

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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County Commissioners



Kevin Austin
Chairperson

Cliff Collins
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 **FY2023 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).

This Report covers County operated departments, as well as other entities such as the Yadkin County Schools and Surry Community College who receive appropriations from the County budget, but are not operated by the County. The County is also

responsible for providing fire protection services and levies a fire tax in each of the ten (10) districts to assist with funding this service. All volunteer agencies across this country are struggling to recruit and retain volunteers and to afford replacement apparatus and equipment. We are continuously exploring options to support the volunteer fire departments.

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.

County Commissioners have the responsibility to create, change, abolish and consolidate county government; change the composition and madder of selection of boards, commissions and agencies; and, promote orderly and efficient administration of county affairs. The Board adopts the annual County budget, sets the County property tax rate, establishes County policies and acts on zoning and other land use matters.

Clerk to the Board



Tanya Gentry
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



Brock Hall
Assistant County
Manager

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.

*Located at
217 E. Willow St in Yadkinville*

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.

As everyone has experienced, the cost of purchasing necessary goods and services has increased drastically compared to pre-COVID. These increases also impact the cost to the County of providing services. The employee market has also changed significantly over the last few years with the demand for higher salaries, increased health insurance costs and mandated services.

Administration — Human Resources



Luke Wise
Human Resources
Officer

"Treat employees like they make a difference and they will." — Jim Goodnight

Human Resources is responsible for aligning Yadkin County's mission, vision, and values with workforce planning and strategy. The department also provides administration and support in various disciplines of employment within the County such as staffing, employee benefits, safety, and employee relations while working to instill the values of **Yadkin FIRST** (Fairness, Integrity, Responsibility, Service, and Transparency) within each of those functions.

The Human Resources team at the County of Yadkin includes:

- Human Resources Officer, Luke Wise
- Human Resources Specialist, Katie Andrews
- Human Resources Technician/Administrative Assistant, Teresa Turner

Together they help the County achieve and maintain excellence.



Agricultural & Educational Building



Steve Potts
Event Planner

Located at 2051 Agricultural Way on the campus of Surry Community College's Yadkin Center on Highway 601

We have been open for over seven years now in the **Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building**. 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 shared commercial kitchen 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.

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

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

FY2023 At-A-Glance

- **Eight food trucks** on contract for their gray water disposal only.
- **Five licensed food trucks** that use this facility as their home base.
- **Five hotdog carts/trailers** that use this facility as their home base.
- **Two part-time caterers**
- Rental of the banquet hall and the YCBDK totaled **336 rentals** and **950 hours** for FY2023.

FY2023	
Total Tenant Hours	152
Banquet Hours	445
Kitchen Hours	505
Total Rental Hours	1,102
Gray Water Dumps	112
Banquet Hall Rental	\$ 32,189.62
YCBDK Rental	7,528.50
Gray Water Disposal	1,005.00
Subtotal	\$ 40,723.12
Events Canceled 4 each (Quinceanera)	(6,400.00)
Discounts	(7,270.88)
Deposit Returns	(900.00)
Total Revenue	\$26,152.24

Animal Shelter



Jason Roels
Animal Shelter
Director

**Located at 1027
Speaks St
in Yadkinville,
just past the
Farmers Market**

The **Yadkin County Animal Shelter (YCAS)** is open to the public Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment as needed. The YCAS is responsible for Yadkin County animals once brought in by animal control and/or a resident. YCAS employees are not animal control officers. We strive to reunite as many lost pets as possible with their owners and give unclaimed/unwanted animals a chance at a better life!

For FY2023, the YCAS had **656 animals** that were adopted, sent to rescue or returned to their owner. We had 16 volunteers document **910 selfless hours** assisting with various tasks throughout the Shelter, 83 dogs/cats altered through our Community Spay/Neuter Program, and had 120 animals in foster care.

YCAS participated in multiple events throughout the community, which included events at Wake Forest University, as well as events at the Riverwalk RV Park on the Yadkin River. With the support of Yadkin County residents and our rescue partners, YCAS staff were able to prevent over 100 dogs/cats from coming into the Shelter and were either sent to a rescue or rehomed.

If you are interested in volunteering, fostering, Spay/Neuter Program or any other services, please call 336-849-7901 option 2, message us through Facebook "Yadkin County Animal Shelter", or email Jason Roels at jroels@yadkincountync.gov.

Our adoptable animals can be viewed in the photo album section of our Facebook page, and on the Yadkin County website, in Animal Shelter.

DID YOU KNOW?: *If you are a Yadkin County resident, currently receiving Medicaid/EBT, you may qualify to have three pets altered for free.*

Board of Elections



Elaine Barnes
Elections Director

**Located at 1300
Unifi Industrial Rd,
Yadkinville**

Mailing address:
PO Box 877,
Yadkinville, NC
27055

336-849-7907

**Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Each year the Board of Elections is responsible for holding Elections. In even-numbered years Federal, State, County and the towns of Boonville, East Bend and Jonesville have Candidates on the ballots. In the odd-numbered year, the Town of Yadkinville election is held.

The Board of Elections performs many tasks throughout the year including:

- Daily registrations
- Maintaining the Registration database
- Filing candidates
- Proofing and preparing ballots
- Preparing required forms and supplies for Election use
- Testing / preparing the voting machines
- Preparing for One Stop voting and training the precinct officials
- Process absentee requests
- Send ballots to Civilian & Military voters
- Hold required absentee meetings
- Research Provisional ballots
- Produce Election Day results
- Canvass the Election for final results

• One Stop Voting for all Elections will be held at the Unifi Rd location; North Liberty and The Town of Yadkinville Precincts will be located at this location as well.

• For more info visit the NCSBE.gov or the Yadkin County Board of Elections webpage at YadkinCountyNC.gov/88/Board-of-Elections

STATISTICS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2023

• Democrat	.....	2,994
• Republican	.....	14,083
• Libertarian	.....	129
• Green	.....	1
• Unaffiliated	.....	7,425
• Total	.....	24,632

Central Permitting



Gary Hayes
Central Permitting

Located at
213 E. Elm St in
Yadkinville

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No permits issued
after 4:30 p.m.

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.

FAQs

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

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 a portable Amish Style building and does it need to be tied down? Yes, if the structure is larger than a 12'x12'.

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

FY2023 By the Numbers

Building Permits

» **Commercial** (includes new structures & remodels) 41

» **Residential** (includes new single-family dwellings & manufactured homes) 137

» **Additions, Remodels and Accessory Structures** 212

· **Trade Permits** (includes all commercial & residential permits) 1,577

· **Zoning Permits** (includes zoning, rezoning, conditional use permits and plats) 312

County Attorney



Ed Powell
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.



Emergency Services



Keith Vestal
Emergency Services
Director



Chris Bolden
Emergency Services
Assistant Director



Ricky Leonard
Fire Marshal

Yadkin County Emergency Services is the central hub for the coordination and delivery of services for the majority of emergency situations that arise in our county. There are four divisions that make up Yadkin County Emergency Services and the following will provide you with an overview of what has taken place in these divisions over the last year.

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 aids the sick and injured to be able to bring cutting edge advanced care to the patient and maintain this level of care while they are being transported to a definitive care facility.

This past year the EMS responded to **6,117 calls for assistance** which is a 5.52% increase in calls over the prior year. It takes an average of about one hour to complete each call. That is from the time we arrive at the patient's side until the patient has been delivered to the hospital and the unit is back in our county, ready for the next response. An average of 25 minutes and 40 seconds of that is actual transport time due to having to go out of the county with all transported patients. We transport to different facilities dependent on patient request and the needs of the patient's condition.

Our EMS has been awarded the 2023 American Heart Association "Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Award" for the fourth year in a row. This award is only given to the EMS services that provide the most up to date evidenced based treatment guidelines to improve patient care outcomes.

Emergency Management (EM)

This is a division of Emergency Services that works primarily in the background creating and maintaining emergency, and disaster planning. Examples of these plans include: evacuation plans; sheltering plans; vital supply plans; and points of distribution.

During this reporting period the only issues were minor storms with minimal damage.

The EM Division is also responsible for the acquisition and management of grants that aid in funding Emergency Management and resources used for Emergency Management functions. This year Yadkin County EM received a total of \$145,808.40 in funding for equipment and salaries. These are State and Federally funded grants that help to secure much needed assets for our county and are deployable to other areas in the state if needed.

Fire Marshal's Office

The second most well-known and visible division is our **Fire Marshal's Office**. Fire Marshal Ricky Leonard, Deputy Fire Marshal Keith Handy, along with a part-time staff of four Fire Inspectors make up this division. The Fire Marshal is on call 24 hours per day 7 days a week to aid the ten Fire Chiefs of our county in the determination of origin and cause of fires.

This year the Fire Marshal's Office has conducted the following: 409 inspections; 18 investigations; 6 public education classes; and 12 monthly safety newsletters.

Public Health Preparedness & Response (PHP&R)

The **Public Health Preparedness & Response (PHP&R) Division of Yadkin County Emergency Services** is a grant funded program that works in partnership with Yadkin County Human Services and is responsible for the response and coordination of disasters that can cause harm to the health of the community. This program continues to work to assure that all citizens have access to emergency shelters, emergency medications, and other emergent items that may be needed during a public-health related disaster.



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 68.7% 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, which accounted for \$21.9 million or 44.13% of the governmental revenue.
- **Sales Tax** (and other taxes) accounted for 24.57% or \$12.2 million of revenue.

Expenses – The money that is expended to provide services.

The County incurs a number of expenses to provide quality services to our citizens. Two of the County's largest expenses are Education and Human Services. Education expense makes up 27.40% of the County's expenses and Human Services expense is 26.94%.

Financial Highlights

- The FY2023 adopted budget for Yadkin County totaled \$43,605,283.
- The budget was an increase of \$5,235,709 from FY2022 adopted budget. This increase is largely due to the new GASB 87 and GASB 96 requirements.

The County started a new project in FY2023, the construction of a new **Government Facility Building**. This building will house the **Tax Administration, Tax Collection, Tax Assessor, License Plate Agency**, and **Information Technology** departments. This move will allow for a sally port to be constructed at the existing court house, to safely transport inmates in and out of court.

The Finance Department continues to implement and abide by North Carolina General Statutes. These requirements put in place internal controls, the pre-audit of expenditures, as well as, other processes that the Finance staff must follow.



Human Services Agency



Jessica Wall
Human Services
Director



Marcy Mays
Human Services
Assistant Director



Laken Royall
Human Services
Assistant Director

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 health services and enforcing state rules and regulations.

Social Services programs and services can be accessed at the main building located at 217 E. Willow St in Yadkinville

The Medical Clinic is located at 320 W. Maple St, Suite B in Yadkinville

Residents can apply for WIC at the County Human Resources Building located at 217 E. Willow St in Yadkinville

The **Human Services Agency** of Yadkin County is comprised of the **Public Health Department** and the **Department of Social Services**. This agency is one of the larger County departments, with 85 positions and an annual budget of over 8 million dollars. Much of this budget is state and federal dollars.

Public Health Department

The Public Health division is comprised of:

Yadkin County
Medical Clinic

WIC
(Women/Infants/Children)

Environmental Health
and Vital Records

THE YADKIN COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC

The Medical Clinic serves eligible clients in:

- Maternal Health
- Communicable Disease
- Immunizations
- Child Health (well-child visits & primary care)
- Family Planning

The Medical Clinic also includes a Health Education program and a Care Manager for High Risk Children and Pregnant women, both of which are grant-funded.

The Medical Clinic is proud to announce the addition of a part-time Provider to the clinical operations. This position has allowed for increased availability of clinical services for the residents of Yadkin County.

The Medical Clinic received NC Matters funding and training through UNC-Chapel Hill. This initiative focused on improving knowledge and comfort level for staff regarding mental health topics through trainings and one-on-one consultations.

The Medical Clinic also applied for and received a grant for dental health through Delta Dental. This initiative focuses on providing educational materials and resources to families regarding the importance of dental health during the early years. This agency is responsible for completing birth and death certificates for births and deaths that occur in Yadkin County.

WIC (WOMEN/INFANTS/CHILDREN)

WIC is a supplemental nutrition education and breastfeeding support program for women, infants and children that is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

WIC continues its collaboration with Yadkin Cooperative Extension, the 'WIC Garden' project, and its work with the ApSeed Program to distribute educational tablets to children 0-5 years of age. To date, the WIC staff has distributed 1,000 tablets to the children of Yadkin County.

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Human Services Agency

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Environmental Health is located in the Planning & Permit Building located at 213 E. Elm St in Yadkinville.

Permits are issued at this location Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**336-849-7910
(Main Switchboard)**

**336-849-7905
(Environmental Health)**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

There are two main areas within Environmental Health: Food, Lodging and Institution (FLI) and On-Site Water Protection (OSWP).

The FLI area is responsible for the regulations, permitting and inspection of all of the food service facilities in the County, which includes all school cafeterias and nursing home food services. Additionally, FLI inspects all:

- Lodging facilities
- Childcare centers
- School buildings
- Nursing homes
- Residential care facilities
- Local confinements
- Tattoo parlors
- Public swimming pools

The average score across all food services facilities was 97 for FY2023.

The OSWP area is responsible for protecting the environment and public health by regulating septic systems and private water wells.

Department of Social Services

Social Services administers federal and state entitlement programs. These include:

- 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 Alternatives to Program for Disabled Adults (CAP-DA) Services
- Level I In-Home Aide Services
- Child Support Services

Social Services Highlights for FY2023 include:

- Success of the adoptions program
 - » Achieved permanency for 28 children in foster care
 - » Eleven children achieved permanency via reunification, custody or guardianship
 - » Seventeen children adopted from foster care.
- In Child Support this year, two of the Agency's agents were top child support collectors in the state in both March and April.

Community Health Assessment

Every local health department in NC is required to conduct a quadrennial Community Health Assessment. The goal of this assessment is to survey a wide variety of Yadkin County residents to obtain a general overview of the health and well-being of residents. Information from the surveys will aid in determining what types of intervention and resources are needed in Yadkin County, as well as help set priorities to guide future programs.

Yadkin County Human Services Agency began the distribution of the Community Health Assessment this year, and will present the findings to the Board of Commissioners in 2024.



Information Technology



Steven Ratcliffe
IT Director/GIS

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 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, Yadkin County IT maintains over 3,800 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 must lead the way in security precautions/preventions and coordinate efforts with 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 measures and training to ensure a safe network environment for the community and employees.

Yadkin County's security posture has been significantly updated and is very vigilant against any suspicious activity. Network infrastructure is monitored 24/7 to keep up with the ever-changing types and occurrences of attacks. Yadkin County continues to provide up to date cybersecurity training monthly and looks to expand trainings soon. We also have started implementations for multifactor authentication across the board which will help with preventing any unwanted access. During the last year there were no recoveries of County information due to Malware and Ransomware.

Yadkin County is also PCI compliant, meaning Yadkin County meets the set of security standards designed to ensure that the information Yadkin County receives with regards to credit card transmittals is maintained on 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 website and a faster, more efficient way of providing geospatial data to the community.

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.

As a team, we work with other departments to learn about particular jobs and the workflows involved. This allows us to make informed recommendations concerning equipment and software tailored specifically for that job.

FY2023 Information Technology by the Numbers

- Maintain 45 virtual servers / 8 physical servers
- Manage 32 miles of wiring / 18 miles of fiber
- Maintain 8 remote hardware VPN sites
- Deployed 10 new rugged MDTs to public safety
- Deployed 25 new PCs (desktop, laptop, tablet)
- Upgrades to 150 internal PCs
- Support 400+ FT & PT users
- 150 various software applications
 - Firewall & Cybersecurity upgrades
 - Migration to Office 365
 - Endpoint & server protection email
 - Protection software network / software monitoring for 29 web-based applications
- Internal & external WIFI throughout County buildings & Sheriff / EMS mobile units
- Managed 106 mobile phone users
- Managed a Carolina Digital VoIP telephone system with 395 landline phones
- Security Cameras in 20 County locations
- Processed 2,800 help tickets
- Upgraded the Mobile Command Center
- Upgraded Control Heads for Virtual World
- Maintained network infrastructure to 20GB fiber between buildings
- Maintain Map updates for 911 & field public safety units
- Completed GIS migration to NextGen 911 for ESINET
- Reached 98 percent accuracy for 911 addressing
- Maintain 911 primary & backup operations center
- Maintain current updates for finance software
- Monitor generator backup for network, public safety radio, and water line

NC Cooperative Extension

The Staff includes:

**Phil Rucker –
Livestock Agent**

**Madaline Jones
– 4-H Agent**

**Kellee Payne –
Horticulture Agent**

**Ryan Coe – Field
Crops Agent**

**Chelsea Johnson –
Family &
Consumer
Sciences Agent**

**Addie Wilson –
County Extension
Director**



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 & Youth, Livestock, Horticulture, Field Crops, and Family & Consumers Sciences Agent, we enrich the lives, land and economy of Yadkin County residents.

Summary

- Local training opportunities for farmers and other agricultural/horticultural professions totaled **203** through programs, workshops, and activities reaching **5,231** direct contacts and **467,279** indirect contacts.
- Local workshops and development opportunities for youth totaled **94** through programs, workshops, and activities reaching **1,205** youth direct contacts.
- Volunteers from 4-H, Advisory Leadership Systems, and Agriculture totaled **199** this program year. These volunteers served **449** hours reaching **1,810** residents totaling a value worth **\$15,066**.

YADKIN COUNTY FIELD CROPS PROGRAM

- 2023 North Carolina Official Variety Test of Full Season Soybeans
- Soybean Extension Program – Planting Date X Maturity Group X Seeding Rate Trial, Foliar Yield Experiment, Biological Product Evaluation, and Indeterminate versus Determinate Soybeans
- 2023 North Carolina Soybean Producers Association On-Farm Trial Program; Value of a Foliar Fungicide in North Carolina Soybeans
- 2023 Western Piedmont Corn Variety Trial

YADKIN COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

- **Yadkin-Davie 4-H Livestock Show** last August had **34** area youth and over **65** animals exhibited. Youth learned life skills like animal care, sportsmanship, work ethic, and more.
- **Pesticide Collection Day** in May: **3,294 lbs.** of pesticide products collected in **298** containers keeping these products from potentially leaking into the environment.
- **Pesticide container recycling program** is a source for farmers to dispose of empty pesticide containers instead of putting them in the landfill. The last collection resulted in over **5,600** containers being recycled.
- 45 producers **improved management practices** for forages, reproduction and nutrition, increasing farm output by **20%**.
- **15 small scale farms** participated in workshops and programs. Many reported an improvement in forages, animal quality and marketability due to what they learned through the program.

YADKIN COUNTY HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

- **200 consumers** gained knowledge in best management practices in landscapes, turf, and gardens, including pest (insect, disease, weed, disease, wildlife) and soil management.
- **20 new farms** selling into the local Yadkin Farmers Market for local consumption.
- **56 children** under the age of 4 participated in Extension led programs at the local library.
- **8 new Visit NC Farm Assets** resulting from the 2023 Asset Dinner and general farm visits.
- **59 clientele** reached at the **9th Annual Foothills Specialty Crop Roundtable Event** gaining knowledge on various horticultural topics.

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Frequently Called Numbers

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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

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

In Case of Emergency **911**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

UTILITIES

Duke Energy	800-777-9898
Energy United	800-522-3793
Frontier Natural Gas	336-526-2690
Public Water Works	336-367-7251
Surry-Yadkin Electric	800-682-5903
Spectrum	844-757-2826
Waste Water Department	336-849-7575
Water (Boonville)	336-367-7941
Water (East Bend).	336-699-8560
Water (Jonesville)	336-835-2250
Water (Yadkinville)	336-679-2184
Zirrus	336-463-5022

Frequently Called Numbers

COURT SYSTEM

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 Eddie Settle	919-733-5742
NC House of Representatives	
Julia Howard	919-733-5904
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 Congresswoman	
Virginia Foxx (Clemmons Office)	336-778-0211
US Senator Ted Budd	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
Compassion Care Center	336-679-7101
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
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



NC Cooperative Extension *continued*

We look forward to working with you. Please contact our office for more information at 336-849-7908.

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YADKIN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

North Carolina 4-H serves hundreds of thousands of youth across our state through many programs that span from healthy styles, STEM, civic education, community service, agriculture, leadership, and so much more. Get involved with our Yadkin County 4-H Clubs today! There are currently 4 clubs and 2 councils for Yadkin County 4-H.

- **Yadkin County Cooperative** served **1,205** youth that reside in our county.
- **392 youth** participated in **Environmental Field Day** to learn more about the environment
- **375 youth** learned about agricultural practices at Ag Awareness Day

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



Jason Walker
Parks & Recreation
Director



Yadkin County Parks and Recreation Department operates 7 different locations 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, Donnaha River Access, and Huntsville River Access. Parks and Recreation also serves as the county landscape maintenance for all county-owned properties. This encompasses 29 sites and over 900 acres. Following is an overview of all that Yadkin County Parks and Recreation has to offer and updates on current projects.



Caleb Poplin
Parks & Recreation
Assistant Director

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, disc golf discs, snacks, and drinks. The employees are also registered to sell hunting/fishing licenses and 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 offer a variety of kayaks and jon boats for rent by the hour or the day.

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Parks & Recreation

2023 YADKIN MEMORIAL PARK DATA

*only February 2023 – June 2023

Visitor Count	72,756
Pavilion Rentals	63
Boat Launches.	2,389
Total Boat Rentals	2,526
Vessel Registrations	293
Season Passes	149
Hunting/Fishing Licenses .	685
Duck Blind Permits	66
Duck Hunting Applications .	65

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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 3 picnic pavilions (which can be rented for events), a paved walking trail, a playground with swings, picnic tables, charcoal grills, 2 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 their physical limitations. The walking trails through the woods on the west side of Lake Hampton are complete and new signs have been placed to 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 86 ft long pedestrian bridge over South Deep Creek. This trail is approximately 3 miles long.

In September 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 in 2017. A new entrance was added at 2513 Ireland Road Yadkinville, NC 27055 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 7 campsites that include a fire ring, lantern holder, and picnic table at each site.

2023 YADKIN COUNTY PARK DATA

Pool Passes	4,862
Pool Party Rentals.	26
Ball Field Rentals	293
Pavilion Rentals	54

River Accesses

Yadkin County also maintains 3 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 closed and will remain closed through the fall of 2023 or until the bridge replacement project is completed.

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 a 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 an indoor room attached that includes bathrooms and a kitchen.

The County Park also hosts several events throughout the year. These events include Yadkin Soccer Association soccer tournaments and local Recreation leagues, Yadkin County girls softball tournament, Yadkin County boys baseball tournament, Memorial Day and Veterans Day services at the Veterans Memorial, two professional disc golf events, environmental field days, and swim lessons at the county pool.

Richmond Hill

The picnic pavilions and park area near Richmond Hill are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department and are located within the 30-acre Richmond Hill Law School and Nature Park. 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 with a map of the trails are posted around the park at the Law School building and at both shelters. To reserve the shelters at Richmond Hill Park please call the Parks and Recreation Office. For updated hours of operation and tours please

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visit the Historic Richmond Hill Law School Facebook page or on Instagram at @richmondhillinc. You can also email historicrichmondhill@gmail.com for more information.

Current Projects

Parks and Recreation 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 that you are also thrilled about things to come with these projects:

- Replaced the **ballfield lights** on field one at the Yadkin County Park. This project was completed at the end of June 2023.
- **New Shelter addition** at the Yadkin County Pool. With the help of a donation from Oz Prim, the department constructed a shelter at the Yadkin County Pool. This shelter is a great addition to the pool and allows for more much-needed shade.
- **New Parking lot** at the Yadkin County Park installed in June of 2023. This new parking addition will allow for additional parking in close proximity to all sports fields at the Yadkin County Park.

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.

Public Buildings



Dwayne Stanley
Public Buildings
Director

The **Public Buildings Department** is responsible for the overall maintenance of all Public Buildings owned by Yadkin County. Yadkin County owns approximately 51 buildings and is currently responsible for the maintenance of approximately 250,000 square feet of floor space. During Fiscal Year 2023, the Public Buildings Department had processed 794 work orders up 8 work orders from the previous year. The Public Buildings Department also has 6 automobiles and 5 pool vehicles that are maintained with Yadkin County's vehicle fleet.

The Public Building Department is also responsible for cleaning 13 buildings within the County and maintaining approximately 193 HVAC units for our buildings.

In FY2023, the Public Buildings Department oversaw the following:

- Installation of a new Mini-Split HVAC unit at the Health Dept medication room
- Install 4 new rooftop HVAC package units for the new Probation Office
- Remodeled Old Agricultural / Co-op building which Probation occupied
- The repaving and striping of the Planning Permits parking lot.
- Pressure washing and repainting of the old Zachary-Zachary buildings and awnings, of which the District Attorney's office resides.
- Pressure washing and repainting of the lower level of the old AOA building of which the new Yadkin Valley Military Museum will soon reside.
- New roof replacement at the female detention center.
- The installation of new road signs located at the HR Building.
- New roof replacement on the EOC Building.
- The remodeling of the old Pioneer Building and new road sign of which the Board of Elections now resides.

Register of Deeds



Aric Wilhelm
Register of Deeds

*Please don't
hesitate to
contact this
office, if we can
assist you in
any way.*

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
- Various agreements

The office also:

- Records and issues certified copies of birth, death and marriage records
- Issues notary public oaths
- Maintains a listing of all notaries who reside in the County.

The annual revenue collected is approximately \$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.
- 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.



Sheriff's Office



Nick Smitherman
Sheriff

I'm honored that I am allowed to serve as your Sheriff and am excited about the hard work and accomplishments of all our employees here at our Yadkin County Sheriff's Office.

First of all I'd like to thank you, the citizens of Yadkin County for the overwhelming support that you've shown over the past year. The visits and calls are appreciated and are the main reason that we continue to serve you all proudly.

It's no secret that across our State and Country, Law Enforcement agencies have been forced to operate with decreased numbers of employees and very few new applicants on deck. In spite of these shortages we feel very blessed to have a huge upturn in numbers of new applicants. This has allowed us to bring 25 new employees to our Yadkin County Sheriff's Office in the last year. I'm confident that our long term and newly hired employees are here for the right reasons, the most important of which is the safety of, and service to the citizens of Yadkin County.

Our staff has also been working diligently to get approval for grant funding that allows us to operate at a higher level of service while directly taking the burden away from our tax paying citizens. We are pleased to show that in the past year we have been awarded over \$177,000 in new funding and will continue to research and apply for new federal and state funding in the future.

PY2023 BY THE NUMBERS



Soil & Water Conservation District



Jason Walker
Soil & Water Director

The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District office is located at 2051 Agriculture Way, Suite 207 Yadkinville

The Yadkin **Soil and Water Conservation District (Yadkin SWCD)** operates under the guidance of the Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board. The Yadkin SWCD works with landowners to provide technical and financial assistance to improve water quality and minimize soil erosion. We also maintain and operate 14 flood control structures (dams) within Yadkin County, including the Hood/Chamberlain (5D) Reservoir.

In 2023, there were 24 conservation plans written covering 2,573 acres for practices that support the Farm Bill and other federal and state programs.

Conservation practices in these plans include:

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

We also offer available for rent through our office:

- Two 10ft wide John Deere Drills
- One 7ft wide Haybuster Drill

During 2023 these drills were utilized by 19 farmers for use on 1,076 acres of cropland.

The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District **Board for 2023** was comprised of:

- Mr. Lenuel Chamberlain, Chair
- Mrs. Jo Linville, Vice-Chair
- Mr. W. Justin Somers, Secretary
- Mr. Van Hemric
- Mr. Greg Moxley



Solid Waste Department



Keith Cain
Solid Waste Director

The **Yadkin County Solid Waste Department** operates 7 convenience sites and 1 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.

Yadkin County residents are required to show their Solid Waste Sticker at all sites in order to deposit waste and recyclables at convenience sites and the Transfer Station. The sticker covers the cost of waste generated within the household. All other waste must be deposited in the Transfer Station for a charge of \$70.00 per ton with an \$8.00 minimum. Examples of waste not covered under the Solid Waste Sticker include, but are not limited to, construction/demolition debris, renovation debris, furniture, burned waste, or commercially generated waste.

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 Sat	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 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 Sat	11 a.m.- 7 p.m. 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 Sat	11 a.m.- 7 p.m. 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 Sat	11 a.m.- 7 p.m. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Site No. 5 Lone Hickory	1209 Lone Hickory Rd. Yadkinville, NC 27055	336-463-4632	Mon & Thurs Sat	11 a.m.- 7 p.m. 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 Sat	11 a.m.- 7 p.m. 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.

Solid Waste Statistics

Materials	Amount Recovered
Scrap Tires	436.05 tons
Electronics	582.08 tons
White Goods	72 tons
Motor Oil	14.8 tons

Materials	Amount Recovered
Land Clearing & Inert Debris	59.4 tons
Single Stream Recycling	257 tons
Municipal Solid Waste/ Household Trash	26,587.52 tons

The total cost for Yadkin County's Solid Waste and Recycling Program for fiscal year 2022-2023 was \$2,283,590.02.

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 Rd.

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Solid Waste Department **continued**

If you have a question about what items can or cannot be recycled please call the Solid Waste Department at 336-849-7912

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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 is 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 about removing garbage/contaminates from the recycling stream. By reducing the volume of garbage mixed into recyclables, the recycling process can become more effective and efficient.



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 Office: Assessors & Collectors



Clayton Campbell
Tax Administrator



Lindsay Cranford
Assistant Tax
Administrator



Brittany Anderson
Assistant Tax
Administrator

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 to furnish tax base figures to the County for budget purposes. The FY2023 total valuation of Real and Personal Property was \$2,746,096,794.

The County's tax rate remained at \$.66 per \$100.00 valuation. The most recent revaluation occurred in 2017.

The Tax Office completed a county wide reappraisal and implemented NEW tax software in 2022. The reappraisal was effective for Tax Year 2023. The purpose of a revaluation is to reset property values to their current market value so that the property tax burden is spread fairly among all taxpayers. Counties are required by state law to conduct revaluations.

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. In FY2022 we maintained a collection rate above 98%. The collections office uses a variety of collection remedies in accordance with the NC General Statutes to collect these taxes. One of the remedies that we use is the NC Local Government Debt Setoff Clearinghouse program. This program allows collections of delinquent debts by off-setting debtors NC State Tax Refunds and Education Lottery Winnings. In FY2022 we received a total of \$64,977.77, and in all years participating we have received approximately \$1.463 million dollars in funds.

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 50% of the county's taxes during the discount period and the taxpayers saved a total of \$208,261.

Taxpayers are also assessed a Solid Waste Household fee on all dwellings at an amount of \$72.00. 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 88,000 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.

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.

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Tax Office: Assessors & Collectors

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If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Tax Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. 336-849-7903

Located at 101 South State Street, Courthouse in Yadkinville

Mailing address is: P.O. Box 1217, Yadkinville, NC 27055

2023 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

Top Ten Taxpayers	Tax Value	Industry
Unifi	\$ 119,058,056	Manufacturing
Duke Energy Carolina	\$ 87,336,039	Utility
Lydall Inc	\$ 60,656,242	Manufacturing
B&G Foods Snacks	\$ 39,996,485	Manufacturing
Phillips-Van Heusen	\$ 32,685,326	Manufacturing
Surry Yadkin EMC	\$ 15,652,039	Utility
FCA US LLC	\$15,499,850	Leased Equipment
Salem Leasing Corp	\$ 9,865,693	Trucking/Leasing
Hennings Construction Co LLC	\$ 8,942,137	Construction
General Motors LLC	\$ 7,087,301	Leased Equipment

Property Tax Relief Programs Offered by the State of NC	Yadkin County Recipients
Senior Citizen and Disabled Exemption	732
Disabled Veteran's Exemption	63
Agriculture Use-Deferred Tax Program	88,623 acres in program
Horticulture Use-Deferred Tax Program	42,755 acres in program
Forestry Use-Deferred Tax Program	
Solar Use Exemption Program	700 acres in program
Builders Inventory Deferred Tax Program	15 parcels

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

Foreclosure of Properties with Delinquent Taxes

Yadkin County has a strictly enforced foreclosure program for unpaid property taxes. The county currently has 160 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.

YADKIN COUNTY INTERESTING FAQs

- Average Year Home Built 1981
- Average Home Sq. Foot 1,543
- Average Home Value \$116,956
- Homes Built in 2022 73
- Average Parcel Size 7.53 acres



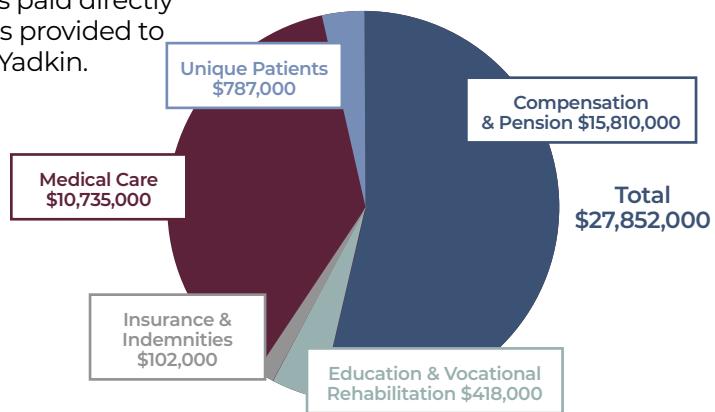
Veteran Services



Mike Smith
Veterans' Services
Officer

The **Veteran Services** Department exists specifically to assist the veterans of Yadkin County and their families with obtaining qualified benefits available to them. There are many benefits available to our nation's veterans at the federal, state, and local level. County Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are not employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the NC Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) or any other local organizations. We work for YOU! The veterans of the county and their families.

As of fiscal year 2023, the VA reports that there are 2,176 veterans residing in Yadkin County that are in receipt of some form of VA benefits. The graph below shows what they reported as paid directly to, or for services provided to the veterans of Yadkin.



Water & Sewer



Terry Foster
Water & Sewer
Water Technician

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).

Yadkin County purchases water from the Winston Salem/Forsyth County Utilities Commission to operate the East Bend Waterline, some of which is then resold to the Town of East Bend. The waterline runs along Taylor Road, a portion of Old US Highway 421, and on Flint Hill 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 NC811 utility locates across the County and assist with Environmental Health permitting for residents and businesses when needed.

Currently, we are undergoing an Asset Inventory Assessment and Rate Study.



Economic / Tourism Development



Yadkin County welcomes **Cross Technology Inc.** to East Bend. James Inman, owner of Cross Technology, has purchased the building located at 340 East NC 67 Highway and renovations are continuing. Cross Technology offers specialty services including designing, engineering, precision machining, custom machine assembly, wire harnessing assembly, injection molding and Nu-Tech heat shrink products.

Cross Technology has operated in Winston-Salem for over 20 years and has outgrown their space. This move to East Bend will allow the company to add machinery, requiring more workforce and room for raw and finished material storage. Currently, product lines are being relocated from Winston-Salem as renovations are being completed.

The **Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority** continues to promote our area to visitors enjoying Lake Hampton, river and hiking trails, wedding venues, arts events, wineries, and the Lone Hickory Arena.

Other agri-tourism activities and offerings can be found on the VisitNCFarms app.

Visitor spending last year increased by almost 8% over 2021, driven by new lodging choices, new venues, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Tourism related businesses are responsible for 380+ jobs in Yadkin County, and generate \$1.5 million in local taxes.



Libraries

The Yadkin County Library locations:

Boonville Community Public Library
121 W Main St
Boonville, NC 27011
336-367-7737

Jonesville Public Library
112 N Swaim St
Jonesville, NC 28642
336-835-7604

East Bend Public Library
420 Flint Hill Rd
East Bend, NC 27018
336-699-3890

Yadkin County Public Library
233 E Main St
Yadkinville, NC 27055
336-679-8792

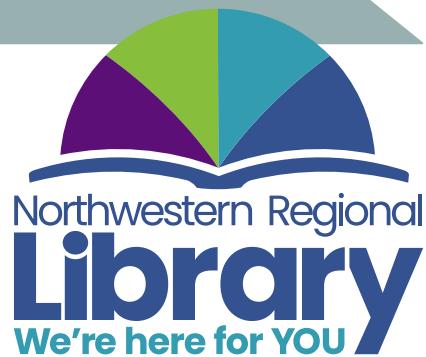
The four **Yadkin County Public Libraries** are located in Boonville, East Bend, Jonesville, and Yadkinville and are branches of the Northwestern Regional Library that includes 13 branches in Alleghany, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties. The mission of all the libraries is to advance knowledge, strengthen communities, and inspire people.

Rebranding has begun for all libraries for an updated look to let more people know about library services. New logos, signage, and more were developed to let people know that there are many free services, and something for everyone.

Libraries provide access to over 9 million items through NC Cardinal, Early Literacy Development, NC Live Resources, NC Kids Digital, VITA – free income tax assistance, test proctoring, job/resume assistance, technology training, Summer Learning Programs for all ages and more! More information is available at nwrl.org.

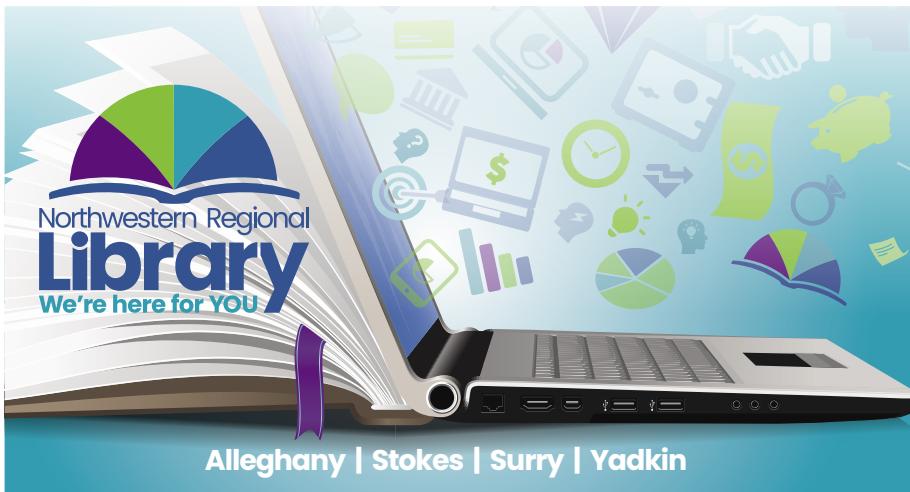
Storywalks that combined literacy and exercise were established in all four communities through a generous grant from the Shallowford Foundation.

Libraries continue to strengthen communities through partnerships. The Yadkin County Public Libraries partner with several community agencies and organizations such as the schools, senior centers, and civic groups. Library Friends Groups across the county assist the libraries through support, fundraising, and special projects. All four public libraries are also agencies of the Yadkin County United Fund.



YADKIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES FY2023

• Print Circulation	86,398	• WiFi Usage.	17,526
• Door Count	48,896	• Adult Programs	163
• Nonprint Circulation	7,759	• Technology Transactions	66,942
• Internet Usage	6,627	• References Transactions	53,095
• Juvenile Programs	540	• Job/career Transactions	3,028



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Funds were made available through the State Library of North Carolina American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SRFF).

Yadkin Center of Surry Community College

The annual enrollment in the 2022-23 academic year totaled 2,924 curriculum and workforce training (duplicated) students at The Yadkin Center. In Fall 2023, Yadkin Early College students enrolled 220 students.

Questions about The Yadkin Center should be directed to Dr. Douglas Underwood, PhD, MSN, RN, Director Yadkin Campus/ EMS Programs, at 336-386-3584 or underwoodd@sury.edu.

The **Yadkin Center of Surry Community College** is always buzzing with a variety of activities whether it be Physical Therapist Assistant students learning how to help care for patients in the lab, Truck Driver Training students maneuvering the driving range, or emergency medical students acquiring knowledge about rescue procedures by practicing skills on state-of-the-art manikins. Classes at The Yadkin Center are constantly expanding to serve job training needs and educational goals of Yadkin County residents.

Healthcare programs are a top priority at The Yadkin Center with the current Physical Therapist Assistant program, Certified Nursing Assistant classes, and Central Sterile Processing courses. Since 2019, 77 students have attended Certified Nursing Assistant I classes at The Yadkin Center. Approval to offer the Certified Nursing Assistant II course is in place and will be scheduled in the future. Thirty-three students have completed the Central Sterile Processing course at The Yadkin Center with graduates filling demands for homegrown staff to work in local hospitals.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program relocated from Surry Community College's Dobson campus to The Yadkin Center and began classes in Fall 2022. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), and graduates earn a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree. The program admits 16 students each fall. An evening Medical Assisting program is planned for introduction in Spring 2024 along with the Surgical Technology program in Fall 2024.

Emergency Medical Services programming is also a top priority at The Yadkin Center. Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician classes are being offered at The Yadkin Center. In 2022-23, 33 students have graduated from these programs. A new Laerdal SimMan ALS Manikin, a CAE Ares Advanced Manikin, a Realiti ECG Monitor Simulator, and a McGrath Video Laryngoscope have been recently purchased to support student learning in these programs.

Evening and summer course offerings have recently been added to **Surry Community College's Truck Driver Training program** at The Yadkin Center. The program now has two additional Freightliner tractor-trailers that were funded by the N.C. Economic Development Impact Grant. Utilizing funds provided by the Golden Leaf Foundation, an additional two range tractors were purchased, bringing the college's total tractor-trailer fleet to nine. They are beautifully wrapped with Surry Community College logos. The college extends thanks to our trucking industry partners – Bottomley Enterprises, Southland Transportation, and Hardy Brothers Trucking – for their continued support and assistance in equipping the program.

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Emergency medical program instructors are being trained on how to use the CAE Ares Advanced Manikin at The Yadkin Center.



Yadkin Center of Surry Community College

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.

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The Firefighter and Technical Rescue program is growing at The Yadkin Center with the purchase of a new 40-foot contained trailer called the Firefighter Confidence and Rescue Prop, which will be available in Spring 2024. It will be used to teach several certification and non-certification class skills including forcible entry, rescue, mayday, ventilation, search, and confined space among several others. The unit will also benefit high school students taking classes through the Career & College Promise program. This type of firefighter and rescue training has never been offered at The Yadkin Center, so it's an exciting new resource for instructors and students.

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. The Yadkin Guarantee monies fill in the difference where scholarships and federal financial aid stops. The Yadkin Guarantee benefited 33 students with tuition assistance during the 2022-23 academic year.

Yadkin Center students can complete a degree, a diploma and a certificate in **Mechatronics**; a diploma and a certificate in **Welding**; and a degree, diploma and a certificate in **Computer-Integrated Machining**. Yadkin Center students can also complete a two-year Associate in Arts, a college transfer degree that leads to a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university.

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.

The Yadkin Center also offers customized industry training for Yadkin County businesses and is available at The Yadkin Center along with many locations throughout Yadkin County. A variety of other training opportunities are offered at The Yadkin Center including **Law Enforcement, Basic Skills, High School Equivalency, and English as a Second Language (ESL)**.



SCC's Truck Driver Training program at The Yadkin Center has added a Kenworth tractor-trailer purchased with the NC Economic Development Impact Grant for on-the-road operations training.

Yadkin County Schools



Dr. Todd Martin
Superintendent

not pictured:
Wayne Duggins
Assistant
Superintendent

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MISSION

Yadkin County Schools will honor our values as we prepare all students to be motivated learners and responsible engaged citizens.

VISION

Yadkin County Schools will be the top performing North Carolina rural school district for student growth, achievement, and well being.

Yadkin County Schools – Where You Can Succeed!

Yadkin County Schools is comprised of fourteen schools: eight elementary schools, two middle schools, two traditional high schools, the Yadkin Early College High School, and the Yadkin Success Academy. 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 is governed by the Yadkin County Board of Education. The seven-member Board of Education, chaired by Jennifer Hemric, recently voted to adopt a new five-year strategic plan. This plan will serve as a guide as we seek to become North Carolina's top performing rural school district for student growth, achievement, and student well-being. As we work towards this goal, we will honor our core values by being welcoming, collaborative, innovative, accountable, and purposeful in all we do.



Yadkin County Schools Teacher of the Year: Amy Mathis

Mrs. Mathis grew up in Yadkin County and attended Yadkinville Elementary and Forbush High Schools. Currently, she is an Exceptional Children's Teacher at Boonville Elementary School. Amy says she enjoys teaching students with severe disabilities and watching them accomplish things that many others thought impossible.



Yadkin County Schools Principal of the Year: Ida Weisner

This honor is voted on annually by the principals of Yadkin County. Mrs. Weisner started her career with Yadkin County Schools in 1999. She has been a teacher, Assistant Principal and for the last 8 years Principal of Jonesville Elementary School. Ida is hardworking, innovative, and an asset to her fellow colleagues. She definitely has a soft spot for at-risk students and goes above and beyond to help those who are less fortunate.



Yadkin County Schools Certified Support Staff of the Year: Amber Waddell

Ms. Waddell is a School Social Worker serving Yadkin Success Academy, Fall Creek Elementary, Yadkinville Elementary, and West Yadkin Elementary. Amber goes above and beyond her school duties to help students and their families thrive in difficult life situations. Amber is an advocate for homeless families and consistently seeks the resources needed to allow them to participate fully in school.



Yadkin County Schools Support Staff of the Year: Belinda Hudspeth

Ms. Hudspeth is a bus driver for West Yadkin Elementary School, Starmount Middle School, and Starmount High School. Belinda is professional, hardworking, and dependable. She cares about her students and stays well informed about their needs with an open line of communication between the three schools and the parents she serves. There is no doubt she is one of the transportation department's greatest assets.



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