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Donations fuel Buckskin's community Thanksgiving meal

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The Buckskin Tavern hosted its first Community Thanksgiving Dinner last



Thursday, offering a free holiday meal to anyone who wanted a warm plate and some company. Around 125 people came through the doors over the course of the afternoon, and volunteers prepared dozens more meals for residents who were homebound.

The bar was lined with a full Thanksgiving spread. Volunteers served turkey, ham,

potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, dressing and warm rolls. A long row of pies and cakes filled the counter, many of them donated by local bakeries. Musicians Carla Powell and Patrick Norris played throughout the afternoon, adding to the holiday mood.

Owners Stephanie Johnson and Taylor Sandstrom, who op-

erate the tavern with partner Craig Embley, said the turnout reflected what makes the area special. "The community in Fredonia and Kanab is amazing," Sandstrom said. "We were only able to do this because of their generosity and support." Johnson said guests ranged from locals to travelers passing through, with some stopping in so

they would not spend the holiday alone. "As always, everyone is welcome at the Buckskin," she said, adding that they hope to continue the tradition next year.

Brown Box, Dough Or Die Bakery, The Iris Cottage Cakery and Glazier's contributed the desserts that rounded out the meal. Volunteers handled

setup, serving, deliveries and cleanup, keeping the line moving and helping guests find seats in the busy dining room.

Johnson said community donations more than covered the cost of the dinner. The remaining funds will be donated to local schools to help pay off student lunch debts.



Photos courtesy of Buckskin Tavern.



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- THU, DEC 4 - Taco Soup, Tortilla Chips, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce
- FRI, DEC 5 - Chicken & Rice Casserole w/ Broccoli, Yams, Grapes, Pudding
- MON, DEC 8 - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Spinach, Strawberries
- TUE, DEC 9 - Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Sliced Tomatoes, Banana, Cinnamon Roll Bites
- WED, DEC 10 - **Christmas Lunch** - Ham & Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Fruit Salad, Pumpkin Dessert

BUCKSKIN TAVERN SERVES UP FOOD, FUN, AND COMMUNITY FLAVOR

By Josh Warburton

Fredonia, AZ

Fredonia's historic Buckskin Tavern isn't just about cold drinks and good times anymore—it's fast becoming one of the area's top casual dining spots. With a newly finished commercial kitchen and a food menu that rivals many restaurants, Buckskin is serving up hearty pub fare, creative vegan options, and plenty of surprises to pair with your pint.



I recently stopped in to see for myself. I started with the vegan hummus and flatbread, house-made with roasted garlic and served with pita, celery, and carrots. While everything on the plate worked, that warm, crispy flatbread stole the show. The vegan sandwich was another standout—a toasted baguette with a smear of house hummus, fresh cucumber, roasted red bell pepper, and arugula, all drizzled with lemon and garlic oil. The crunch of the bread elevated the whole thing. My friend Eric

this all-beef, no-bean Texas-style chili gets its depth from a whopping ten pounds of roasted jalapeños, Anaheims, and poblanos. Topped with cheese, sour cream, and onions, it's rich, hearty, and just a little addictive.

Taylor and his wife Stephanie officially purchased the Buckskin in May after managing it since March. With 25 years of hospitality experience behind him, Taylor has set his sights on making the Buckskin more than just a bar. Food is only part of the story. With the installation of the new commercial kitchen, food service has sped up noticeably, and the team is focused on improving that even further while continuously refining the menu and offerings. The couple has also reorganized pool tables to regulation specs, added arcade games, and even installed a community bookshelf (including a "banned books" section). They're also leaning into Buckskin's colorful history with vintage photos and community fundraisers benefiting the likes of local firefighters and the Kanab Animal Assistance Program.



Trivia Night at The Buckskin Tavern Supports Local Animals

By Cassie Bradshaw

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, The Buckskin Tavern hosted a lively trivia fundraiser for the Kanab Animal Assistance Program (KAAP), attracting many people from the Kanab and Fredonia areas eager to support local critters in

need. Guests enjoyed delicious food and drinks while listening to live music from Blue Marbles, making the night both entertaining and meaningful. KAAP, which began in the summer of 2024, is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting pet owners in need of financial

help for veterinary care, as well as spaying and neutering stray animals in and around the Kanab area. Its mission is to provide every animal with care while helping families stay together. The non-profit is solely vet owned and partially run by Dr. Tara Timpson and Dr. Patti Patterson. Looking ahead, KAAP hopes to eliminate the waitlist for grants and eventually open a local shelter.

There is no limit to area or species, so if you or someone you know is seeking assistance for their pet, you can contact kanabanimalassistanceprogram@gmail.com or call 435-899-8007. To learn more, visit their website at www.kanabanimalassistanceprogram.org.

The event also highlighted the new direction of The Buckskin Tavern. Taylor

this past May. His main goal for The Buckskin is to keep it community-centered by hosting a wide variety of events—KAAP's fundraiser being only the beginning.

Looking to the future, Taylor hopes to bring the community together with brunches, football watch parties, Dark Sky parties, a centennial celebration for The Buckskin's 100th birthday, larger live bands, plays, and more. He also plans to support other causes through fundraisers for local police and fire departments. Meanwhile, renovations and expansions are underway, all while preserving the cowboy tavern theme that makes The Buckskin unique.

For more information on the KAAP visit Kanabanimalassistanceprogram.org

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