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Yarnell Regional Community Center

Serving the Weaver Mountains' Communities

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The Yarnell Regional Community Center hosts local events and regular activities, and serves weekday lunches, operates a thrift store, promotes fun and quality of life for our neighbors, and manages programs to aid the food insecure in our area. **Visit our website for current events, information, and much more.**

Finances are not always the most exciting topic to discuss, especially when we find ourselves spending more than we are bringing in. So, let's start out with some great news:

Lowe's, a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company, has a 50-year legacy of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. Since 2007, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together have contributed nearly \$250 million to these efforts, and for more than two decades Lowe's Heroes volunteers have donated their time to make our communities better places to live. I am extremely excited to announce that the Yarnell Regional Community Center has received a grant in the amount of \$21,473.70 for "Serving the Elderly and Saving Energy". This money will be used to upgrade older, inefficient kitchen equipment including a new double oven 6-burner commercial range, a large 3-door reach-in commercial refrigerator, a commercial microwave, and a new commercial ice maker. We will also be installing laundry facilities with new equipment to enable us to wash our kitchen linens, towels, and aprons without trips to the laundromat. These facilities will also be used by the Thrift Store to help us process all donations on-site. To learn more about Lowe's Charitable Giving, visit the Lowe's Open House digital newsroom at newsroom.lowes.com or follow @LoweMedia on Twitter.

Very exciting!! So, let's move on to another financial topic. The YRCC has been operating under a \$19,000 budget deficit in 2018, due in part to some unexpected expenses, a large increase in our Meals on Wheels program, and not quite hitting our donation goals for the year. While the Lowe's grant is AMAZING, those funds are dedicated to the kitchen upgrade project, and cannot be used for our everyday expenses. But there is a silver lining in this dark cloud for all of us: In July of 2018 the YRCC was awarded Qualifying Charitable Organization status by the Arizona Department of Revenue allowing Arizona residents to reap additional tax benefits for donating to the YRCC. This new status opens the opportunity for you to make contributions up to \$800 for a couple filing jointly and \$400 for individuals and heads of households to the YRCC while reducing your Arizona state taxes dollar for dollar for the amount donated. There is no net cost to you and you do not have to itemize your deductions to claim this tax credit. When you file your taxes, you will need to reference the YRCC's QCO Code #21047. For more information about the tax benefits of this opportunity to support the YRCC's programs, contact your tax advisor or visit the Arizona Department of Revenue at <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>. We accept cash, check, and credit card donations. Donation forms with more information can be found on the main page of our website and are also available at the YRCC Monday - Friday from 9-2 and Saturday from 9-1. We thank you in advance for your support!!

Reminder: Christmas is taking over the Thrift Store. New items are being displayed almost daily. We have trees, lights, clothing, ornaments, holiday décor and much, much more!!

See the Lunch Menu for **CLUB YARNELL EVENTS**.

Mike

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THANK YOU Yarnell Emporium!!

Sponsorship of the YRCC Newsletter is \$60 per issue.

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Meatball Soup

Serves 4/Calories 248/ Fat 7g /Saturated Fat 2g/Protein 17g /Carbohydrate 27g/Sodium 424mg/Fiber 6g

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| 6 cups water | 1/3 cup brown rice |
| 1 T oregano (fresh, finely chopped) | 8 oz ground beef (90% lean, or turkey or chicken) |
| 1 tomato (finely chopped) | 1/2 onion (peeled and finely chopped) |
| 1 egg (large) | 1/2 tsp salt |



2 cups vegetable mix (chopped, fresh, carrots, celery, and broccoli)
3 bouillon cubes (low-sodium chicken or beef flavored) In a large pot, combine water, rice, bouillon cubes, and oregano. Bring to a boil over high heat. Stir to dissolve bouillon. Reduce heat to low and simmer. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix ground meat, tomato, onion, egg, and salt. Form into 12 large meatballs. Add meatballs to broth mixture and simmer 30 minutes. Add vegetables. Cook 10 to 15 minutes or until meatballs are cooked and rice and vegetables are tender. Serve hot.

The November YRCC Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 2:30pm at the Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

THRIFT STORE

Mon–Fri 9am–2pm and Sat 9am–1pm We now accept debit and credit cards.

DECEMBER SPECIALS on CLOTHING

December 1-7 Yellow Tag 25% off

December 8-14 Yellow Tag 50% off --Green Tag 25% off

December 15-21 Yellow Tag 75% off --Green Tag 50% off

ALL MONTH LONG--Books, CD's DVDs ON SALE paperbacks 8/1.00
Hardback 3/1.00 CD's & DVD's 3/1.00 VHS 10/1.00

ALL MONTH LONG --All Other items in store 25% off (INCLUDES furniture)

Check out the Deluxe Raffle Items at the Center. \$10 per ticket (available at the Thrift Store) for a chance at one of the two remaining items: **Fused glass piece of art** by William Crutchfield (\$250 value) or **Watercolor painting** by Joanne Cristianson (\$400 value).

Free blood Pressure Checks Every Tuesday 11am-12 Noon – Provided by the Yarnell Fire Department