kayak launch allows almost anyone to enjoy a day on the water, no matter any physical limitations. The walking trails through the woods on the west side of Lake Hampton are complete and new signs have been placed to help guide you through the scenic woods close to Lake Hampton. These trails are approximately 1.75 miles long. Our newest trail on the southeast side of Lake Hampton, makes its way behind the Hood-Chamberlin dam and across a new 86ft pedestrian bridge over South Deep Creek. This trail is approximately three miles long.

In September of 2020 Yadkin Memorial Park opened several new additions. These additions were able to happen in large part of a PARTF grant awarded to the county back in 2017. A new entrance was added at 2513 Ireland Road in Yadkinville that leads to the 18 hole George Sappenfield Disc Golf Course and entrance to the Ashley/Ladd Trail. At the main Memorial Park entrance a new dog park can accommodate small and large dogs and has agility equipment to fit all ability levels. Primitive camping has also been added with seven camp sites that include fire ring, lantern holder, and picnic table at each site.

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Jason Walker
Parks & Recreation
Director



Frequently Called Phone Numbers

County Government

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| Animal Shelter | 336-849-7901 |
| Central Permitting | 336-849-7905 |
| Cooperative Extension | 336-849-7908 |
| County Manager | 336-849-7900 |
| Elections | 336-849-7907 |
| Environmental Health | 336-849-7905 |
| Emergency Services (non-emergency) | 336-849-7902 |
| Fire Marshal | 336-849-7915 |
| Finance | 336-849-7911 |
| GIS / Addressing | 336-849-7700 |
| Hospital Medical Records | 336-849-7518 |
| Information Technology | 336-849-7913 |
| Detention Center | 336-849-7840 |
| Landfill / Solid Waste | 336-849-7912 |
| Medical Clinic | 336-849-7910 |
| Parks & Recreation | 336-849-7909 |
| Register of Deeds | 336-849-7904 |
| Road Signs (damaged / missing) | 336-849-7720 |
| Social Services / Human Services / WIC | 336-849-7910 |
| Soil & Water | 336-518-3929 |
| Sheriff (non-emergency) | 336-849-7808 |
| Tax Office | 336-849-7903 |
| Veterans | 336-849-7914 |

Schools

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| Administration | 336-551-1100 |
| Boonville Elementary | 336-551-1115 |
| Courtney Elementary | 336-551-1120 |
| East Bend Elementary | 336-551-1125 |
| Fall Creek Elementary | 336-551-1128 |
| Forbush Elementary | 336-551-1130 |
| Jonesville Elementary | 336-551-1148 |
| West Yadkin Elementary | 336-551-1165 |
| Yadkinville Elementary | 336-551-1175 |
| Forbush Middle | 336-551-1135 |
| Starmount Middle | 336-551-1160 |
| Forbush High | 336-551-1140 |
| Starmount High | 336-551-1150 |
| SCC-Yadkin County | 336-679-4600 |
| Yadkin Early College | 336-386-3579 |
| Yadkin Success Academy | 336-551-1166 |

Public Safety

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| In Case of Emergency | .911 |
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Emergency Services

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| Emergency Services | 336-849-7902 |
| Fire Marshal | 336-849-7915 |
| Rescue Squad | 336-679-2430 |

Fire Departments

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| Arlington Fire Department | 336-835-6184 |
| Buck Shoals Fire Department | 336-468-2112 |
| Boonville Fire Department | 336-367-3018 |
| Courtney Fire Department | 336-463-5551 |
| East Bend Fire Department | 336-699-8663 |
| Fall Creek Fire Department | 336-699-3950 |
| Forbush Fire Department | 336-961-8376 |
| Lone Hickory Fire Department | 336-463-5468 |
| West Yadkin Fire Department | 336-468-2844 |
| Yadkinville Fire Department | 336-679-8691 |
| Forestry | 336-679-8941 |

Police / Law Enforcement

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| Boonville Police Department | 336-367-7828 |
| East Bend Police Department | 336-699-8560 |
| Detention Center | 336-849-7840 |
| Jonesville Police Department | 336-835-5020 |
| Sheriff's Office | 336-849-7808 |
| Yadkinville Police Department | 336-679-2863 |

Towns

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| Town of Boonville | 336-367-7941 |
| Town of East Bend | 336-699-8560 |
| Town of Jonesville | 336-835-3426 |
| Town of Yadkinville | 336-679-8732 |

Libraries

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Boonville | 336-367-7737 |
| East Bend | 336-699-3890 |
| Jonesville | 336-835-7604 |
| Yadkinville | 336-679-8792 |

Utilities

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Duke Energy | 800-777-9898 |
| Energy United | 800-522-3793 |
| Frontier Natural Gas | 336-526-2690 |
| Surry-Yadkin Electric | 800-682-5903 |
| Spectrum | 844-757-2826 |
| Water (Boonville) | 336-367-7941 |
| Water (East Bend) | 336-699-8560 |
| Water (Jonesville) | 336-835-2250 |
| Water (Yadkinville) | 336-679-2184 |
| Water (Yadkin County) | 336-849-7575 |
| Yadtel | 336-463-5022 |

Court System

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| Clerk of Superior Court | 336-679-3600 |
| District Attorney | 336-679-3610 |
| NC Attorney General | 919-716-6400 |

Probation 336-679-8481
Magistrate. 336-679-3619

State Government

NC Governor Roy Cooper. 919-814-2000
NC State Senator Vickie Sawyer 919-715-3038
NC House of Representatives
Lee Zachary. 919-715-8361
NC Attorney General. 919-716-6400
NC Driver's License. 336-679-3232
NC License Plate Agency. 336-849-7731
NC Division of Employment Security . 888-737-0259
NC Highway Patrol. 919-733-7952
NC Department of Labor. 800-625-2267
NC National Guard 984-664-6000
NC Department of Revenue 877-252-3052
NC Transportation (Local) 336-679-2242
NC Transportation (State) 877-368-4968

Federal Government

US Congressman Patrick McHenry. . . . 202-225-2576
US Congresswoman Virginia Foxx 336-778-0211
US Senator Richard Burr 202-224-3154
US Senator Thom Tillis 202-224-6342
Consumer Safety 800-638-2772
Farm Service Agency / USDA Srv Ctr. . . 336-679-8821
FDA 888-463-6332
Internal Revenue Service. 800-829-1040
Department of Labor 866-487-2365
Medicaid and Medicare. 877-267-2323
Social Security 800-772-1213
Veterans Affairs 800-698-2411
US Postal Service
Boonville 336-367-7850
East Bend. 336-699-3179
Jonesville 336-835-5047
Hamptonville 336-468-2919
Yadkinville 336-679-8310
Healthcare-gov 800-318-2596

Law Enforcement — State / Federal

NC Alcohol Law Enforcement 336-733-4060
NC Department of Public Safety 919-733-2126
NC Highway Patrol
Troop E; District 7; Davie / Yadkin Co . . 336-477-2154
NC Medicaid Fraud Unit 800-662-7030
NC Private Protective Services 919-788-5320
NC SBI 919-662-4500
NC Sheriff Standards 919-779-8213
ATF Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms 704-716-1800
FBI (Local) 704-672-6100
DEA Drug Enforcement 202-305-8500
US Marshal 336-631-5101

Frequent Numbers

American Cancer Society 800-227-2345
American Red Cross. 704-376-1661
Arts Council. 336-679-2941
Better Business Bureau. 336-725-8348
Cancer Services, Inc. 336-760-9983
Chamber of Commerce 336-679-2200
Christian Ministries (East Bend) 336-699-4544
Christian Ministries (Yadkinville) 336-677-3080
Domestic Violence. 336-679-2072
Grace Clinic. 336-835-1467
Hands of Hope Medical Clinic 336-849-7960
Historical Society 336-679-2702
Humane Society 336-849-7901
Work Force 336-679-5627
Jonesville Tri-County. 336-526-1089
Juvenile Services 336-679-2541
Hospice-Mountain Valley. 888-789-2922
Meals on Wheels / YVEDDI Sr Serv . . . 336-367-3522
Mental Health
(Partners Behavioral Health) 877-864-1454
New Horizons 336-677-3843
New Hope Pregnancy Care 336-679-7101
PART 336-883-7278
Poison Control. 800-222-1222
Smart Start 336-679-7833
YMCA 336-679-7962
United Fund 336-679-4462

Know what's
below. Call
before you dig.



Yadkinville DOT:
336-679-2242

Missing
Road Signs:
336-849-7720



In an effort to locate all abandoned
cemeteries for County record, if you
find a cemetery on your property,
contact Andrew Mackie, Yadkin
County Historical Society Volunteer

336-428-8471

andrewmackie@yadtel.net



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Yadkin Memorial Park By the Numbers

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| • Boat Launches | 2,231 |
| • Season Passes | 157 |
| • Total Boat Rentals | 2,076 |
| • Hunting / Fishing Licenses | .650 |
| • Vessel Registrations | 281 |
| • Duck Hunting Applications | .92 |
| • Duck Blind Permits | .91 |
| • Pavilion Rentals | .74 |
| • Visitor Count | 58,174 |

Yadkin County Park

Yadkin County Park is located near the YMCA and is home to an outdoor pool (seasonally), a large pavilion, three small shelters, a walking / jogging trail, a nature trail, an amphitheater, a fishing pier, a large playground, three baseball / softball fields, six soccer fields, a disc golf course, an outdoor volleyball court, a veterans memorial and dog park for large and small dogs. The park is conveniently open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. all year. The shelter facility can provide the perfect space for a birthday party or celebration with the recently renovated indoor room attached that includes bathrooms and a kitchen.

The County Park also hosts several events throughout the year including the Yadkin Soccer Association

Soccer tournaments and local Rec leagues, Yadkin County girls softball tournament, Memorial Day and Veterans Day services at the Veterans Memorial, two professional disc golf events, environmental field day, swim lessons at the county pool, and cross country meets.

Yadkin County Park By the Numbers

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| • Pool Passes | 3,586 |
| • Pool Party Rentals | 28 |
| • Ball Field Rentals | 289 |
| • Pavilion Rentals | 35 |

All numbers affected by Covid-19

Richmond Hill

The picnic pavilions and park area near Richmond Hill is maintained by the Parks and Rec Department and is located within the 30-acre Richmond Hill Law School and Nature Park. Parks and Rec staff has restored the trails that circle the park and they are now a great place to get away for a nice walk. Three signs that have a map of the trails are posted around the park at the Law School building and at both shelters. To reserve the shelters at the Richmond Hill Park please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 336-849-7909.



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River Accesses

Yadkin County also maintains three river access locations along the Yadkin River intended to give the public easily available areas to go fishing or launch a boat. Enjoy the scenic views of the Yadkin River by taking advantage of these access points. These accesses are a part of the Yadkin River State trail.

Donnaha access is currently closed and will remain closed through fall of 2022 or until the bridge replacement project is completed.

Current Projects

Parks and Rec staff are very excited to continue to build new facilities and create new opportunities for Yadkin County citizens. We hope you find something that currently benefits you and your family and we hope that you are also thrilled about things to come with the list of projects below.

- **Three new small shelters have been built.** One at the walking track at the Yadkin County Park. This shelter will be named the **Phil Martin Shelter**. Phil has worked for Parks and Recreation since March 1984 with 21 years of full-time work and 15 years and counting of part-time work. One shelter built at the **George Sappenfield Disc Golf Course**, and another built at the **Daniel Swaim Playground** at the Yadkin County Park. All of these shelters have three new picnic tables and trash cans. These shelters were built with funds donated by Oz Prim. The shelters are available first come first serve.
- The nature trail at the Yadkin County Park received a new trail head and new bridges. The trail has also been named the **Oz Prim Nature Trail**. Oz is a long time park patron and supporter. We are honored to have this trail named after him.

- The trail that spans from Memorial Park to Memorial Park East has been renamed the **Ashley / Ladd Trail**. These two families were major land owners of the lake property before the lake was constructed. We are honored to name this trail after these two great families.
- Yadkin County Parks and Recreation and the Information Technology department are working on an **interactive map**. This interactive map will allow you to locate parks near you and will show you amenities at those parks. It will also allow you to use the map to follow trails with your phone. This will allow easier navigation of trails for first time users and everyday users alike.
- **An Eagle Scout project** has been completed at the Yadkin County Park by Spencer North and Troop #655. Spencer and his troop built six benches and placed them in different locations around both park ponds and the walking track. We are very thankful for Spencer and his troops work on this project.
- **Eagle scout project Kessler** tree identification signs

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the parks managed by Yadkin County Parks and Recreation, please visit YadkinCountyNC.gov or call 336-849-7909.

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Public Buildings

The **Public Buildings Department** is responsible for the overall maintenance of all Public Buildings owned by Yadkin County. Yadkin County owns approximately 50 buildings and is currently responsible for the maintenance of approximately 245,000 square feet of floor space. During FY21, the Public Buildings Department had processed 776 work orders, up 141 work orders from the previous year. The Public Buildings Department also has four automobiles and five pool vehicles that are maintained with Yadkin County's vehicle fleet.

The Public Building Department is also responsible for cleaning eight buildings within the County and maintains approximately 157 HVAC units for our buildings. In FY21 we installed two new HVAC units for the 911 Communications Department at the Sheriff's Office and installed a new HVAC unit in the Juvenile Probation Department at the Courthouse. We remodeled the old AOA Building and assisted with the opening of the new Veteran's Services Building located at 208 N Jackson Street.



Dwayne Stanley
Public Buildings
Director

Register of Deeds



Aric Wilhelm
Register of Deeds

By law, the **Register of Deeds** serves as custodian and manager of large volumes of public records for the County. The Register of Deeds is legally charged with the integrity, completeness, accuracy and safekeeping of these public records. This amounts to approximately 6,000 documents and plats recorded and 275 marriage licenses issued each year. The documents recorded include Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Powers of Attorneys, Separation Agreements, Plats, Deed of Trust Satisfactions, Military Discharges and various agreements. The office also records and issues certified copies of birth, death and marriage records and issues notary public oaths and maintains a listing of all notaries who reside in the County. The annual revenue collected is approximately \$400,000 – \$500,000 for these various recordings and services.

We use the most current technology to ensure easy access and retrieval of all our records and provide a courteous and professional environment. In October 2015 e-recording was implemented which allows out-of-town attorneys and lending institutions to electronically file documents in a more efficient and timely manner.

In April 2017, Electronic Birth Registration System (EBRS), a program administered through the Department of NC Vital Records, was implemented which allows customers who were born in 1971 and later to acquire a certified birth certificate if they were born in another North Carolina county. In May 2017 a Veterans ID card program was started to encourage more Veterans to record their discharges in the Register of Deeds office. This ID card is proof that the Veteran has a discharge recorded and is eligible for any discount a business may offer. Get Certificate Now, an online vital records application, has been implemented which allows a customer to order vital records and pay for them online. A fraud detection notification service called "Property Notification" was implemented in 2020 which sends an email notification when a document is recorded in the Register of Deeds office that matches someone's name who has signed up for the service. There is no

charge for this service. In August 2020 an online marriage application was implemented which allows a couple applying for a marriage license to submit their information online to streamline the marriage license issuance process.

Every day registry employees work tirelessly to ensure that the documents we record reflect the trust that our patrons place in us. This commitment to excellence is the very foundation of our service. Please don't hesitate to contact this office, if we can assist you in any way.

The Register of Deeds is legally charged with the integrity, completeness, accuracy and safekeeping of these public records.

In last year's annual report I talked about Covid-19 and the growing dislike of law enforcement across the country. Unfortunately both are still with us today but we are learning to cope and find ways to move forward. I am proud of the men and women here at the **Sheriff's Office** that have proven themselves to be service oriented and true professionals in these difficult times.

Last year the communications center answered over 50,000 calls for service here in Yadkin County. The number of domestic violence calls were down significantly from the previous year yet they still remain high. As you review the statistical data and charts you will notice that the number of arrests were up slightly but the total number of inmates detained was down mostly due to Covid-19 procedures at the detention center. Reports of drug offenses, assault, and burglary were all down last year with robbery remaining the same as the previous year. Detectives recovered stolen property valued at approximately 260,000 dollars which was a 36% recovery rate for the year. The narcotics unit conducted two round-ups last year arresting a total of 84 drug dealers on 383 drug violations. The Sheriff's Office also received and processed 12,110 civil and criminal papers during the year. Over 350 crime prevention programs and

presentations were conducted at schools, churches, senior centers and civic organizations throughout the county. Animal control deputies responded to 2154 calls involving animal complaints last year. Court deputies provided security at the courthouse and School Resource Officers provided security at our schools. Office staff processed 814 handgun purchase permits and 1398 concealed carry permits which included 740 new applicants. As you can see the Sheriff's Office provides many services and Sheriff's Office employees work hard to serve the citizens of Yadkin County.



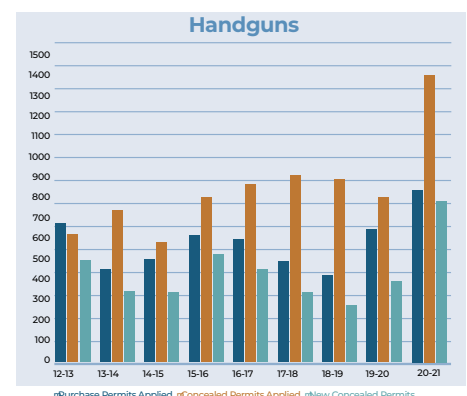
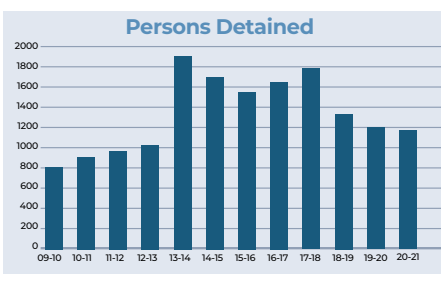
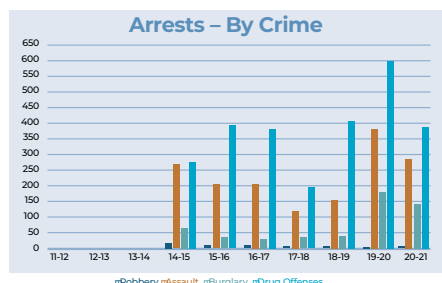
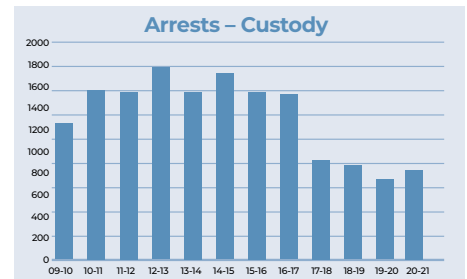
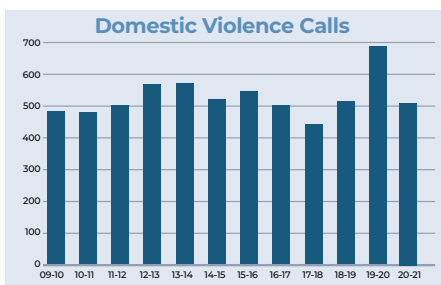
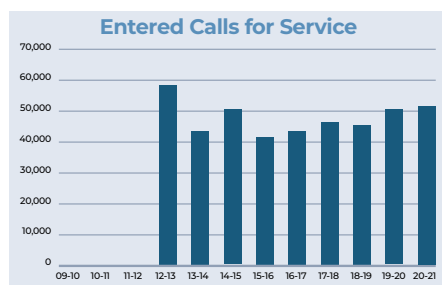
Ricky Oliver
Sheriff

During the past year many of the projects the Sheriff's Office has been working on have come to fruition. The Sheriff's Office received a grant that allowed us to purchase active shooter equipment for our SRO officers. This included weapons, protective gear, and dual band radios. Another grant allowed us to purchase dual band radios for our tactical response team. The Sheriff's Office has just been awarded a Governors Crime Commission grant which will allow

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Our Communications Center received and processed 49,670 calls for service. The Sheriff's Office staff processed and issued 648 handgun purchase permits and 820 concealed carry permits this year.

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Sheriff's Office continued

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us to upgrade to newer tasers for the deputies. Asset forfeiture money is now being used to provide all deputies with dual band radios. Dual band radios will greatly enhance our ability to communicate with any agency in the state should an emergency occur. The Sheriff's Office was awarded a matching bullet proof vest grant which will provide new fitted vests for all deputies. This will be our second vest grant since 2013. Also during the past year Cares Money allowed for the purchase of a Tek84 full body scanner at the detention center. Inmates are scanned when booked into the jail. Weapons or drugs can be detected which will make the facility safer and prevent drugs from getting into the jail. We have worked hard to draw down grant monies to provide the best equipment to our deputies without having to use county tax money.

Looking ahead to next year we are applying for new grants and have a few projects in mind. The Sheriff's Office is currently working on a Sheriff's App that will allow for greater communication between the citizens and the Sheriff's Office. A citizens academy is being planned which will help educate and provide greater transparency to the community we serve.

Finally I would like to address concerns that a few citizens have expressed during the last year. Events during our last presidential elections, inconsistent

and unclear leadership in our country, along with the many issues surrounding Covid-19 have many citizens concerned about government over-reach. I can assure you that the Sheriffs across this nation stand with the people that they serve.

The Declaration of Independence made it clear that all men have God given rights. The U.S. Constitution makes it clear that our government was created by the people and only exists with their consent. The Bill of Rights was written to protect the individual rights of citizens. In 1776, The North Carolina Constitution established the Office of Sheriff in this state and makes it clear that our rights come from our Creator and that all political power comes from the people.

I have on more than one occasion put my hand on the bible and swore to uphold and defend both the U.S. Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution. I believe in God, I believe in the U.S. Constitution, I believe in the North Carolina Constitution and I have and I will continue to honor my oath of office as your Sheriff. It is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Yadkin County. With your continued support I look forward to serving in the years to come.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe,
Sheriff Ricky Oliver

Soil & Water

The **Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District** operates under the guidance of the Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board. The District Office works with landowners to provide technical assistance to improve water quality and minimize soil erosion. The Soil and Water District also operates the 15 flood control structures (dams) within Yadkin County including the Hood / Chamberlain (5D) Reservoir.

In 2021, there were 44 conservation plans written covering 3,175 acres for practices that support the Farm Bill and other Federal and State programs. Practices in these plans include:

- Crop based rotations
- Animal waste management
- Livestock exclusions
- Grassed waterways
- Field borders
- Other conservation practices

We also offer two, 10ft wide John Deere Drills and one, 7ft wide Haybuster drill available for rent through our office. During 2021 these drills were utilized by 44 farmers for use on 1,403 acres of cropland. The Soil and Water office is located at 2051 Agriculture Way in Yadkinville.



Jason Walker
Soil & Water Director

Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board

- Mr. Lenuel Chamberlain, Chairman
- Mr. Bobby Matthews Jr., Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. Jo Linville
- Mr. Van Hemric
- Mr. Grady Shore

Solid Waste & Recycling

The **Yadkin County Solid Waste Department** operates seven convenience sites and one Transfer Station within the County. Our convenience sites are strategically located across the County to serve almost 13,000 unincorporated households. Convenience sites only accept bagged household trash and single-stream recyclables. For all other materials not accepted at the convenience sites, the Transfer Station at the Yadkin County Solid Waste Facility, is available to all residents and businesses. The Solid Waste Facility accepts bagged trash, recyclables, construction and demolition debris, yard waste, metal, tires, electronics and motor oil.



Keith Cain
Solid Waste Director

By the Numbers

Last year, **59,813 tons** of Solid Waste from Yadkin County was transferred to Foothills Environmental Landfill in Lenoir, NC or other surrounding landfills. This is an increase of **25,268 tons** of municipal solid waste from the previous year. The volume of solid waste processed at the Yadkin County Transfer Station in FY21 is the most Yadkin County has ever produced.

Along with the increased volume of solid waste disposed, all convenience sites experienced significantly higher traffic than normal throughout the year. Solid Waste Staff continues to work diligently to ensure safe traffic flow through the sites.

To reduce potential wait times at sites, the Solid Waste Department requests that individuals with large amounts of household waste and recycling go to the Solid Waste Facility at 1149 Landfill Road.

| Materials | Amount Recovered | Direct Cost | Cost Per Unit |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Scrap Tires | 490 | \$46,550.00 | \$95.00 / ton |
| Electronics | 40 tons | \$8,882.00 | \$222.05 / ton |
| White Goods | 510 tons | \$0 | \$0 |
| Motor Oil | 5500 gallons | \$640.00 | \$100.00 / pick up |
| Oil Filters | 3 (55-gallon barrels) | \$120.00 | \$40.00 / barrel |
| Single Stream Recycling | 590 tons | \$77,216.16 | \$23.22 / lift |

Yadkin County Solid Waste Facilities

| Site Number / Name | Address | Phone | Collection Days & Times |
|--|--|--------------|---|
| Solid Waste Facility *Transfer Station | 1149 Landfill Rd Yadkinville, NC 27055 | 336-849-7912 | Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 1 US Hwy 21 *in front of EMS Station | 1008 Catherine Ln Jonesville, NC 28642 | 336-526-4700 | Mon, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 2 Maranatha Church Rd *off of 421 West | 3016 Maranatha Church Rd Hamptonville, NC 27020 | 336-468-1818 | Mon, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 3 Patterson Mill Rd | 1810 Patterson Mill Rd Yadkinville, NC 27055 | 336-367-5742 | Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. *Household solid waste only* |
| Site No. 4 Mill Hill *off of NC 67 E on Mill Hill & Dal Rd | 3304 Dal Rd East Bend, NC 27018 | 336-699-4304 | Mon, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 5 Lone Hickory | 1209 Lone Hickory Rd Yadkinville, NC 27055 | 336-463-4632 | Mon & Thurs, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 6 Speer Bridge | 2251 Speer Bridge Rd Yadkinville, NC 27055 | 336-463-2210 | Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Site No. 7 Hamptonville | 3240 Hamptonville Rd Hamptonville, NC 27020 | 336-468-1448 | Sat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |

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Recycle Right NC

Within the past few years, the cost of recycling has increased drastically across the country. Counties and municipalities across North Carolina, including Yadkin County, have experienced the significant increase in the cost of recycling. One of the leading causes for the increase in costs, are contaminants (garbage) within the recycle stream. To assist governments, recycling companies, and citizens, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality launched the

Recycle Right NC Campaign. This campaign is aimed at educating the public about types of materials that can be recycled and removing garbage / contaminants from the recycling stream. By reducing the volume of garbage mixed into recyclables, the recycling process can become more effective and efficient. If you have a question about what items can or cannot be recycled please call the Solid Waste Department at 336-849-7912.



Paper

Paper, cartons
and cardboard

Flatten cardboard



Glass

Bottles and jars

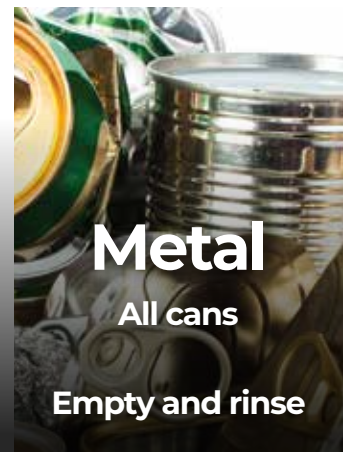
Empty and rinse



Plastic

Bottles, tubs,
jugs and jars

Empty and rinse



Metal

All cans

Empty and rinse

Keep these out:

- Aerosol Cans
- All Batteries (car, lithium, etc.)
- Ceramic Items
- Clothing or Textiles
- Diapers
- Disposable Cups (plastic & paper)
- Electronics
- Food-tainted Items
- Hazardous Waste
- Household Glass
- Medical Waste
- Plastic Bags / Wrap
- Scrap Wood / Metal
- Shredded Paper
- Styrofoam / Peanuts
- Tanglers (cords, hoses, wires, etc)
- Tires and Toys

Tax — Assessor & Collector

The **Yadkin County Tax Office** is comprised of both the Assessor's and Collector's Offices. The Assessor's Office is responsible for the listing, appraisal and assessment of all taxable property in Yadkin County and furnish tax base figures to the County for budget purposes. The FY21 total valuation of Real and Personal Property was **\$2,756,088,301**; an increase of 1.0% from last year. The County's tax rate remained at \$.66 per \$100.00 valuation. The most recent revaluation occurred in 2017. The next county wide general reappraisal will be 2023. The **Collector's Office** is responsible for the collection of all current and delinquent property taxes due to Yadkin County as well as the towns of Boonville and East Bend. The office uses a variety of collection remedies in accordance with the NC General Statutes to collect these taxes. FY21 the collection rate increased from 97.70% to 98.43%.



Clayton Campbell
Tax Administrator



Lindsay Cranford
Assistant Tax
Administrator

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By the Numbers

| Property Tax Relief Programs Offered by the State of NC | Yadkin County Recipients |
|---|--------------------------|
| Senior Citizen & Disabled Exemption | 776 |
| Disabled Veteran's Exemption | 64 |
| Agriculture Use Deferred Tax Program | 87,200 |
| Horticulture Use-Deferred Tax Program | |
| Forestry Use-Deferred Tax Program | 40,880 |
| Solar Use Exemption Program | 700 |
| Builders Inventory Deferred Tax Program | 15 parcels |

To learn more about the above programs please contact the Appraisal Office at 336-849-7903.

| Top Ten Taxpayers | Tax Value | Industry |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Unifi | \$ 114,538,498 | Manufacturing |
| Duke Energy Carolina | \$ 77,466,977 | Utility |
| Lydall Inc | \$ 66,245,168 | Manufacturing |
| B&G Foods Snacks | \$ 39,770,703 | Manufacturing |
| Phillips-Van Heusen | \$ 32,927,894 | Manufacturing |
| Surry Yadkin Emc | \$ 14,978,365 | Utility |
| General Motors LLC | \$ 9,839,046 | Trucking |
| Salem Leasing Corp | \$ 9,808,297 | Trucking / Leasing |
| Spectrum Southeast LLC | \$ 9,202,125 | Cable Utility |
| Yadkin Nursing Care Center Inc | \$ 6,380,447 | Care Center |

| 2021 Fire Tax Rates | | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Arlington | \$0.0800 | Fall Creek | \$0.0700 |
| Boonville | \$0.0750 | Forbush | \$0.0750 |
| Buck Shoals | \$0.0500 | Lone Hickory | \$0.0750 |
| Courtney | \$0.0800 | West Yadkin | \$0.0750 |
| East Bend | \$0.0730 | Yadkinville | \$0.0650 |

Taxpayers are also assessed a **Solid Waste Household fee** on all dwellings at an amount of \$60. The Solid Waste stickers are enclosed with your tax bills and expire every two years.

Yadkin County offers a 2% discount for early payment of ad valorem taxes when you pay your taxes during the month of August. The collections office collects approximately 54% of the county's taxes during the discount period and the taxpayers saved a total of \$223,780.

In addition to the property tax, you are billed a fire service tax that is collected by the County to contract with each volunteer fire department to provide fire protection service in each fire district.

Taxpayers are also assessed a Solid Waste Household fee on all dwellings at an amount of \$60.00. The Solid

Waste stickers are enclosed with your tax bills and expire every two years.

The Tax Office also has the contract with the NC Department of Transportation to operate the License Plate Agency (LPA) in Yadkin County. The LPA office processed approximately 82,000 transactions this past year and was recognized by the NCDOT as being one of the top two performing offices in the state making the least amount of errors.

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Statutory Requirements

The property tax in North Carolina is governed by Sub Chapter 11 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Local Boards of Commissioners have very little discretion in property taxes due to these statutes (also known as the Machinery Act) being State Law rather than local ordinances. The Machinery Act guarantees all 100 North Carolina Counties will administer the property tax laws under the same guidelines with a minimum of local discretion. The County Board of Commissioners has the responsibility of setting the county tax rate.

The Assessor's Office is responsible for the listing, appraisal and assessment of all taxable property in Yadkin County and furnish tax base figures to the County for budget purposes.

Foreclosure of Properties with Delinquent Taxes

Yadkin County has a strictly enforced foreclosure program for unpaid property taxes. The county currently has 140 parcels in foreclosure. However, if you are unable to pay your taxes in one lump sum you may make payments monthly. To set up a payment plan please contact the Collections Department at 336-849-7903.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Tax Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- **By phone:** 336-849-7903
- **In person:** 101 South State St, Courthouse, Yadkinville
- **By mail:** P.O. Box 1217, Yadkinville, NC 27055

Veteran Services

The **Office of Veteran Services** is here to assist Veterans and their families in obtaining the benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice to this great country. We assist in obtaining VA healthcare, VA monetary benefits, and with VA mortuary benefits. Our job is to guide and assist veterans through the complex web of forms and regulations that make up the US Department of Veterans' Affairs and the North Carolina Division of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Along with these services, this office also helps veterans connect with other veterans, and veteran organizations in the community. Many groups and organizations are here in our local area, or specific to NC that have the express mission to help and aid veterans and their families. We serve as an informational hub to connect the veterans with these organizations.

In the past fiscal year, our office reports the following communication numbers...

- Communication via telephone = 712
- Communication via office visits = 346
- Communication via email = 51
- Communication via outreach = 8
- Communication via fax = 10
- All other communication = 99



Mike Smith
Veterans' Services
Officer

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Water & Sewer

The **Yadkin County Water and Sewer Department** maintains the Highway 21 Waterline and the East Bend Waterline. County staff respond to any issue and manage the daily operations and maintenance of both lines. The County owns a waterline and sewer line along US Hwy 601 that is leased to the Town of Yadkinville for operations and maintenance.

Yadkin County purchases water from the Town of Jonesville to operate the Highway 21 Waterline. The waterline extends along Highway 21 from Jonesville south to Lydall (near the I-77 and US 421 intersection).

The East Bend Waterline Project is now complete. Yadkin County has agreements with the Town of East Bend and the Winston Salem / Forsyth County Utilities Commission. In these agreements, the County purchases water from the Winston Salem / Forsyth County Utilities Commission that is then resold to the Town of East Bend. The waterline runs along Taylor Rd, a portion of Old US Highway 421 and on Flint Rd to the Town of East Bend.

Yadkin County Water and Sewer employees work diligently to ensure the efficient operation and maintenance of the Highway 21 waterline and the East Bend waterline. In addition to the daily monitoring and maintenance, employees assist municipal water departments if requested, perform 811 utility locates across the County and assist with Environmental Health permitting for residents and businesses when needed.

Yadkin County was awarded a Merger Regionalization / Feasibility Grant by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure. Funds from this grant will go towards a study of the financial stability and longevity of all the water systems in Yadkin County. The final report and recommendations could have a lasting positive impact for future generations of Yadkin County residents.



Terry Foster
Water & Sewer
Technician

Yadkin Center of Surry Community College

The **Yadkin Center of Surry Community College** is growing and adding more programs to serve the educational needs of Yadkin County residents despite the lull created by COVID-19. The Yadkin Center served 1,084 students from Summer 2020 - Spring 2021 through the Yadkin Early College and college credit curriculum programs along with hundreds of students through workforce training programs. The Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, in Yadkinville, houses the Yadkin Early College and includes the Yadkin Valley Agriculture and Education Center and the G. Allen Mebane IV Industrial Training Center.

Surry-Yadkin Works

Surry-Yadkin Works is the collaborative effort of four public school systems in Surry and Yadkin counties including Elkin City Schools, Mount Airy City Schools, Surry County Schools, and Yadkin County Schools, as well as Surry Community College, to create a unique approach to a regional internship program. The funding is also a joint effort with commitments from the Surry County Commissioners and the Yadkin County Commissioners. An anonymous contributor donated \$100,000 prompted by a presentation about

the program at an educational summit. Surry-Yadkin Works officially began on January 1, 2021.

Ten students from Yadkin County have participated as Surry-Yadkin Works interns. In Spring 2021, Surry-Yadkin Works placed 50 interns – eight from Yadkin County schools. In Fall 2021, Surry-Yadkin Works placed 31 interns – three from Yadkin County schools.

Firefighter Courses

The **Firefighter Certification** course for Career & College Promise high school students started in January 2021. The five inaugural students are currently in the second semester in Block 2. The goal is to have those five students complete Block 3 next semester and enroll new students in another Block 1 class in January 2022. When the students complete Block 3, they will only need one class to become certified firefighters by the state of North Carolina, and they cannot take that class until they have turned 18 due to state policy. Firefighter students travel to the SCC Emergency Services Training Center in Dobson to use the equipment and are hosted at local fire departments for training scenarios, which are not

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available at the Yadkin Center. By the end of December, these students will have completed 324 hours of instruction. Other Fire and Rescue programs offered at the Yadkin Center are Firefighter, Technical Rescuer and Fire Office 1 and 2.

Law Enforcement

This past year, virtual reality simulators were incorporated into law enforcement training offered at the Yadkin Center. The Yadkinville Police Department, Yadkin County Sheriff's Department, Jonesville Police Department, Boonville Police Department and East Bend Police Department officers underwent virtual reality training in their annual firearms courses assisted by the Elkin Police Department. The virtual reality training was extremely popular and will be included during additional in-service training at the Yadkin Center.

Emergency Medical

The Yadkin Center will continue to support the emergency medical educational needs of the Yadkin County Rescue Squad and volunteer fire departments throughout the county. The Yadkin Center also assists the N.C. Highway Patrol in their emergency medical recertification needs. Around 100 state troopers were recertified in the training this past year.

Allied Health

The Sterile Central Processing classes started at the Yadkin Center in Fall 2020. This course is designed to introduce the primary responsibilities of a central sterile technician including sterilization, disinfection preparation, storage, and distribution of surgical instruments, supplies and equipment. Twenty-three students have taken this class at the Yadkin Center.



The Firefighter Certification course for Career & College Promise high school students started at the Yadkin Center in January 2021. In this picture, the students had just completed a search of a confined space trailer looking for a victim. Left to right: front row, Megan Gillenwater, Devon Hagler, Austin Crouse and back row, Trent Williard and Landon Dowell.

Pharmacy Tech classes are offered in a flexible hybrid format where the instructor travels to both the Yadkin Center and the Dobson campus every other week. Since the program's inception in Fall 2020 at the Yadkin Center, 24 students have enrolled.

Truck Driver Training

Four classes for the Truck Driver Training program at the Yadkin Center are offered each year. Fifty-six students graduated from the program in 2021 with a 100% pass rate on their commercial driver's license test. Since the program's inception in 2014, around 300 students have become licensed commercial drivers. The Truck Driver Training range at the Yadkin Center is Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) certified.

Yadkin Guarantee

The Yadkin County Commissioners approved the Yadkin Guarantee initiative in 2018 ensuring that recent Yadkin County high school graduates could attend the Yadkin Center with tuition and book expenses paid by Yadkin County. Yadkin Guarantee funds fill in the difference where scholarships and Federal financial aid stops. This scholarship program has assisted 173 students since its inception. Students are encouraged to register for as many classes as possible at the Yadkin Center. All classes on site in Yadkin will be paid at 100 percent. The Yadkin Guarantee also applies to hybrid online classes that count towards enrollment at the Yadkin Center. If a required class is not offered at the Yadkin Center, the first two classes will be covered 100%. Any additional will be covered at 50%. All eligible Yadkin students also qualify for the \$750 book stipend.

Multi-campus Funding

The Yadkin Center of Surry Community College has been designated as a multi-campus center due to the growth in student enrollment, and officials at SCC are awaiting funding from the Office of State Budget and Management. The State Board of Community Colleges, the N.C. Association of Community College Presidents, and the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees have endorsed the request to the N.C. General Assembly to provide funding in the amount of \$579,413 for the approved multi-campus center. Final approval is contingent on the N.C. General Assembly appropriating additional multi-campus center funds to Surry Community College, a process that is unfortunately postponed each year that a budget does not get approved by legislators.

College Credit & Workforce Training Programs

Yadkin Center students can complete a two-year Associate in Arts college transfer degree that leads to a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university.

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Fifty-six students graduated from the Truck Driver Training program in 2021 with a 100-percent pass rate on their commercial driver's license test. Since the program's inception in 2014, around 300 students have become licensed commercial drivers through classes at the Yadkin Center. Pictured are 12 recent graduates. (Back row, L to R) Instructor Perry Wagoner, Christy Stiel, Kenny Barnes, Joseph Alexander Rangel Hernandez, Mitchell Hutchens, Marco Rocha, Shay Martin and Andrew Hackett. (Front Row, L to R) Instructor Charles Jester, Janet Brooks, Israel Hernandez, Aaron Elledge, Cody Ester, Debra Rogers and Lead Instructor Harold Curtis.

Students also have the opportunity to complete the bridge program for **Licensed Practical Nursing – Associate Degree Nursing (LPN-ADN)** at the Yadkin Center, as well as a degree, diploma and certificate in **Mechatronics**; a diploma and certificate in **Welding**; and a diploma and certificate in **Computer-Integrated Machining**.

The Yadkin Center provides high school juniors and seniors a way to earn college credits, tuition free,

while still in a traditional high school through the Career & College Promise program. Students at Forbush High School and Starmount High School can attend classes at the Yadkin Center during their regular high school schedule. Students who attend homeschool or private schools can participate in the Career & College Promise program as well.

A variety of other training opportunities are also offered at the Yadkin Center including **Nurse Aide**, **Electrical Systems**, **Basic Skills**, **High School Equivalency**, and **English as a Second Language** (ESL). Customized training for small and large businesses is available at the Yadkin Center along with many locations throughout Yadkin County.



Students have the opportunity to complete a degree, diploma and certificate in Mechatronics; a diploma and certificate in Welding; and a diploma and certificate in Computer-Integrated Machining at the Yadkin Center. Students pictured are working in the Mechatronics, Machining and Welding labs in at the G. Allen Mebane IV Industrial Training Center on the Yadkin Center campus.

Yadkin Center Contacts

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Yadkin County Schools

The **Yadkin County School District** is comprised of fourteen schools and a virtual academy: eight elementary schools, two middle schools, two traditional high schools, the Yadkin Early College High School, the Yadkin Success Academy and the **Yadkin Virtual Academy** (YVA). Our schools are staffed by tremendously talented people who place children first every day. Our teachers, school leaders and other employees work diligently each day to provide the best educational opportunities they can for our students. We are proud that so many wonderful teachers and support personnel choose to work in Yadkin County Schools.

Yadkin County Schools has had a virtual academy with courses for high school juniors and seniors for the past few years. This past school year, the Virtual Academy was expanded to include courses for students in grade kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the YVA work with highly qualified teachers to complete their course requirements. Additionally, these students can also participate in all school-related activities including clubs, marching band, and athletics.

If your child is enrolled in a home school or private school, and you are interested in the YVA, we will be happy to answer any questions you have. If your child is in grades K-5, please contact Jessica Stump by emailing jessica.stump@yadkin.k12.nc.us. If your child is in grades 6-12, please contact Dr. Robert Kennedy at robert.kennedy@yadkin.k12.nc.us. Also, you can call 336-551-1100 and ask to speak to either Mrs. Stump or Dr. Kennedy.



Dr. Todd Martin
Superintendent

not pictured:
Wayne Duggins
Assistant
Superintendent

Surry-Yadkin Works is a partnership between Yadkin County Schools, Elkin City Schools, Surry County Schools, Mt. Airy City Schools, Surry Community College, and local businesses and industries. Through this regional approach to economic development, our high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to participate in paid internships throughout the school year. The interns work in local businesses and industries while also attending school either in person or virtually. If you are involved in a local business or industry and are interested in hosting an intern, please contact Doug Murphy at 336-401-3372 or by email at murphyde@surry.edu.

Yadkin County Schools maintains a 1:1 initiative at our elementary, middle and high schools. All students have access to Google Chrome-books. These devices help foster collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking in the classroom. Additionally, Yadkin County Schools is currently upgrading classroom technology so that our students have access to the most current offerings.

Yadkin County School Board

- Mrs. Jennifer Hemric, Chairman
- Mr. Sam Crews, Vice-Chair
- Mrs. Sharon Yale
- Mr. Robert Reavis
- Mr. Tim Parks
- Dr. Lynn Allred
- Mr. Tim Weatherman

Mission

Yadkin County Schools will prepare all students to be collaborative, life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Vision

Yadkin County Schools will be the top rural school district in North Carolina.

Our Motto

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow

Teacher of the Year



This year's teacher of the year is Michael Dorman. Michael earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Health from High Point University in 2013. He taught in Wilkes County before coming to Yadkin County Schools in 2018.

Michael began his career with Yadkin County Schools as a long term substitute at Forbush High School. One year later, Michael applied for and became the Physical Education Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary. When you visit Michael's class, you will immediately see the well structured and engaging lessons he creates for his students. He says that he truly enjoyed working at Forbush High School, but after working at Yadkinville, Michael has found his calling and his home.

We are proud to have Mr. Michael Dorman represent Yadkin County Schools as the 2021 Teacher of the Year.

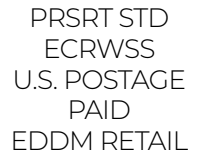
Principal of the Year



The Yadkin County Principal of the Year honor is voted on annually by the principals of Yadkin County for one of their peers they feel has exemplified what it means to be an excellent principal. This year's principal of the year honor goes to Mr. Chris Petree of Forbush Middle School.

Mr. Petree began his career in Yadkin County Schools in 2008. He served as a teacher at Starmount High School, and assistant principal at Starmount Middle and High before becoming the principal of Forbush Middle School in 2019. Since this time, Chris has worked to improve the teaching and learning at Forbush as well as build consistency and collaboration among the staff. He has yet to have a normal year due to the pandemic, but we believe that Forbush Middle School will hit their stride in the 2021-2022 school year. Chris is a valued member of the Yadkin County Schools' team and well deserving of this honor.





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Yadkin County Survey

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☐ No ☐ No

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Address:

Phone: _____

Email: