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Local food pantries dealing with surging demand amid shutdown-related SNAP uncertainty

By GILLIAN ‘GUS’ ANDREWS

The Daily Courier

Twenty-six states are currently suing the federal government for cutting off SNAP benefits — nutrition support formerly known as food stamps that ensure American families have enough to eat.

Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes is among those who have filed lawsuits. SNAP benefits are in limbo as Congress has not passed a federal budget.

Judges ruling on the suits Friday, however, have given the administration until Monday, Nov. 3, to release SNAP’s existing contingency funds.

But even before the looming cutoff, which now appears might only be a delay, Yavapai County nutrition support resources — like food banks, pantries and community meal servers — had seen increasing

numbers of people asking for help. The number of kids eligible for free or low-cost school lunches in local districts was already high, ranging from a little over one in three kids in Prescott, to two in three in the Humboldt district, to almost every kid in Mayer.

How are Yavapai County communities going to fill in these gaps to make sure their neighbors have the food they need? The Courier asked some questions about where the need is greatest, why this is happening, how local organizations ensure everyone gets adequate nutrition, and what government funds might be available to provide that nutrition?

WHY DO MORE YAVAPAI COUNTY RESIDENTS NEED HELP GETTING FOOD?

“Wages are not keeping

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Residents of the Good Samaritan Village Tower have a look at the fresh watermelon, tomatoes, and grapes brought to them by Real Hope’s food rescue service on July 15, 2025. (Gillian “Gus” Andrews/Courier)

Jennie Tutone. (Natural History Institute/Courtesy)

Natural History Institute names new executive director

By PARKER JONES

The Daily Courier

Jennie Tutone has begun a new role as the executive director of the Natural History Institute (NHI) in Prescott.

After longtime executive director Bob Ellis retired from the NHI in July, the organization’s board selected a familiar face to take his place. Tutone, who has held several positions at the nonprofit over the past four years, became executive director on Oct. 13 following a brief period as interim director.

The NHI is an education nonprofit dedicated to making “natural history engaging and relevant by blending art,

science, and the humanities,” as stated on the institute’s website.

Tutone, born and raised in Prescott, first learned about the NHI back when it was a program at Prescott College in 2015. She said she attended lectures and started to build knowledge of the programming that the institute offers.

After some time at Northern Arizona University, she worked with the Prescott National Forest before finding her way back to the NHI.

“Nature has always been the thing that keeps me here and makes me love our area,” Tutone said. “I got a position

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A ‘Spooktacular’ Halloween in Quad Cities

Halloween brought out the annual streetful of trick-or-treaters on Mount Vernon Avenue in Prescott. For a photo gallery, visit dCourier.com. (Chris Ortiz/Courier)

Lincoln Elementary School celebrates annual Halloween parade

By ABIGAIL CELAYA
The Daily Courier

Elementary school students from Lincoln, Prescott Unified School District’s oldest school, marched downtown to the courthouse plaza for their annual Halloween parade on Friday, Oct. 31.

Though the school is unsure of the exact number of years, Lincoln has been participating in this age-old tradition

Students from Lincoln Elementary School high-five an officer from the Prescott Police Department at the Halloween parade on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025. For a photo gallery, visit dCourier.com. (Abigail Celaya/Courier)

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