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Supplement No. 1 Dated April 1, 2009 (To The Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus Dated January 16, 2009)

> Supplement to the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus for the proposed merger between Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation and American Community Bancshares, Inc. April 1, 2009

Special Meeting of Yadkin Valley Shareholders
To Be Reconvened on April 16, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
At the Holiday Inn located at 1713 NC 67 Highway, Jonesville, North Carolina

Special Meeting of American Community Shareholders To Be Reconvened on April 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. At 2593 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, North Carolina

This is a supplement to the previously distributed joint proxy statement/prospectus dated January 16, 2009, which is referred to below as the "original joint proxy statement/prospectus". This supplement contains important information that should be read in conjunction with the original joint proxy statement/prospectus.

For a discussion of significant matters that should be considered before voting at either special meeting of shareholders, see "Risk Factors" beginning on page 33 of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Summary

The management and a majority of the board of directors of Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation and the management and board of directors of American Community Bancshares, Inc. continue to support the merger of the companies as previously proposed and recommended.

If you have not voted yet or wish to change your vote, please see the section entitled "Proxies" on page 2. If you have already voted but do not wish to change your vote, your previous vote remains valid and you need not do anything further.

This supplement attaches a copy of each of American Community's and Yadkin Valley's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. Yadkin Valley's Report includes corrections to the financial results originally reported by Yadkin Valley on February 13, 2009 on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This supplement consists primarily of information previously disclosed by Yadkin Valley and American Community and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It is reproduced and referred to in this supplement for your information and convenience.

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Introduction

The purpose of this supplement is to provide updated disclosures to the American Community and Yadkin Valley shareholders prior to the respective reconvened meetings by American Community and Yadkin Valley shareholders, at which the proposed merger between American Community and Yadkin Valley will be considered. Included is information about the recently released year-end audited financial results for Yadkin Valley and American Community and updated information about the Yadkin Valley board of directors' recommendation to the Yadkin Valley shareholders regarding the board's position on the merger.

This supplement confirms the recommendation, by a nine-to-five vote, of Yadkin Valley's board of directors that Yadkin Valley shareholders approve Yadkin Valley's proposed merger with American Community and confirms the unanimous recommendation of American Community's board of directors that American Community's shareholders do likewise.

Proxies

If you have already voted, and do not wish to change your vote, no further action is required on your part. If you have not yet voted, whether or not you plan to attend the special shareholders' meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return your proxy card, or such other document as your broker instructed you to use if your shares are held in "street name". If your shares are held with a broker or bank, you can also vote by telephone or the internet by following the instructions sent to you by your broker or bank.

If you are an American Community record shareholder wishing to change your vote, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of revocation to American Community's Secretary, or by filing a properly executed proxy of a later date with American Community's Secretary, at or before the reconvened meeting.

If you are a Yadkin Valley record shareholder wishing to change your vote, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of revocation to Yadkin Valley's Secretary, or by filing a properly executed proxy of a later date with Yadkin Valley's Secretary, at or before the reconvened meeting.

If you are a record shareholder of either American Community or Yadkin Valley wishing to change your vote, you may also revoke your proxy by attending and voting your shares in person at your respective special shareholders' meeting. Attendance at the meeting alone will not revoke a shareholder's proxy; rather, a shareholder must also vote at the meeting in order to revoke a previously submitted proxy. If your shares are held in "street name" by your broker, you must follow the directions you receive from your broker to change or revoke your proxy.

Additional proxy cards or copies of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus can be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to William A. Long, President and CEO, Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation, 209 North Bridge Street, Elkin, North Carolina 28621-3404, (336-526-6300), or to Randy P. Helton, President, CEO, and Chairman, American Community Bancshares, Inc., 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway, Suite 150, Charlotte, NC 28211, (704-225-8444).

Adjournment of Meetings; Mailing of Supplement

This supplement to the original joint proxy statement/prospectus is being furnished to the shareholders of both American Community and Yadkin Valley in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors of both American Community and Yadkin Valley for use at the respective special meetings of the American Community and Yadkin Valley shareholders to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the merger agreement between American Community and Yadkin Valley.

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The Yadkin Valley shareholders meeting, originally scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2009, was adjourned and will be reconvened at the Holiday Inn located at 1713 NC 67 Highway, Jonesville, North Carolina, on April 16, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., local time. The record date of January 15, 2009 to determine those Yadkin Valley shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting remains unchanged.

The American Community shareholders meeting, originally scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on February 26, 2009, was adjourned and will be reconvened at 2593 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, North Carolina, on April 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., local time. The record date of January 15, 2009 to determine those American Community shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting remains unchanged.

This supplement to the original joint proxy statement/prospectus is being mailed to shareholders of American Community and Yadkin Valley on or about April 2, 2009.

Background and Reasons for the Supplement

The purpose of this supplement is to provide you with updated information about the year-end financial results for each of Yadkin Valley and American Community, as well as updated information about the Yadkin Valley board of directors' recommendation to the Yadkin Valley shareholders regarding the board's position on the merger.

As more fully described below, on February 27, 2009, Yadkin Valley announced it would revise its previously announced, but unaudited, financial results for the year ended December 31, 2008. Yadkin Valley has now filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, which includes audited financial statements that are updated from the February 27 earnings announcement. This supplement includes, as *Appendix A*, a copy of Yadkin Valley's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

This supplement also contains an update about the Yadkin Valley board of directors' recommendation to the Yadkin Valley shareholders regarding the Yadkin Valley board's position on the merger. In connection with this update, we are providing the following chronology of events relating to the proposed merger.

On September 5, 2008, the Yadkin Valley board of directors met to discuss the proposed merger with American Community. After lengthy consideration of the proposed transaction, including without limitation the terms and conditions of the merger agreement (see *Appendix A* of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus), the board voted 13-to-1 to enter into the merger agreement and to submit the merger to Yadkin Valley's shareholders for approval. The merger agreement was executed on September 9, 2008.

Over the course of the next several months, Yadkin Valley and American Community applied for regulatory approvals, commenced preparation of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus, and took steps to plan for the closing of the merger and the integration of the two companies. On November 19, 2008, the parties received the approval of the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, and on December 1, 2008, the parties received the approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the merger. On January 30, 2009, the parties received approval for the merger from the FDIC.

Markets in the United States and elsewhere have experienced extreme volatility and disruption for more than 12 months and, shortly after Yadkin Valley and American Community entered into the merger agreement, this volatility and disruption accelerated significantly. These circumstances have exerted significant downward pressure on prices of equity securities and virtually all other asset classes, and have resulted in substantially increased market volatility, severely constrained credit and capital markets, particularly for financial institutions, and an overall loss of investor confidence. Loan portfolio performances have deteriorated at many institutions resulting from, among other factors, a weak economy and a decline in the value of the collateral supporting these loans. Dramatic slowdowns in the

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housing industry with falling home prices and increasing foreclosures and unemployment have created strains on financial institutions. As a result, many financial institutions have sought and continue to seek additional capital, or to merge with other institutions.

Prior to execution of the merger agreement, the parties conducted a due diligence review of one another, as described in the original joint proxy statement/prospectus. Following the execution of the merger agreement, the parties continued to conduct confirmatory due diligence with regard to each other. The management teams at each company held regular discussions regarding the performance and financial condition of the other company, especially in light of the deteriorating economic conditions and the negative impact that the economy was having on financial institutions. Since the execution of the merger agreement, the Yadkin Valley chief credit officer has also consulted on a regular basis with American Community's management team regarding credit decisions made by American Community, including those made by American Community's chief operating and senior credit officers, who collectively have served since March 2008 as American Community's chief credit officer, following the former chief credit officers's leave of absence and eventual resignation for personal reasons.

Since the execution of the merger agreement, the Yadkin Valley management team has delivered regular updates regarding American Community and the status of the merger to the Yadkin Valley board of directors. On January 9, 2009, the Yadkin Valley board held a special meeting to receive such an update on the proposed merger, and on American Community, from the Yadkin Valley management team and its financial advisor. During this meeting, the Yadkin Valley board discussed with management and its advisors, among other things, changes in the financial condition of American Community since September 2008 and its impact on the proposed merger. As described more fully below under "Updated Financial Information" and "Recommendation of the Yadkin Valley Board of Directors," the Yadkin Valley board discussed the changes in American Community's asset quality (see also *Appendix B*), including construction-related loans and loans secured by real property, and the increases in American Community's allowance for loan losses, provision for loan losses, net charge-offs and non-performing loans. At the end of this Yadkin Valley board meeting, a motion was made to postpone the Yadkin Valley shareholders meeting, which would include postponing the mailing of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus, to permit Yadkin Valley additional time to assess the impact that the recent economic developments have had on American Community and, in particular, on the quality of the American Community loan portfolio. The Yadkin Valley board voted 10 to 4 against this motion and, on January 21, 2009, Yadkin Valley and American Community commenced mailing the original joint proxy statement/prospectus to Yadkin Valley and American Community shareholders.

On February 11, 2009, American Community announced unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. On February 13, 2009, Yadkin Valley announced unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008.

Also on February 13, 2009, a Yadkin Valley board member, Dan Park(1), requested that Yadkin Valley correct the original joint proxy statement/prospectus to reflect that he had voted against the merger on September 5, 2008 and against recommending the merger to the Yadkin Valley shareholders. Yadkin Valley issued a letter on February 17, 2009 to its shareholders correcting this statement.

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Mr. Park has recently indicated to the Yadkin Valley board of directors that he intends to nominate an alternative slate of nine nominees for the Yadkin Valley board of directors at the 2009 Yadkin Valley Annual Shareholders Meeting.

On February 19, 2009, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Yadkin Valley board again discussed the merger, reviewed the recent financial results of American Community and Yadkin Valley, specifically in light of the continued changes in the economic environment stemming from the current financial crisis, and discussed, among other things, the current financial condition of American Community. As described more fully below under "Recommendation of the Yadkin Valley Board of

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Directors," at the conclusion of the meeting, the Yadkin Valley board unanimously agreed (with one abstention) to adjourn the special meeting of its shareholders in order to provide updated disclosures to the Yadkin Valley shareholders, including information about the recently released year-end financial results for each company and updated information about the Yadkin Valley board of directors' recommendation that the Yadkin Valley shareholders approve the merger. The Yadkin Valley board also confirmed at this meeting, by a nine-to-five vote, its recommendation that Yadkin Valley shareholders approve the proposed merger with American Community.

On February 26, 2009, Yadkin Valley and American Community each adjourned their respective special meeting of shareholders for the purpose of providing the disclosure in this document.

On February 27, 2009, Yadkin Valley announced that, in connection with the preparation, review and audit of its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, it concluded that it would record a greater fourth quarter 2008 provision for loan losses than originally reported on February 13, 2009, and would also make several other adjustments to the income and expenses originally reported for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. On March 31, 2009, Yadkin Valley filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which included corrected financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008 (See *Appendix A* and the discussion below under "Updated Financial Information").

On March 19, 2009, the Yadkin Valley board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.06 per share for the first quarter of 2009, payable on April 24, 2009 to shareholders of record on April 3, 2009.

Updated Financial Information

American Community Bancshares, Inc.

American Community reported a net loss of \$2.7 million for year ended December 31, 2008 as compared with net income of \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. American Community reported losses in the third and fourth quarters of 2008 of \$3.2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, or \$4.1 million total for the second half of 2008 after reporting net income of \$1.5 million in the first half of the year.

American Community's reported loss in the second half of 2008 was primarily the result of:

The impairment charge related to American Community's investment in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac preferred stock totaling \$2.9 million;

Merger-related expenses of \$472,000;

The increase in American Community's provision for loan losses: the provisions were \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million in the third and fourth quarters, respectively, or \$4.2 million in the second half of 2008 versus \$0.7 million in the first half of the year; and

Margin compression resulting from the significant decline in interest rates in the second half of 2008: American Community's net interest margin was 3.38% and 2.76% in the third and fourth quarters, respectively, versus 3.44% for the first half of 2008.

The net loss reported for the year ended December 31, 2008 includes approximately \$5.0 million in provision for loan losses, compared to \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. As a result of additional provisions for loan losses during the year, American Community's allowance for loan losses as a percentage of loans increased to 2.13% as of December 31, 2008, up from 1.46% as of December 31, 2007. American Community increased its loan loss reserves to reflect the recent softening of the real estate market in American Community's market areas and a potential corresponding decline in the quality of American Community's loan portfolio that began in the third

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quarter of 2008 and continued in the fourth quarter. American Community's nonperforming assets were 1.45% of total assets at December 31, 2008, compared to 0.74% at the end of the third quarter of 2008 and 0.34% at December 31, 2007. As required by the merger agreement, American Community informed Yadkin Valley about these additional reserves. These additional reserves are based on American Community's evaluation of a number of factors including the estimated real estate values of the collateral supporting certain loans and, where applicable, the financial strength of the guarantor on the loan.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, *Appendix B* to this supplement, which contains American Community's Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2008. *Appendix B* is incorporated herein by reference.

Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation

Yadkin Valley announced on February 27, 2009 that, in connection with the preparation, review and audit of its financial statements, it concluded that it would record a greater fourth quarter 2008 provision for loan losses than originally reported on February 13, 2009, and that it would also make several other adjustments to the income and expenses originally reported for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. On March 31, 2009, Yadkin Valley filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which included corrected financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. Yadkin Valley has also reported a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2008. This section and *Appendix A* describe these corrected financial results and the material weakness in Yadkin Valley's internal controls.

Including the corrections described above, Yadkin Valley reported net income of \$3.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared with net income of \$14.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Yadkin Valley's net income (loss) in the third and fourth quarters of 2008 was \$1.8 million and \$(2.6) million, respectively, or \$(0.8) million for the second half of 2008 versus net income of \$4.6 million in the first half of the year.

Yadkin Valley's profitability declined in the second half of 2008, primarily as a result of:

The write-down of Yadkin Valley's investment in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac preferred stock in the third quarter of approximately \$1.0 million;

The increase in Yadkin Valley's provision for loan losses to \$7.6 million in the fourth quarter compared to \$1.4 million in the third quarter; bringing the total provision for the second half of 2008 to \$9.0 million versus \$2.2 million in the first half of the year; and

Margin compression resulting from the significant decline in interest rates in the second half of 2008: Yadkin Valley's net interest margin was 3.33% and 2.94% in the third and fourth quarters of 2008, respectively, versus 3.44% in the first half of the year.

Yadkin Valley's net income for the year ended December 31, 2008 reflected approximately \$11.1 million in provision for loan losses, compared to \$2.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. As a result of the significant additional provisions for loan losses during the year, Yadkin Valley's allowance for loan losses as a percentage of loans held for investment increased to 1.88% as of December 31, 2008 from 1.38% as of December 31, 2007. Yadkin Valley's nonperforming assets were 1.16% of total assets at December 31, 2008, compared to 0.86% at the end of the third quarter of 2008 and 0.21% at December 31, 2007. These additional reserves are based on Yadkin Valley's evaluation of a number of factors including the estimated real estate values of the collateral supporting certain loans and, where applicable, the financial strength of the guarantor on the loan.

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As disclosed under Item 9A of its 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K (attached to this supplement as *Appendix A*), Yadkin Valley has identified material weaknesses in internal controls relating to (1) the emphasis and resources it has devoted to the promotion and implementation of internal controls, (2) accounting for significant estimates, (3) credit administration, and (4) the preparation of financial reports. In response to the material weaknesses identified, Yadkin Valley has developed a remediation plan (described in detail in *Appendix A*) to address the material weaknesses, and is proceeding expeditiously with certain measures to enhance internal controls.

On January 16, 2009, Yadkin Valley completed the issuance of preferred stock and warrants to the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program, for an aggregate purchase price of \$36,000,000.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, *Appendix A* to this supplement, which contains Yadkin Valley's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. *Appendix A* is incorporated herein by reference.

Recent Developments

The recent downturn in the real estate market has resulted in increased loan delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures, both nationally and locally, and Yadkin Valley and American Community believe that these trends are likely to continue. In some cases, this downturn has resulted in a significant impairment to the value of the collateral used to secure certain loans and the ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure. The real estate collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment in the event of default by the borrower and may deteriorate in value during the time the credit is extended. If real estate values continue to decline, financial institutions may be required to increase their allowances for loan losses. No assurances can be given that actual losses by either Yadkin Valley or American Community will not exceed their respective allowance for loan losses, especially considering the overall weakness in the commercial real estate market in each bank's markets. If during a period of reduced real estate values, either Yadkin Valley or American Community is required to liquidate the property collateralizing a loan to satisfy the debt or to increase the allowance for loan losses, it could materially reduce that institution's profitability and adversely affect its financial condition.

Other Updating Information

Yadkin Valley notes that the original joint proxy statement/prospectus stated that each of Yadkin Valley's directors and executive officers had agreed to vote his or her shares of Yadkin Valley common stock in favor of the merger agreement. Although Yadkin Valley's management and a majority of its directors support the transaction, Yadkin Valley's directors and executive officers are not required to vote their shares in favor of the merger and have not agreed how they will vote their shares.

Recommendation of the Yadkin Valley Board of Directors

On February 19, 2009, the Yadkin Valley board of directors confirmed, by a nine-to-five vote, its recommendation that Yadkin Valley shareholders approve the proposed merger with American Community. Positive factors considered by the Yadkin Valley directors (including those who voted against confirming the recommendation) in determining to confirm this recommendation include (see the original joint proxy statement/prospectus for additional information, including factors considered by each company in entering into the merger agreement):

Expansion into the Mecklenburg/Union County market, which, despite the current economic downturn, Yadkin Valley continues to believe is a demographically attractive market within the Southeast for the long-term;

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Opportunities believed to exist in the Mecklenburg/Union County, North Carolina market as a result of the sale by Wachovia Corporation to Wells Fargo & Co.;

Expansion into South Carolina through American Community's offices in South Carolina, a region that Yadkin Valley believes will enhance asset growth over the long-term;

Franchise enhancement through a larger branch network and an improved ability to serve customers, leading to an increase in asset size and economies of scale;

A stronger competitive position in central North Carolina, one of the Southeast's most populated regions;

Broader geographic diversification that Yadkin Valley believes will help reduce the credit risk concentration of the combined company;

The creation of a premier community banking franchise across the Carolinas;

Actions taken by American Community to address potential problem loans in American Community's loan portfolio primarily resulting from the recent downturn in the real estate market, including the development of specific plans to effect the reduction and improvement of any loans or lines of credit that are adversely classified, reviewing the bank's written loan policy to consider changes necessary to monitor and reduce concentration in construction loans and loans secured by real property, and aggressively monitoring the loan portfolio to ensure that adequate reserves for loan losses are established and implemented in a timely manner;

The strength of Yadkin Valley management, and its ability to manage weaknesses in the loan portfolios of each company and implement appropriate policies and procedures to help prevent the assets of the combined company from further deteriorating significantly;

The ability of Yadkin Valley management to successfully acquire and integrate financial institutions, as demonstrated by the successful integration of three financial institutions since the end of 2002; and

The due diligence review conducted by both companies on one another, and the continuation of such review following the execution of the merger agreement, during which time the parties continued to conduct confirmatory due diligence with regard to each other and held regular discussions regarding the performance and financial condition of the other company.

The Yadkin Valley board of directors also considered the following negative factors:

The challenging economic climate in the Mecklenburg/Union County market and the deterioration in real estate values in this market over the past six months;

The decline in the asset quality of American Community's loan portfolio and resulting increases in nonperforming loans in the American Community loan portfolio and increases in American Community's reserves for loan losses since September 30, 2008, as reflected in its February 11, 2009 press release announcing unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008;

The decline in the asset quality of Yadkin Valley's loan portfolio and resulting increases in nonperforming loans in the Yadkin Valley loan portfolio and increases in Yadkin Valley's reserves for loan losses since September 30, 2008, as reflected in Appendix A attached to this supplement and as outlined above under "Updated Financial Information";

The effect of the merger on the financial condition of Yadkin Valley, given the changes in the financial situation of each of American Community and Yadkin Valley since September 2008, which include deterioration of asset quality of each institution, increased levels of non-performing loans, and increases to the provision for loan losses and the allowance for loan

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losses, each of which is further described as to each company in the Appendices to this supplement;

The effect of American Community's current financial condition on Yadkin Valley's ability to continue to comply with required capital adequacy ratios after the merger, which ratios reflect the additional capital Yadkin Valley raised through the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program and are expected by Yadkin Valley management to remain adequate and in line with the combined company's peer institutions, despite the fact that they will likely be less favorable than originally expected when the merger agreement was signed in September 2008;

The decline in stock price and market value of each institution, which is reflective of the impact of the current economic crisis on the entire banking industry; and

The potential effect of Yadkin Valley reporting, in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2008.

In addition, during the course of its deliberations, the board of Yadkin Valley considered and discussed the risk of litigation in both the event that the proposed merger proceeds and in the event that it does not proceed. In the context of recent discussions between management and members of various Yadkin Valley advisory boards, management has expressed its view about the risk of potential adverse consequences of litigation should the proposed merger fail to be consummated as planned. While the Yadkin Valley board recognizes litigation and a potential adverse outcome as a general risk, it did not determine that the risk of any such litigation was material in deciding to confirm its recommendation of the merger to Yadkin Valley shareholders, as set forth below.

The board of Yadkin Valley thoroughly reviewed and weighed each of the foregoing positive and negative factors. A majority of the board continues to believe that the merger will provide expansion opportunities in a demographically favorable market area. In addition, a majority of the board considered the actions committed to be taken by management of American Community to address problem loans contained in its current loan portfolio in such a way as to enable Yadkin Valley to absorb the risks inherent in that portfolio upon consummation of the merger. Finally, a majority of the Yadkin Valley board weighed heavily the reality that in the current economic environment most, if not all, financial institutions are experiencing negative effects to their asset quality similar to those being experienced by American Community and Yadkin Valley, especially those institutions with large portions of their loan portfolio dependent on construction-related loans and loans secured by property. As a result, a majority of the board of Yadkin Valley concluded that, despite the deterioration in the financial condition of each party, the positive factors listed above outweigh the negative factors, and at the end of this meeting, the board of Yadkin Valley confirmed, by a nine-to-five vote, its recommendation that Yadkin Valley shareholders approve the proposed merger with American Community.

For additional factors considered by each company's board of directors in approving the merger agreement and the merger, please see pages 54 to 70 of the original joint proxy statement/prospectus. Management of Yadkin Valley has been working and will continue to work with American Community management to ensure a smooth transition following the merger. Yadkin Valley has planned and begun extensive training for key employees of the combined company in areas including risk ratings and credit grades, underwriting, real estate assessment, and problem loan reporting and tracking. Yadkin Valley has extensively reviewed American Community's loan portfolio for potential losses, and believes that the risk inherent in its loan portfolio is manageable. Since the end of 2002, Yadkin Valley has successfully integrated three financial institutions with total assets of \$587 million.

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Conclusion

The management teams of both Yadkin Valley and American Community and a majority of Yadkin Valley's directors in addition to all of American Community's directors believe that this merger will result in value creation for Yadkin Valley's and American Community's shareholders, customers, and employees as well as the communities that the companies serve. Yadkin Valley and American Community welcome your questions and encourage your support of this merger **AND RECOMMEND YOU VOTE FOR THE MERGER.**

Sincerely,

William A. Long President and Chief Executive Officer Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation Randy P. Helton President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman American Community Bancshares, Inc.

Dr. Ralph L. Bentley Chairman of the Board of Directors Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation Additional Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Yadkin Valley and American Community filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus. The Form S-4 was declared effective by the SEC on January 16, 2009, and the joint proxy statement/prospectus was first mailed to shareholders of Yadkin Valley and American Community on or about January 20, 2009. Each of Yadkin Valley and American Community may also file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed merger. Shareholders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Yadkin Valley and American Community, at the SEC's internet site (http://www.sec.gov). Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to William A. Long, President and CEO, Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation, 209 North Bridge Street, Elkin, North Carolina 28621-3404, (336-526-6300), or to Randy P. Helton, President, CEO, and Chairman, American Community Bancshares, Inc., 4500 Cameron Valley Parkway, Suite 150, Charlotte, NC 28211, (704-225-8444), or by accessing Yadkin Valley's website at http://www.yadkinvalleybank.com under "Documents" within the Investor Relations section or American Community's website at http://www.americancommunitybank.com under "About Us/Investor Relations/SEC Filings."

The information on Yadkin Valley's and American Community's websites is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this letter or incorporated into other filings either company makes with the SEC.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Yadkin Valley and American Community and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Yadkin Valley and American Community in connection with the combination. Information about the directors and executive officers of Yadkin Valley and their ownership of Yadkin Valley common stock is set forth in the proxy statement, filed April 15, 2008, for Yadkin Valley's 2008 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A. Information about the directors and executive officers of American Community and their ownership of American Community common stock is set forth in the

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proxy statement, filed April 17, 2008, for American Community's 2008 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants may be obtained by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This filing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include but are not limited to (1) statements about the benefits of the combination of Yadkin Valley and American Community, including future financial and operating results, cost savings, and enhanced revenues, (2) statements with respect to Yadkin Valley's and American Community's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts, and (3) other statements identified by words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "targets," and "projects," as well as similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Yadkin Valley's and American Community's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements: (1) expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the combination may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; (2) revenues following the combination may be lower than expected; (3) the ability to obtain governmental approvals of the combination on the proposed terms and schedule; (4) the failure of either company's shareholders to approve the combination; (5) competitive pressures among depository and other financial institutions may increase significantly and have an effect on pricing, spending, third-party relationships and revenues; (6) the strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which the combined company will conduct operations may be different than expected resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in the credit quality or a reduced demand for credit, including the resultant effect on the combined company's loan portfolio and allowance for loan losses; (7) the rate of delinquencies and amounts of charge-offs, the level of allowance for loan loss, the rates of loan growth, or adverse changes in asset quality in either Yadkin Valley's or American Community's loan portfolio, which may result in increased credit risk-related losses and expenses; (8) changes in the U.S. legal and regulatory framework; and (9) adverse conditions in the stock market, the public debt market and other capital markets (including changes in interest rate conditions) and the impact of such conditions on the combined company. Additional factors that could cause Yadkin Valley's or American Community's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Yadkin Valley's and American Community's reports (such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K) filed with the SEC and available at the SEC's Internet site (http://www.sec.gov). All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the proposed transaction or other matters attributable to Yadkin Valley and American Community or any person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. Yadkin Valley and American Community do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made.

Appendix A

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-K

ý ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008.

Commission File Number 0001366367

Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-4495993

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

209 North Bridge Street Elkin, North Carolina 28621-3404

(Address of principal executive offices)

(336) 526-6300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

Title of each class

Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None** Exchange on which registered
The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No ý

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ý No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

 $Large\ accelerated\ filer\ o\qquad Accelerated\ filer\ \acute{y}\qquad Non-accelerated\ filer\ o\qquad Smaller\ reporting\ company\ o$

(Do not check if a smaller

reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No ý

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the registrant held by non-affiliates was approximately \$128 million based on the closing sale price of \$11.85 per share on June 30, 2008. For purposes of the foregoing calucation only, all directors and executive officers of the registrant have been deemed affiliates. The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 5, 2009 was 11,536,492.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

1. Portions of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into part III, Items 10-14.

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PART I

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The discussions presented in this annual report contain statements that could be deemed forward looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward looking statements are statements that include projections, predictions, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualifying words (and their derivatives) such as "expect," "believe," "estimate," "plan," "project," or other statements concerning opinions or judgments of the Bank and its management about future events. Factors that could influence the accuracy of such forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, the financial success or changing strategies of the Bank's customers or vendors, actions of government regulators, the level of market interest rates, and general economic conditions.

Potential risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those described below under Item 1A Risk Factors and the following:

significant increases in competitive pressure in the banking and financial services industries;
changes in the interest rate environment which could reduce anticipated or actual margins;
expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the combination may not be fully realized;
failure of Yadkin Valley's and American Community's shareholders to approve the combination;
revenues following the combination may be lower than expected;
changes in political conditions or the legislative or regulatory environment;
general economic conditions, either nationally or regionally and especially in our primary service area, becoming less favorable than expected resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality;
changes occurring in business conditions and inflation;
changes in technology;
changes in monetary and tax policies;
adequacy of the level of our allowance for loan losses;
construction delays and cost overruns related to the expansion of our branch network;

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changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines;

Yadkin Valley's ability to maintain internal control over financial reporting;

Yadkin Valley's reliance on secondary sources such as Federal Home Loan Bank advances, sales of securities and loans, federal funds, lines of credit from correspondent banks and out-of-market time deposits, to meet its liquidity needs;

the rate of delinquencies and amounts of charge-offs;

the rates of loan growth and the lack of seasoning of our loan portfolio;

adverse changes in asset quality and resulting credit risk-related losses and expenses;

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loss of consumer confidence and economic disruptions resulting from terrorist activities;

changes in the securities markets; and

other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Item 1 Business

Corporate history and address. Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation (the "Company" or "Yadkin") is a bank holding company incorporated under the laws of North Carolina to serve as the holding company for Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"), a North Carolina chartered commercial bank with its deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to applicable limits. The Bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve"). The Bank began operations in 1968. Effective July 1, 2006 the Bank was reorganized and the Bank became the Company's wholly owned subsidiary.

On July 31, 2002, the Bank acquired Main Street BankShares, Inc. and its subsidiary, Piedmont Bank, of Statesville, North Carolina and continues to operate the former Piedmont Bank offices in Iredell and Mecklenburg counties in North Carolina under the assumed name "Piedmont Bank, a division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company." On January 1, 2004, the bank acquired High Country Financial Corporation, and its subsidiary, High Country Bank, of Boone, North Carolina and continues to operate the former High Country Bank offices in Watauga and Avery counties in North Carolina, under the assumed name "High Country Bank, a division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company." On October 1, 2004 the Bank acquired Sidus Financial, LLC ("Sidus"), a mortgage lender that continues to operate as a wholly owned subsidiary. The Bank acquired Cardinal State Bank, of Durham, North Carolina ("Cardinal") on March 31, 2008 and operates the former Cardinal State Bank offices in Durham, Granville and Orange Counties, North Carolina, under the assumed name "Cardinal State Bank, a division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company." We operate in the central piedmont, research triangle area and the northwestern region of North Carolina. Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the trading symbol "YAVY."

On September 9, 2008, the Company entered into a definitive merger agreement with American Community Bancshares, Inc. ("American Community"). The Company anticipates that the merger will be completed no later than the end of April of 2009. The acquisition of American Community is expected to add approximately 5% to 7% to Bank segment income in 2009 thus adding about 0% to 2% to the Bank segment's proportion of consolidated net income in 2009.

On November 1, 2007, the Company established a Delaware trust subsidiary, Yadkin Valley Statutory Trust I ("the Trust"), which completed the sale of \$25,000,000 of trust preferred securities. The Trust issued the trust preferred securities at a rate equal to the three-month LIBOR rate plus 1.32%. The trust preferred securities mature in 30 years, and can be called by the Trust without penalty after five years. Yadkin Valley Statutory Trust I used the proceeds from the sale of the securities to purchase the Company's junior subordinated deferrable interest notes due 2037 (the "Debenture"). The net proceeds from the offering were used by the Company in connection with the acquisition of Cardinal State Bank, and for general corporate purposes.

The Debenture was issued pursuant to a Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debenture between the Company and Wilmington Trust Company dated November 1, 2007 (the "Indenture"), which has been previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The terms of the Debenture are substantially the same as the terms of the trust preferred securities. Interest payments by the Company will be used by the trust to pay the quarterly distributions to the holders of

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the trust preferred securities. The Indenture permits the Company to redeem the Debenture after five years.

The terms of the trust preferred securities are governed by an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated November 1, 2007, between the Company, as sponsor, Wilmington Trust Company, as institutional trustee, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware trustee, and the Administrators named therein, a copy of which has been previously filed with the SEC.

Pursuant to a Guarantee Agreement dated November 1, 2007, between the Company and Wilmington Trust Company, the Company has guaranteed the payment of distributions and payments on liquidation or redemption of the trust preferred securities. The obligations of the Company under the Guarantee Agreement, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC, are subordinate to all of the Company's senior debt.

The decrease in net income from 2007 to 2008 in the Company segment was a direct result of the decrease in the net interest income of \$1.9 million which was due to reductions in the interest rates throughout the year. Other factors contributing to the decrease were: a write down of the Freddie Mac preferred stock investment during the third quarter of \$973,000, and an increase in the provision for loan loss expense of \$8.6 million. The Sidus segment's increase in net income is due primarily to Sidus' expansion into the New England states which helped to increase its annual loan volume by \$250 million over 2007 and the reduction in the interest expense due to the falling interest rates in 2008. Income taxes are allocated among the segments based on taxable income.

The Cardinal acquisition completed on March 31, 2008, added approximately \$218 million in assets and \$490,000 of losses to the Company segment, after allocation of overhead costs, for the year ended December 31, 2008.

There may be some variations in the future periods among the business segments, but the Company does not expect any material shifts in the income and expenses. The other segment, representing the Bank Holding Company and its subsidiary, the Trust Company, is expected to remain at a five to ten percent loss of the consolidated Company's income. Sidus' net income should remain consistent with the prior year's with a slight increase due to its recent expansion. The Company segment is expected to remain consistent with 2008 earnings with a slight increase expected from the American Community acquisition.

On January 16, 2009, as part of the Capital Purchase Program established by the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA"), we entered into a Letter Agreement with Treasury dated January 16, 2009 pursuant to which the Company issued and sold to Treasury (i) 36,000 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series T, having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, and (ii) a ten-year warrant to purchase up to 385,990 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, at an initial exercise price of \$13.99 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$36,000,000 in cash.

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 209 North Bridge Street, Elkin, North Carolina 28621-3404, and the telephone number is (336) 526-6300. Our periodic securities reports on Forms 10-Q and 10-K are available on our website at *www.yadkinvalleybank.com*. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Business. The Bank's operations are primarily retail oriented and directed toward individuals and small and medium-sized businesses located in our banking market and, to a lesser extent, areas surrounding our immediate banking market. We provide most traditional commercial and consumer banking services, but our principal activities are the taking of demand and time deposits and the making of consumer and commercial loans. The Bank's primary source of revenue is the interest income derived from its lending activities.

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At December 31, 2008, we had total assets of \$1,524.3 million, net loans held for investment of \$1,165.2 million, deposits of \$1,155.0 million, and shareholders' equity of \$149.6 million. We had net income of \$3.9 million and \$14.7 million and diluted earnings per share of \$0.34 and \$1.37 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We had net income of \$13.8 million and diluted earnings per share of \$1.28 for the year ended December 31, 2006. Assets and net loans acquired in the Cardinal acquisition were \$219.4 million and \$149.9 million, respectively. For further information on the Cardinal acquisition, refer to Note 2.

Business Offices. Yadkin operates 29 full-service banking offices including the four locations acquired in the Cardinal State Bank merger and is headquartered in Elkin, North Carolina. We operate the offices in Jefferson and West Jefferson (Ashe County), Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro (Wilkes County), Elkin (Surry County), and East Bend, Jonesville and Yadkinville (Yadkin County), and Pfafftown (Forsyth County) under the Yadkin name. The Bank has a loan production office in Wilmington, NC (New Hanover County) operating under the Yadkin name. The offices in Statesville and Mooresville (Iredell County), and Cornelius and Huntersville (Mecklenburg County) are operated under the Piedmont Bank assumed name. The offices in Boone (Watauga County) and Linville (Avery County) are operated under the High Country Bank assumed name. We operate three offices in Durham (Durham County) and one office in Hillsborough (Orange County) and one office in Creedmoor (Granville County) under the Cardinal State Bank assumed name.

Banking Market. The Bank's current banking market consists of the central piedmont counties (2008 population) of Mecklenburg (887,000) and Iredell (156,000), the research triangle counties of Durham (259,000), Orange (126,000) and Granville (57,000) and the northwestern counties of Ashe (27,000), Avery (18,000), Forsyth (346,000), Surry (74,000), Watauga (45,000), Wilkes (68,000) and Yadkin (38,000) in North Carolina and, to a lesser extent, the surrounding areas (the "Yadkin Market"). The Yadkin Market is located along Interstate 77 north of the Charlotte metropolitan area, and west of the "Piedmont Triad" area of North Carolina to the northwestern border with Virginia and Tennessee. The acquisition of Cardinal State Bank added Orange, Granville and Durham Counties along Interstates 40 and 85 in the "Triangle" area of central North Carolina to our market area.

Yadkin's market area is well diversified and strong. The 12 counties in which our branches are located had an estimated 2008 population of almost 2.1 million people. Median family income in 2008 for these counties ranged from a low of \$44,000 in mostly rural Ashe County to a high of almost \$80,000 in urban Mecklenburg County. Over 99% of the work force is employed in nonagricultural wage and salary positions. The government employs approximately 9% of the work force. The major non-governmental employment sectors were retail trade (11%), health and social assistance (13%), manufacturing (12%), accommodation and food services (9%), construction services (6%) and administrative and waste services (7%). (Source-NC Dept of Commerce).

Competition. Commercial banking in North Carolina is extremely competitive due to state laws that allow statewide branching. North Carolina is the home of two of the ten largest commercial banks

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in the United States, each of which has branches located in the Yadkin Market. The following table summarizes Yadkin's share of the deposit market in each of the twelve counties as of June 30, 2008.

County	Total Number of Branches	Yadkin Valley Bank Branches	Total Amount of Deposits (000's)	Yadkin Valley Bank Deposits (000's)	Yadkin Valley Bank % of Market Deposits
Ashe	13	3	\$ 558,582	\$ 162,022	29%
Avery	9	1	\$ 239,153	\$ 8,737	4%
Durham	71	3	\$ 4,154,352	\$ 136,291	3%
Forsyth	108	1	\$14,416,803	\$ 8,979	<1%
Granville	11	1	\$ 505,934	\$ 6,941	1%
Iredell	56	6			