

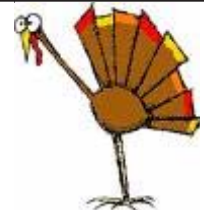
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Special Thanksgiving Edition



The Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast in 1621. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest. This would be considered the first Thanksgiving, but it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops. What foods did they eat? The only foods that we know for certain were eaten at the first Thanksgiving were venison and "fowl" (which may or may not have been turkey). This feast is still remembered and celebrated in America today. Welcome to this special Thanksgiving edition of the *Bulldog Bark*.

Introduction by Chloe

Concerning Turkeys

Story by Mayte & Brad

"Real" Thanksgiving Food

The traditional Thanksgiving meal today is a lot different from the menu back during the first Thanksgiving feast. Our menu today often features turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie, but the first feast did not consist of these items. The foods included in the first feast were duck, goose, venison, fish, lobster, clams, swan, berries, dried fruit, pumpkin, squash, and many more vegetables. On the first feast "turkey" was any type of fowl including ducks and geese that the pilgrims hunted. Pumpkin pie wasn't on the menu because there were no ovens for baking, but they did have boiled pumpkin. There were also plenty of vegetables to go around that included corn, but not the way we think of it. In those days, the corn was not good to eat from the cob the way we eat it today. Back then, corn was removed from the cob and turned into cornmeal, which was then cooked into cornbread (that resembled pancakes), a kind of corn mush, or pudding.

"Why do we eat turkey now?"

Turkey is a big part of Thanksgiving celebrations. There are a number of stories behind why turkey is the most important dish in Thanksgiving. Eating turkey on Thanksgiving Day is a part of tradition and custom. One story that is told is that Queen Elizabeth celebrated harvest festivals with a baked goose. When she found out that the Spanish Armada had sunk on its way to attack England, the Queen was so delighted that she ordered an additional roast goose. In this way, goose became the favorite bird at the harvest celebration in England. When the Pilgrims from England arrived in America, roasted goose was replaced by roasted



turkey as wild turkeys were abundantly found as compared to geese. Thus, a new tradition of serving turkey at the Thanksgiving celebrations got started.

Turkey—the National Bird

Founding father Benjamin Franklin strongly believed that the turkey is a much better representation of the United States than the bald eagle. According to Franklin, "The turkey is a much more respectable Bird and withal a true original Native of North America." Obviously, not everyone agreed with him.

This Thanksgiving Americans will eat 48 million turkeys. Using an average of 15 pounds per bird, that works out to an astounding 720 million pounds of poultry!

Prairie Valley Crowns 2009-2010 Homecoming Queen

By Samantha

The nominees for Homecoming Queen were: freshman, Jackie Weeks; sophomore, Casey Langford; junior, Audra Cozart; and senior, Mayte Salinas. Jackie Weeks won the vote, and she was crowned on Friday, November 13, 2009, during halftime of the exes game. Congratulations, Jackie!



Junior High Basketball

By Katie & Taylor

Girls Games

November 12 – Home
Prairie Valley: 44
Forestburg: 18

November 16 – Away
Prairie Valley: 28
Bellevue: 52

November 23 – Away
Prairie Valley:
Gold-Burg:

Boys Games

November 12 – Home
Prairie Valley: 32
Forestburg: 8

November 16 – Away
Prairie Valley: 10
Bellevue: 47

November 23 – Away
Prairie Valley: 38
Gold-Burg: 17



The High School Girls' Team



Coach Mann with the Junior High Girls



The High School Boys in Action Against Goldburg

We apologize for the lack of High School scores. They will be included in future issues. Thank you and have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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 FALL TURKEY
 FAMILY VOYAGE
 FEAST
 HARVEST
 MAIZE
 MAYFLOWER
 NOVEMBER
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 PLYMOUTH
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 SETTLERS
 STUFFING
 THANKSGIVING



MAZE OF SHOCK

A MAZE BASED ON A HAUNTED HOUSE

