



Nutriosos Community Association

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NCA OFFICERS

President: Sandi Springhower
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Secretary: Sue Reeves
Director: Allen Miller

NCA MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of this organization to promote projects for the betterment and benefit of the community of Nutrioso.



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2024 Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations to

Tylee Finch

and

Maggie Wagner

our NCA scholarship
winners for 2024!

Message from the NCA President

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It's hard to believe the year is over! I think the older you get, the faster it goes! Anyway, it seems that way for me.

The summer potluck was great...a lot of new people and we even got some new members. The Rummage Sale...what can I say?! We got a lot of donations and baked goods which always go over big. Pies sold out in 32 seconds! Ha! Ha!

The BBQ...good food, great raffle prizes. The EBike went over really well and the basket tent was busy, busy, busy. Thanks, Diane Young, for all your help creating baskets again this year.

On a sad note, we lost some cherished NCA members & friends this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed!

We had Eli Crane's staff here to help the community and veterans with their needs and concerns. We also got the community interested in the "Stand Down Program" for veterans. Thank you, Onita Davis, for educating us on this valuable program and for donating new flags for our community center.

Thanks everyone for your help! Have a blessed New Year!

Sandi

2025 Community Center Events: Save the Date!

- **3rd Thursday of each month:** NCA Board Meetings. February through October at 6 pm.
- **May 17th 4 pm:** Friends & Neighbors Potluck to welcome in summer and welcome back our seasonal residents. Perfect time to meet new friends and greet neighbors!
- **June 27th & 28th 8 am to 2 pm:** End-of-the-Trail Rummage Sale & Bake Sale. Drop off for donations will start at the end of April. Details will be posted at our kiosk and at the Nutrioso Post Office.
- **July 26th:** Annual Nutrioso BBQ & Dance. Gates open 3 pm to shop craft vendors, 5 pm live music, food, raffles, and silent auction. Donations of basket items or baskets are welcome anytime! If creating gift baskets is your thing, we'd love to have your help!
- **September 13th 4 pm:** End-of-Summer Potluck Picnic. Come join us as we wrap up our summer and enter colorful fall. Mexican food theme.
- **October 10th and 11th 9 am to 3pm:** Holidayz Bazaar. Get a jump on holiday shopping and enjoy some tasty food and sweet treats from our Holidayz Kitchen.

Nutriosso Coffee Klatch

The Nutriosso Community Center was abuzz this summer with local folks partaking of free coffee, sharing news and enjoying breakfast with friends and neighbors each weekday morning. Once the word got out, Mike & Lizzie Miller were kept very busy cooking up dozens of amazing breakfast burritos and pans of fluffy biscuits to be served with mouthwatering gravy each day. It was the place to be from 7:00 to 11:00 am. Thank you, Mike & Lizzie, for creating such a warm and inviting space at our community center for the season!

Eli Crane Staff Visit

Lori Mills, from Representative Eli Crane's office, spent an August afternoon in Nutriosso visiting with residents to discuss issues and concerns. One local concern was the need more post office boxes to accommodate our growing population. If you would like to discuss any concerns you may about federal, state or district issues or to receive help from federal agencies, Lori can be reached at 928-430-0810.

Community Potlucks

We host two community potluck events at the community center each year. One at the beginning of the summer and one to close out the season.



The *Friends & Neighbors Potluck* in May is scheduled the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend and NCA provides grilled hamburgers and hotdogs.

The *End-of-Summer Potluck* is scheduled the second Saturday in September and is a Mexican-themed menu.

These events are open to all community members,

friends and family. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The more the merrier!



End of the Trail Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

Dan Jones was the guy in charge of the big ramada this year, and it was no small task! There was a lot of stuff to unpack, organize and sell out there. He was also the one that helped unload your cars and trucks on the donation days.



We had a new volunteer at the bake sale this year. Mia McDonald donated several batches of home-made brownies and offered her help in the kitchen, as well. She did a great job and it was nice see a fresh, young face amongst us old-timers.

Holidayz Bazaar

Local crafters displayed handmade jewelry, crocheted & knitted accessories, therapeutic oils & skin care products, handmade wooden toys, kitchen items, unique artwork and more!

In our Holidayz Kitchen...burritos were still the favorite and we added a couple new menu items for you to try. Dawn was back to lend a hand and Mia returned to help out again too. Having the extra help in there gave us all the chance to take breaks and do a little shopping of our own.

BBQ & Dance

There were a few new food vendors this year along with some of the usual suspects. It's a bit different each year depending on who is available, but we try to have something for everybody. Rest assured, we will always have barbeque at the BBQ!

It came down to the wire getting the all baskets made for the raffles and silent auction. As in previous years, Diane Young kept the "cool" and propelled us through to the last basket. We were devastated to hear that Diane and Steve are moving away from Nutriosso. She leaves a big pair of shoes to fill and we will miss her capable hands and her amazing gift for calming the chaos.

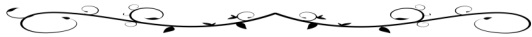
Thank you to Sue Reeves and the Alpine/Nutriosso firefighters for setting up all the tents for the BBQ and for taking them down so quickly afterward. It's an important job and we're fortunate to be able to depend on them to get it done each year.

Saying Goodbye

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to some of our nearest & dearest Nutriosos friends this past year...

Jeannie Simpson was affectionately known to us as "The Linen Lady". When the rummage sale rolled around each year, we could always depend on Jeannie to tackle the unenviable task of sorting, folding, organizing and pricing the linen donations. No matter how monstrous the pile, the linens were neatly stacked and labeled on Friday morning.

Jeannie never missed the hamburger, vegetable, barley soup at the Holidayz Bazaar. Inevitably, she would show up with her container for soup to go... but not before first enjoying at least one bowl in the kitchen! Jeannie was quiet and we didn't see her often, but she always had a twinkle in her eye and that dry sense of humor that never failed to give us a laugh.



If you didn't know him by name, you would know

Dale Musegades by his handsome mustache, pristine cowboy hat and friendly demeanor. Dale was the man that braved the initial stampede of customers at the rummage sale each year and gave you all those great deals under the ramada.



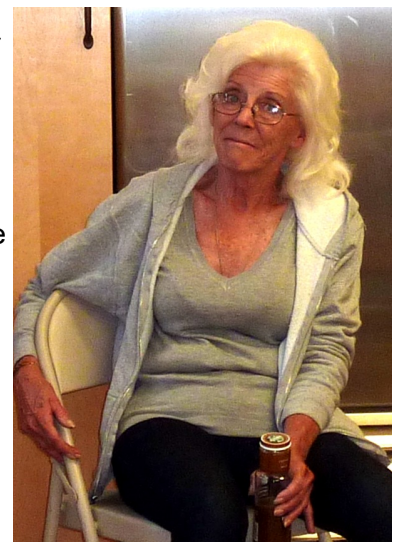
For many years, Dale and his wife, Sylvia, sold meal tickets at the BBQ. In recent years, they took charge of selling tickets for the Grand Raffle, often accompanied by their daughter Sandy. No matter what was going on at the community center, Dale would volunteer to lend a hand wherever and whenever he could.

NCA Vice President, **Sherry French**, had been involved with the NCA for more than 20 years and was a Board member for much of that time. Back in the day, she ran the kitchen at all our events and was the ever-cheerful face of the annual Bake Sale.

Sherry really kicked it in gear at Christmas time! She coordinated all the decorating of the community center from thousands of outside lights and large wooden cut-out animations that were handmade by her dad, "Papa George", to a gorgeously adorned 10-foot Christmas tree in the main room.

As Mrs. Claus, she was the official emcee at our annual Christmas parties, artfully controlling the mayhem that would inevitably arise as favorite gifts were traded wildly at the gift exchange.

Due to health concerns, we rarely saw Sherry at the community center after 2020, but she was always there in spirit and continued her support of NCA with generous donations of her wonderful baked goods for the Bake Sale and the Holidayz Kitchen.



This year we also lost an old friend, **Mike Edel**; and, **Larry Marin**, a newer member of our Nutriosos community that we were only just getting to know.



TLC for the Community Center

The community center received a facelift this fall during the only cold spell in Nutriosos since last spring. Trim on the main building was scraped and painted and a fresh coat of stain applied to the big ramada and storage shed. The work was performed by local business owner, Winston Black of Black Diamond Coatings, LLC.

Thank you, Winston, for showing up as promised, battling the wind and doing a great job for us!

We thank you all, for helping to make possible these charitable donations to our community; for helping us to maintain and improve our Nutriosos Community Center; and, to continue to sponsor our annual community events.

We are always open to new ideas for events or activities that would benefit the Nutriosos community. If you have an idea or would like to host a new activity or program, contact Director, Allen Miller 928-551-0453. Better yet, you are always welcome to present your ideas at one of our monthly board meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, February through October.

Nutriosio Community Association, Inc.
Membership Application

Mission: It is the purpose of this organization to promote projects for the benefit and betterment of the community of Nutriosio.

Annual Dues: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per household

Are you a full-time or part-time resident of Nutriosio? FT ___ PT ___
New Membership ___ Membership Renewal ___

Application Date _____

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone Number _____

Any Other Address _____

Comments/Suggestions/Ideas/Special Skills _____

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