



June 2026

School's Out – But Good Nutrition Never Takes a Vacation

Hi Friends,

“School’s out for summer!” For many of us, hearing those words instantly brings back memories of Alice Cooper’s famous hit blasting on the radio at the end of the school year. And if you remember singing along to that song as a kid ... there’s a pretty good chance you may be retired now! One of the beautiful things about our community is that we serve every generation — from children beginning their summer adventures to seniors who have spent a lifetime building the strong community we enjoy today.

Summer Nutrition for Kids – Convenience for Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa

When school ends, many children lose access to regular school meals. That can place additional stress on families already struggling with rising grocery costs. Beginning June 1st, the YRCC will roll out a “kids menu” throughout the summer months. Children’s meals are available at a reduced price, helping families stretch their budgets while still making sure kids receive balanced nutrition. We know that a healthy meal fuels growing minds and active bodies, and we are committed to making that support accessible throughout the summer.

Meals on Wheels & Senior Nutrition - Our senior nutrition programs remain one of the most important services we provide. Many seniors in our rural area face increasing challenges with food costs, transportation, and isolation. Every meal delivered is more than just food — it is a wellness check, a friendly face, and a reminder that our community cares. Our Meals on Wheels program continues to serve seniors throughout the area with nutritious meals designed to support health, independence, and dignity.

Please help spread the word that we serve all ages! As costs continue to rise everywhere, community support for these programs is more important than ever.

How You Can Help - Summer is one of the busiest and most financially challenging times for community nutrition programs. You can help by:

- Sponsoring meals or making a general donation to support Meals on Wheels.
- Helping us spread awareness throughout the community

Every dollar donated stays local and directly impacts the lives of neighbors right here in our area.

Community Strong - At the Yarnell Regional Community Center, we are continually reminded that small communities do extraordinary things when people come together. Whether it’s helping a senior remain independent or making sure a child has access to a healthy meal during summer break, every act of kindness makes a difference in someone’s life.

Thank you for continuing to support our mission and the people we serve every single day.

Sue

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Where our community comes together
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Summer Fun at the YRCC – “Your Really “C☀️l” Center”

Name our Mascot –

Why a mascot? Because it’s fun, memorable, and brings our mule deer logo to life! It will help us stand out at parades, events, and parties across Yavapai County—while reminding everyone that Meals on Wheels depends on donations of time, money, and goods. Through nutrition, education, compassion, and community, we serve with heart—and your support makes it all possible.



Speaking of “Cool” – There’s no better place to cool off this summer than at the YRCC. If your A/C or cooler goes out or is not working up to snuff and you just need to cool off, please know that you can come to the YRCC and do that. During our open hours, our doors are always open, and we have plenty of water to help you cool down.

250th Anniversary Summer Celebrations

Quilt Raffle – We have the most beautiful quilt to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country! Raffle tickets are only \$20, to support Meals on Wheels, and are available in the Thrift Store. This quilt is 6’ tall x 5’ wide. Come in and see the quilt.

July 1st BBQ with us – Join us on July 1st as we celebrate with a good, old fashioned BBQ lunch and free hotdogs for kids under 14! This 4th of July pre-celebration will have all the trimmings of a fun, neighborhood get-together. BBQ, hot dogs, watermelon, games, music & friends. (Raffle winner announced on this day)



☺️ **Welcome Maria - Calling all Caregivers** – Are you currently providing some level of care for a neighbor? It can be as simple as visiting with them to reduce loneliness, or driving them to Dr. appts or even to go grocery shopping. Chances are, you are care-giving without even realizing it. Yavapai County has the 2nd highest % of seniors in Arizona and due to our rural nature, transportation and isolation are way to common. The YRCC has a new program that could assist you while you are assisting others. The YRCC People for People program has partnered with NAU’s Center for Service and Volunteerism. Our expanded program connects adults age 55 and older with meaningful volunteer opportunities that support our community while offering benefits such as a stipend, mileage reimbursement, and volunteer insurance coverage. Please call Maria at 928-427-6347 x3 for more information.

☺️ **Welcome Steven - New Chef at the YRCC** - I am a proud Marine Corps veteran with 14 years of service, where I developed a strong passion for leadership, discipline, and serving others. My wife and I are blessed with a combined family of six children, and since moving to Yarnell in 2021, we have truly embraced becoming part of this amazing community. I recently graduated from Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, combining my love for cooking with my belief that “the way to the heart is through food.” I genuinely enjoy the work I do at the Yarnell Regional Community Center and look forward to continuing to grow, serve, and make a positive impact within our community. Also, Maria (above) is my beautiful & dynamic wife!

A BIT MORE RENOVATION AT THE YRCC – Our Thrift Store Processing Room Shed needs a total cleanout and reorganizing magic, so we’re going for it!

This will be taking place the weekend of June 26 & 27. For your convenience, please see the schedule below for the thrift store sheds below:

- June 1 – 20 – Donations accepted as usual – look for some great bargains as always
- **June 22 – 27 - We will not be accepting donations!**
- June 29th – We will resume accepting donations

The week of June 22 – 27: the team will be very busy, pricing and putting out EVERYTHING we received the weeks prior and will not be taking in new items during this week. We will be clearing out EVERYTHING from the processing room, so that we can install better lighting, carpet, storage and organization systems. And boy are the ladies excited about this. We will resume taking donations on Monday, June 29th.

The Thrift Store will still be open, this only affects donations. This also means, no drop-offs in the free zone.

Thank you so much for your understanding on this.

Event Calendar – Save the Dates! *Events held in the Dining Room unless noted otherwise*

- First **TUESDAY** of every month, Wick Care Mobile Clinic
- Second **WEDNESDAY** of every month, Veterans Services

June @ the YRCC

June 1st – Kids menu and pricing starts for kids 10 & under -

Lunch for kids 14 and under off the main menu is always \$5 – meal OR salad bar, does not include both.

June 13th – Annie Moscow, Vanessa Purdy & Marco Cecala in Concert. Proceeds benefit the YRCC

June 15th – How to cook healthy with oil – Good oils vs Not so good oils

June 20th – 4:30p – Cowboy Poet Program

**School is Out,
Summer is In!**
Bkfst M-F 7:30 - 9:30a - Lunch M-F 11- 1p

**** KIDS MENU 10 & UNDER **
AT THE YRCC!**

- ✓ **Breakfast \$3.00**
➢ pancakes, waffles, more
- ✓ **Lunch \$3.00**
➢ pb & j, cheese crisp, or hot dog w/cheese stick & fruit pouch

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★ **SATURDAY** ★
JUNE 13TH
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

ADVANCE TICKETS AT THE YRCC
\$15.00
\$20 AT THE DOOR

➔ TICKET PRICE INCLUDES APPETIZERS ◀

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July

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4p – 7p – Carnival games, blow-up obstacle course, food. *More info: email: jdmiller3@me.com*

July 18th – 6:00 – 8:00 ~From Farm to Table ~ Chef Steven will be preparing two dinner choices for an elegant evening at the YRCC. (Depending on the advance reservations, we may have early seating as well). \$18.00 per plate

Coming up @ YRCC: Aug – Dec

- Summer Parties on the Legacy Park Patio
- September 26th – Date Night at the Oscars
- October 24th – “Party in the Park – October Fest”
- December 5th – 2nd Annual Yuletide Glow and Tree Lighting @ the Fire Pit

Upcoming Partnered Events

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October – Chili Bingo at Model Creek School

November 6th – 2p – 7p – “Dancing in the Dirt” by the Weavers Mtns Fire Auxiliary – Due to potential construction on the new building in Peeples Valley, the event will be held at Kirkland Steakhouse, Cowboy Cookin Chuck Wagon contest (6 wagons), Vendor opportunities, 2 bands: Kicked outta Cottonwood & Last Train to Juarez, and the planning has just begun! Mark your calendar, it’s sure to be a great night.

With love at the center, we turn gratitude into giving and giving into meaningful, lasting impact. Our door is always open, and we welcome your thoughts, ideas, and stories. Come by anytime—we’d love to hear from you. - Sue 😊



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