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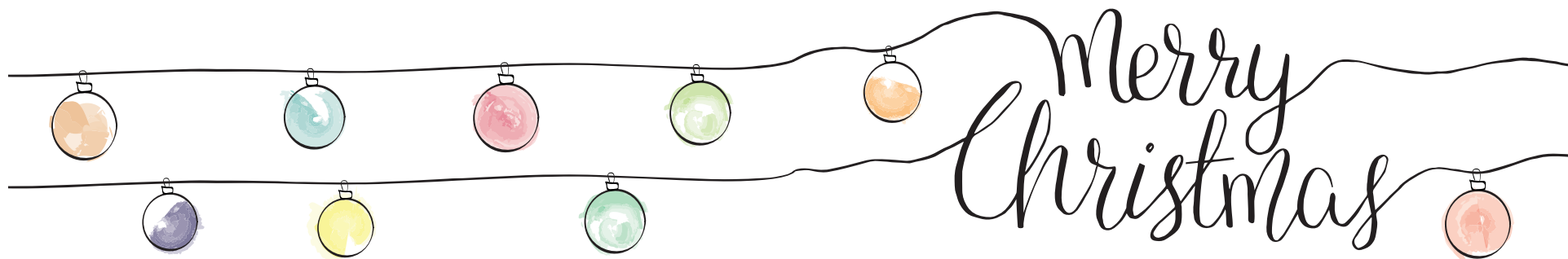
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The mandate to stay at home created a boon for the online shopping industry. And big box stores offer convenience and prices smaller businesses oftentimes can't offer. In the past few years, we have seen small businesses in our valleys close their doors and shutter their windows as the devastation of that pesky virus continues.

So, what can be done? Shopping, eating, and supporting our local businesses is the answer. These businesses are often called upon to donate goods or funds for schools, clubs, activities, and a variety of great causes, and they rarely disappoint. But they can't do those things without community support. One business owner put it this way, "When we buy from one another, we are putting food on our tables."

There are lots of reasons to shop locally and keep our hard-earned dollars in our communities



The advertisers in our Home for the Holidays Special Edition insert work hard to provide the best they have for our local communities. We encourage you to visit them and see what they have to offer. By doing so, you will boost the local economy, renew old friendships, make new friends, and save money on gas and wear and tear on your vehicles. And while you're there, mention that you saw their ads.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad, and Happy New Year!



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Two years ago, it was decided that the kids could open one gift with a toy inside. After the gift opening and picture taking is complete, everyone settles in for hot chocolate. It's noisy, and to someone on the outside looking in, it would appear to be a bit unorganized. But there is always tons and tons of laughter and memories being made that will last a lifetime.

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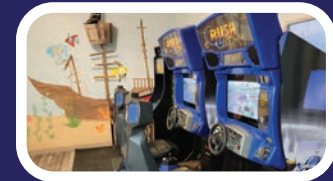
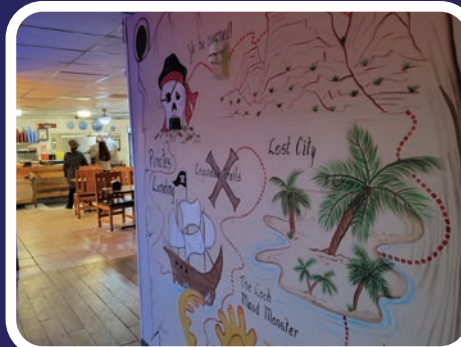
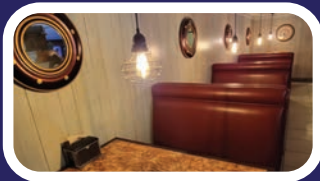
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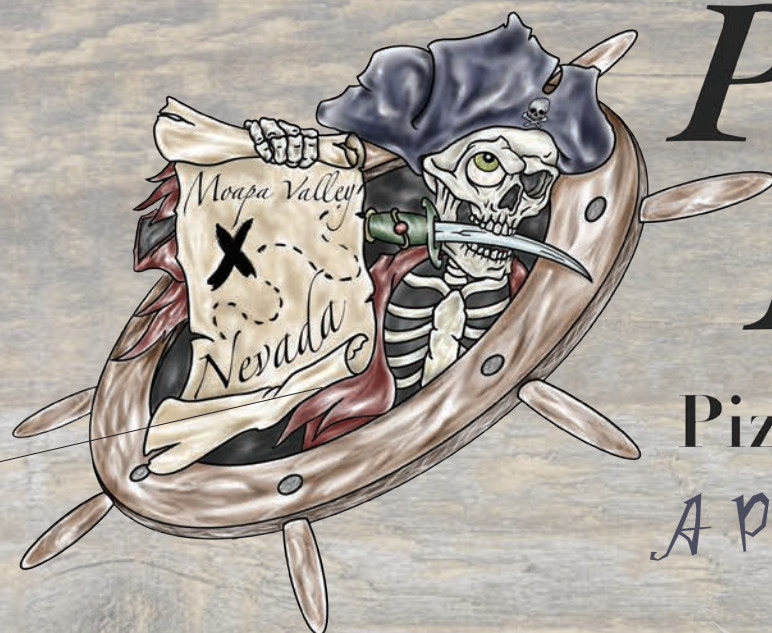


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2. Ensure your pet doesn't have access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions, or other toxic foods.
3. Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree, or potpourri.
4. Keep holiday plants (holly, mistletoe, and lilies) out of reach of pets.
5. Consider leaving tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
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A Chain of Thanksgiving

Traditions have always played a big part in our family. From my mom's chili and hot chocolate on Halloween to the bonfire in the front yard, those are the things I remember and cherish the most. Those are the things that brought us together as a family.

When we started our family, Krista and I decided to create our own family traditions. One of our favorites is cutting strips of paper so each family member can write something they are thankful for on each day in November. Those strips become a giant Christmas paper chain that hangs in our home. During the month of December, that paper chain helps us Countdown to Christmas as we read comments each day. It is so much fun to read what the kids are thankful for, and it makes me even more thankful to have a home filled with happiness and joy, giggles and laughter.

We are thankful to be able to raise our children in such a wonderful, caring community where traditions are as varied as the families they come from. If you don't have any traditions yet, now is a great time to start one or two that you can enjoy for years to come.

From our family to yours, we hope you have a warm and wonderful holiday season.

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The Candy Making Tradition Continues at Danielle's Chocolates and Popcorn

Candy making in our family started with a great-great-grandfather in England and has been passed down from generation to generation. As a small child, I watched my grandmother, mother, and aunt melt chocolate and make pounds and pounds of candy as Christmas gifts for family, friends, and neighbors. When they were finished, we children were allowed to take turns getting into the chocolate and dipping some of the candy. Nothing felt as good as chocolate all over our hands. When we finished, we licked our fingers. Little did I know that those experiences would be the beginning of a life's work for me. These holiday gifts led to the opening of our first store. Today, my grandchildren get excited when they get their hands into the chocolate and cover sweet creations to share with members of their families. And so the tradition continues.

Rocky Road Fudge

4 cups sugar	1 can evaporated milk
1/2 cup corn syrup	1/2 lb. mini marshmallows
2 cups pecan pieces	2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 lb. butter	12 oz. dark chocolate
1/2 lb. frozen mini marshmallows	

Mix sugar, canned milk, corn syrup, and 1/2 lb. marshmallows in a cooking kettle. Cook on medium-low heat, bringing to a boil and cook for 6 minutes, stirring continually, marshmallows will scorch otherwise. Remove from heat and let cool for 10 minutes. Add melted butter and chocolate and mix well. Add pecan pieces and vanilla. Mix well. Add frozen marshmallows and mix. Pour into a pan lined with freezer wrap paper.

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Nougat for Pecan Logs

3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup water

2/3 cup white syrup
2 egg whites (beaten until stiff peaks form)

Combine sugar, water and syrup in a heavy pan and cook to 234°F. Pour over two stiffly beaten egg whites. Beat until too thick to beat any longer and cool. Let stand in a buttered bowl while cooling.

NEXT

Cook separately using the same pan. (It is not necessary to wash the pan first.)

2 1/4 cups sugar
3/4 cups water
2 tsp. vanilla

2/3 cups syrup
2/3 pound butter
Dash salt

Combine sugar, water and syrup. Cook to 354°F. Pour mixture over egg white mixture. Add 1/4 lb. butter and 2 tsp. vanilla. Add a dash of salt. Beat until too thick to beat any longer. Keep the mixture in the bowl and set aside to cool, beating now and then while cooling. Allow mixture to stand at least 4 hours before using. Mixture will keep for two weeks, if necessary, before dipping.



Joyce Lee, Myrtle Mann
and Danielle Lee

Caramel for Pecan Logs

2 cups sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt

1 1/4 cup light Karo syrup
1 1/2 cup light cream (Can substitute part of the light cream with condensed milk.)

Combine sugar, salt, syrup, and 1/2 cup cream in a pan. Stir until dissolved. Cook to 228°F. Add the other 1/2 cup cream and cook to 234°F. Lower heat and stir as caramel thickens or it will stick and burn. Stir in vanilla. Put a small dollop of the caramel into ice cold water and put in the fridge for 1 to 2 minutes to cool. Once cool, check the firmness of the caramel. By doing this starting at about 230°F, you can find the desired consistency. Mold nougat into bars and place in freezer. When caramel is ready, dip nougat into caramel mixture. Roll in chopped pecans and return to the freezer until caramel hardens. This won't take long. When set, wrap in waxed paper. NOTE: It takes about 2 lbs. pecans to cover the batch of fondant. Batch can be doubled. Single batch makes about 20 rolls. Make 1 1/2 batches of caramel to dip one batch of fondant or nougat.

Penuche Fudge

2 cups white sugar
1 Tbsp. butter
2 tsp. light corn syrup

1 1/2 cups whipping cream
2 cups brown sugar

Combine all ingredients in a pan and stir until dissolved. Continue to stir occasionally while cooking. Place lid on kettle when it starts to boil, for about a minute, as this dissolves the fine sugar crystals on the sides of the pan. Cook to soft ball stage, about 230°F, when tested in cold water. Place butter in the center of the pan and pour candy over it. DO NOT scrape the pan; let candy drip out. When cool, beat with a fork until it can be molded with the lower part of the hand. If it should be cooked too hard, a small amount of cream can be added at this time and worked well. Add nuts and flavoring. Make into rolls and wrap in waxed paper.

NOTE: I like using Penuche Fudge for the center of Pecan Logs. I think this brown sugar fudge. The caramel and pecans work very well with it.

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Belonging to a family is something everyone yearns for. And finding out where traits, such as long legs, green eyes, and musical talent come from is fun.

But how do you find your family tree? Do you have to traipse through long-forgotten cemeteries, or rummage through boxes of old, antiquated, papers? The answer is a resounding no!

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"With more than ten premium family history and genealogical sites available, we have access to much more in-depth information than people can access from their computers at home," Family History Consultant Marvin Leavitt explained. "And we have plenty of computers waiting for someone to use them. And the good news is that all of it, including parking, is free."

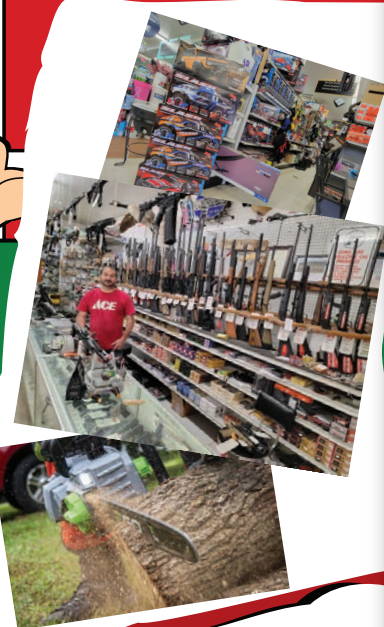
"We are located in the Logandale Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. But you don't have to be a member of the Church to come and find out whose family tree you fell out of," Leavitt said. "Everyone is welcome."

The Family History Center in Moapa Valley is located at 2555 St. Joseph Street, Logandale, NV. Call 702-398-3266 for hours of operation and more information..

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If you have a hunter, firearms collector, or marksman on your list, Overton Ace has a wide variety of guns and ammunition. If there is a hobbyist on your list, come and check out the selection of RC remote control cars. If your yard and garden needs a little spiffing up, Overton Ace carries Ego lawn mowers and leaf blowers. If your yard and garden needs a little more than a mow and a trim, there are also Ego chainsaws.

Overton Ace carries a variety of Christmas lights and decorations. So be sure to stop by and stock up. We look forward to helping Santa fill everyone's shopping lists. Happy Holidays from the helpful folks at Overton Ace Hardware.

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As a result of her husband's death in 2016, eight-months-pregnant Hailey Murray Brown left her job, friends, and new home in Texas to return to Idaho. It was heartbreaking, but the unconditional support from family and friends was priceless.

Since Hailey's first husband was part of law enforcement, her Texas police family supported her from the beginning. Their support continues to assist her through her grief journey.

It took time, but Hailey gathered courage and attended her first meeting of a local monthly widows group. The support of this group helped her healing and added to her strength, and friendships that supported her through single motherhood, re-entering the dating scene, and blending two families who had each suffered the loss of a parent, grew.

After experiencing such powerful support from those groups, Hailey's desire to help other widows find support grew, and GHF Sisterhood was born. Through retreats for women who have suffered traumatic loss, Hailey provides a family of support and love—Because No Widow Should Walk the Grief Journey Alone.

On February 1-5, 2022, GHF Sisterhood will host their first-ever Disneyland Retreat for widows at Disneyland Resort's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa. Come and enjoy delicious food, listen to inspiring speakers, indulge in incredible shopping at Downtown Disney, and unwind as you have fun with other women at the Disney parks.

If you are interested in attending an upcoming retreat or would like to make a donation or become a sponsor, contact Hailey at Haisue15@gmail.com or visit her website at ghfsisterhood.com. Find Hailey on Instagram at @meetyouatdisney.



White Fudge at the Glendale Service Station

Great-Grandma Vera Hester owned and operated the Glendale Service Station from the 1950s until 2003. It was a stop-off and watering hole for travelers and a place for the locals to congregate. Great-Grandma loved sharing homemade goodies with those who stopped in, especially during the holidays. One of her favorite recipes can be found in the Perkins Family Cookbook. It seems like she has been making it for about a trillion years. There's something extraordinary about family recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation. I hope you and your family enjoy it as much as everyone else who has ever had the privilege of devouring it. Happy Holidays to one and all.

Vera's White Fudge
contributed by Vera Hester

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| 1 cube butter or margarine | 1 tall can evaporated milk |
| 4 cups granulated sugar | 16-oz. bag miniature marshmallows |
| 4 tsp. vanilla | 12-oz. can honey roasted peanuts |
| 30-oz. bag white chips or morsels | |

Combine butter, evaporated milk, and sugar in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, morsels, 2/3 of the peanuts, and vanilla. Stir vigorously until marshmallows and morsels are melted. Pour onto a buttered 1/2-sheet cookie sheet. Coarsely chop remaining peanuts. Sprinkle over fudge and press in. Chill until firm.

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Letters to Santa

by Charlene Paul

*'T was the month before Christmas and Santa was sad;
He hadn't received letters from kids, good or bad.
He checked his mailbox with a spring in his step,
But when he opened the lid, he reached in and wept.
"What can be done?" Santa wondered with worry.*

*"I need to get letters from the kids in a hurry."
So he called up Charlene and her Front Porch crew,
To get some ideas of just what to do.*

*They greeted each other with laughter and delight,
And Santa shared his worries of the no-letter plight.
Charlene donned her thinking cap and came up with a plan;*

*She searched far and wide for a letter drop can.
She found a mailbox so scuffed and roughed up,
And brought it to the Porch to shine and buff up.*

*She painted it red and and stenciled it white
Decked it with greenery and turned on the light.
Now the kids can post mail to Santa and his elves
Letting them know what they want for themselves.*

*So bring in those letters, those lists, and those cards,
Drop them into the mailbox, it isn't too hard.*

*Charlene and her crew will make sure they arrive
Safe and sound at the North Pole before Christmas night.*

*As Santa would say ere he drove with his torch,
Merry Christmas to all from your friends at The Front Porch.*





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Growing up, one of my favorite traditions was making homemade donuts and sharing them with our friends and neighbors on Christmas Eve. This tradition started many years ago with my Grandma Anderson and continues to be passed on. When deciding to pursue our idea of a donut shop, it was only obvious that our recipe should be the one passed down from her. The recipe we use to make our donuts today at Hole Foods Bakery is the same recipe Grandma Anderson used all those years ago. We love that we get to share this tradition everyday with our customers!

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We need to get back to normal. The mixed messages from bureaucrats in Washington and our own governor in Carson City have done nothing but create more division - division between neighbors and even family at what is supposed to be "the most wonderful time of the year."

Enough is enough.

There is no logical, scientifically-proven reason not to spend the holidays with loved ones. No vaccine passport, no mask mandate, and absolutely no government bureaucrat is going to tell me I can't go to church on Christmas Eve or to my parent's house on Christmas Day.

This holiday season, bring your family together. Don't let the government tell you how you get to celebrate your religion, especially when they can't even agree on "the science" behind their mandates. Take back your Christmas, your Hannukah, your Kwanzaa, the way you want to.

Happy Holidays to everyone, from my family to yours.

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With the Clark County Fair and Rodeo set for April 6-10, 2022, Fine Arts Director Robin Maughan says it is the perfect time to get your entries ready.

"Fall is the best time to start preparing entries for the Fair," she said. "If you are doing home canning, set aside two jars—one for tasting, one for showing."

"We are also hoping to see lots of handmade items this year," Maughan said. "There is a division for everyone, and we want people of all ages to enter their items. As long as an item has never been shown at the Clark County Fair and Rodeo, it can be entered."

To make it easier for those in neighboring towns, cities, and counties, Maughan has made arrangements for pick-up points in Lincoln County, Las Vegas, and Mesquite. Volunteers will gather items and bring them to the Fine Arts Building. After the Fair, arrangements will be made for the items to be returned.

Maughan and her team of creative enthusiasts plan to freshen up the look of the Fine Arts Building and display centers.

"Everyone is going to love the changes," she said.

This year's Fair will be a treat for the whole family with Fine Arts, food vendors, entertainment, carnival, large and small animals, and auction. So, mark your calendars and we'll see you there.

If you have any questions about the Fine Arts, you can call Robin at 702-278-0704. You can also check out the Clark County Fair website at ccfair.com.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SANTA?

In December 1955, Sears Roebuck in Colorado Springs placed an ad urging children to call Santa's number and talk to him. Good news for the kiddies. Except that the phone number was misprinted, and instead of reaching the North Pole's most famous resident, the phone calls reached the Continental Air Defense (CONAD) command center—the guys at the controls of America's missile silos.

CONAD's Air Force Colonel Harry Shoup, the commander on duty that night was in the holiday spirit and instructed his staff to take the calls and locate Santa. In December 1957, CONAD became the North American Aerospace Defense Command, (NORAD), and volunteers at NORAD have been tracking Santa ever since.

The NORAD Santa Tracker Website receives more than 9 million visitors from approximately 200 countries. On Christmas Eve, 1,500 volunteers will take more than 140,000 calls from children all over the world. It makes you wonder if Colonel Shoup had any idea answering that red phone six decades ago would lead to a worldwide Christmas tradition.

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