



Nevada's top 3 running backs are from the North

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NDOW getting more calls about bears



Black bears in a dumpster. PROVIDED BY THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

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As temperatures continue to drop and the Sierra Nevada gets its first significant snow of the season, hungry bears in the region are preparing for winter.

They enter "hyperphagia, a natural phase when their appetites go into overdrive as they work to build fat stores for

the winter," Ashley Zeme, a spokesperson with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, said Tuesday. "During this period, bears can eat up to 20,000 calories a day."

Zeme said NDOW has received 15 calls so far in October about bear activity, 11 in Washoe County and four in Douglas County or Carson City. That is typical for this time of year, she said.

Here are some things NDOW said that people can do to help keep bears

wild as they search for food.

Secure your garbage

This is the biggest attractant for bears, Zeme said.

"More than 90% of all bear calls are garbage-related, making it crucial to prevent bears from accessing human foods," Zeme said.

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Restaurant closures include local favorites

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Several Reno-Tahoe food and drink establishments will be closing, including longtime local favorites and notable names, as restaurants deal with higher rents and business costs, development and other challenges.

The list includes a popular Reno coffee shop, a German restaurant and a Lake Tahoe waterfront restaurant, which all announced upcoming closures. Also on the list is a downtown dive bar, which has already ceased operations.

Here is a list of the latest and upcoming closures of food and drink places in the area.

Shooters Saloon

Located on Virginia Street in the heart of downtown Reno, Shooters Saloon has garnered a following over the years with its cozy dive bar atmosphere. Today, the bar's location is locked up with many of its old traces removed.

Talk about Shooters Saloon closing surfaced on social media a month ago, which was followed by a post on the Reno Reddit page that included tributes from patrons about the place.

"So many fond, gross memories. Like a leftover birthday cake in a dumpster," one Redditor posted.

A trip to the empty Shooters Saloon space on Tuesday afternoon showed dueling signs on the door with a taped piece of paper saying "We are closed" on the left and a leftover "Bar is open" sign on the right. Above the door, the marquee sign had "We are closed" spelled out.

The bar's trademark Shooters sign with a cowboy hat and rifle was also gone, marking the final nail in the long-running bar's proverbial coffin.

Swill Coffee and Wine

From local politicians to the hoi polloi, Swill Coffee and Wine has been a favorite hangout for a decade just off Lakeside Drive.

On Monday, however, the business officially announced on its Facebook page that it will close for good by the

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First chair: Early snow hits Tahoe ski resorts ahead of opening dates

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With Lake Tahoe area ski resorts reporting several inches of snow, the countdown to first chair has officially begun.

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe is scheduled to open first, in just over three weeks.

Palisades Tahoe wasn't shy about its excitement over the early snowfall, with plenty of October still left to go.

"It's time to start dusting off those skis and boards because Palisades Ta-

hoe just received 6 to 10 inches of fresh snow on the upper mountain," the ski resort said in a press release on Wednesday.

When do ski resorts open near Reno and Tahoe? When does the 2025-26 ski and snowboarding season start?

- **Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe:** Saturday, Nov. 8
- **Mammoth Mountain:** Friday, Nov. 14
- **Boreal:** Friday, Nov. 21

- **Northstar California:** Friday, Nov. 21

- **Heavenly:** Friday, Nov. 21
- **Sugar Bowl:** Friday, Nov. 21
- **Soda Springs:** Friday, Nov. 21
- **Palisades Tahoe:** Wednesday, Nov. 28
- **Sierra-at-Tahoe:** Friday, Nov. 21
- **Diamond Peak:** Thursday, Dec. 4
- **Kirkwood:** Friday, Dec. 5
- **Tahoe Donner:** Friday, Dec. 19
- **Homewood:** Friday, Dec. 12
- **Donner Ski Ranch:** Early December

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