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Meaning of Thanksgiving

Meaning of Thanksgiving - The Real Celebration

For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, four-day weekends, football games, floats, family reunions, or a forerunner to Christmas festivities. The "first Thanksgiving," however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival, lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a "thanksgiving" observance.

This "thanksgiving" meal would not be celebrated again until June of 1676. On June 29 the community of Charlestown, Massachusetts proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for their good fortune. Ironically, this celebration excluded the Indians, as the colonists' recognized their recent victory over the "heathen natives." One hundred years later, in October of 1777, all 13 colonies participated in a one-time "thanksgiving" celebration which commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. It would take a span of over 150 more years to establish Thanksgiving as we celebrate it -- George Washington proclaimed it a National holiday in 1789, Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November in 1863, and Congress sanctioned it as a legal holiday in 1941.

Meaning of Thanksgiving - Expressions of Gratitude

The meaning of Thanksgiving has undergone numerous transitions -- an expression of gratitude for survival, a council's recognition of its flourishing community, submission of the local natives, the defeat over the British, resulting in a collection of our nation's traditions and values. Over the centuries, families added their customs to the Thanksgiving celebration, preserving that which they held most precious.

To gather in unity – It is refreshing and invigorating when people come together, in celebration of a common purpose. It is a reconciliation of differences as well as a time of healing. In sharing our victories as well as our struggles, we find strength and hope.

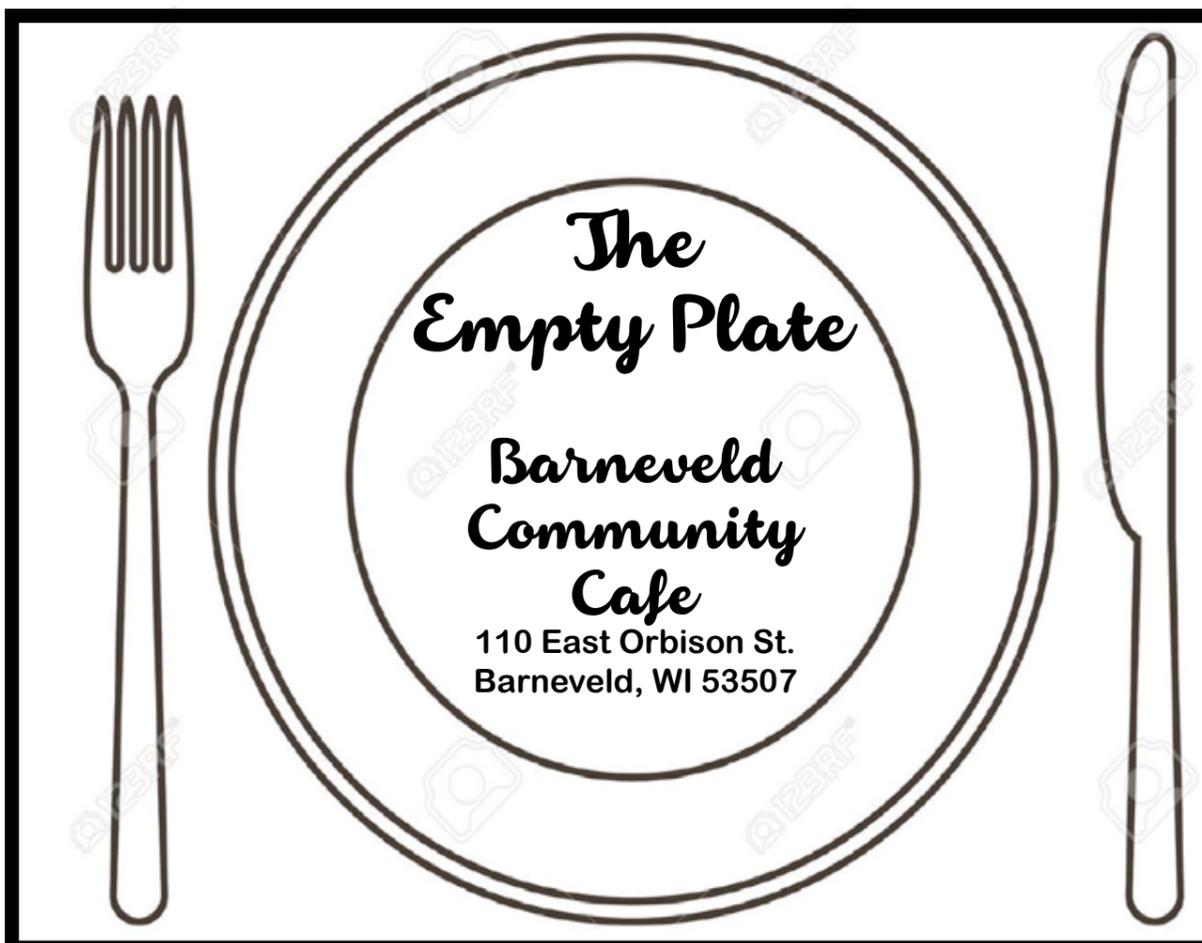
To teach the young – In stories retold, each generation brings purpose and significance to the richness of their heritage. Faded pictures, sentimental knick-knacks, even the prayer of Thanksgiving before the meal all form a Thanksgiving family legacy.

To prepare the heart – In gratitude, we humbly reflect upon all the gifts (family, friends, health) that saturate our lives. By "giving-thanks" we choose to extend ourselves and give to others less fortunate. Out of the abundance of our hearts, we are able to offer our resources to help others.

Meaning of Thanksgiving - Praise to God

In the Bible, the meaning of thanksgiving reflected adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving was a grateful language to God as an act of worship. Rarely, if ever, was thanksgiving extended to any person or thing, except God. "These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng" (Psalm 42:4). Long before the colonists celebrated their successes, Nehemiah assembled two great choirs to give thanks for God's faithfulness in rebuilding the wall. "... The Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully and dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres" (Nehemiah 12:27).

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings. "... In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God.



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By Jerry Davis

It's the season for evergreens, so let's look at the botanical meaning of the term and who fits the definition.

Most generally we're talking leaves, needles in the case of pines, spruces and firs.

At least some of the leaves remain green and hanging more than a year, so the tree is never bare of leaves. Other plants that are evergreen have leaves that die soon after new leaves develop in spring.

The better the leaves are at conserving water, the longer they remain green on a cut tree. Some of the fir species win this category, including Fraser and balsam firs.

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This Thanksgiving stuffing is fantastic! It is very flavorful and fresh-tasting. This recipe will stuff a 10-pound turkey (which serves six) plus extra. I replaced the usual pork sausage with much healthier turkey sausage. Other dried fruits may also be used in place of cranberries.

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1½ cups cubed whole wheat bread
- 3¾ cups cubed white bread
- 1 pound ground turkey sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup chopped celery
- 2½ teaspoons dried sage
- 1½ teaspoons dried rosemary
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, cored and chopped
- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped
- ¾ cup turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Directions

Step 1
Preheat oven to 350 degree F (175 degree C). Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.

Step 2
In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes to blend flavors.

Step 3
Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apple, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter, and mix lightly. Allow stuffing to cool completely before loosely stuffing a turkey.

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Those that have generously given in 2020 and in previous years, your local support is appreciated and impactful. For those that have not given and are able to do so this year, please consider UFIC as a way to have a positive impact locally on your neighbors. By giving, you support the UFIC mission:

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Celebrate Thanksgiving by Thanking a Farmer

This time of year, we think about all of the things that we are thankful for and all of the things that have brought us through the past year. But how many of us think to thank the farmers that made the large meal in front of us possible.

Without farmers, we wouldn't have food or many of the products that we use on a daily basis. Sadly, most people don't feel like agriculture affects them directly. Everyday, we are surrounded by the things that farmers provide for us – from the cotton sheets that we wake up in to the toothpaste that we use each night. Yet, how many of us actually think about the farmers that made this possible?

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Position: Advanced EMT

Years of Service: 2

My "why": I have always had a passion of helping others and giving back. I am an oncology nurse and love it, but I have a heart for Emergency Medicine and love to think fast without having everything at your finger tips. I get this in small doses which is perfect.

About me: I have been a member of the Barneveld community for four years. I am married with four kids (26, 16, 14 & 9). I love to camp, hang out with friends and work out to stay healthy. I have been an oncology nurse for 22 years and work at UW Cancer Center.

My favorite part of volunteering: Meeting new people and being there when the community needs us most.



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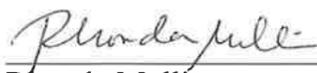
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 5, 2021 in the office of the School District Clerk at 304 S. Jones Street, Barneveld, WI 53507.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February, 16, 2021.

Notification is hereby given that for the purpose of filing such declarations, the School District Clerk has established his/her office at the Office of the District Administrator in the Barneveld School building at 304 S. Jones Street, Barneveld, WI.

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The second drop comes December 1, two days after the nine day season closes Nov. 29.

Other data will follow, including license sales and injuries.

Prior to the opener Nov. 21, previous and ongoing seasons showed 105,281 registrations, with 61,556 bucks and 43,725 antlerless deer.

Archers and crossbowers met their unofficial half way point with 41,873 and 55,943 deer respectively.

Continue to follow the numbers on the Department of Natural Resources website by looking at the deer harvest summary and picking the season and DMU of interest.

Hunting weather continues to be favorable for being in the woods, in a blind or part way up a tree until the season's end. No major storms, cold snaps or heavy rain are forecast.

While this season appears to have provided favorable weather, most areas had no snow ground cover for added safety and great deer sighting. Hunters began wondering what happened to all the deer they were seeing in summer and fall, but changes in food sources likely played a role.

It will be interesting if some agency attempts to put numbers together for hunters who died of COVID-19 relating to contracting the virus

while in a “deer camp.” Let's hope that number, obtainable or not, follows in the great record of no deaths by firearms.

As hunters and others who are impacted by the nine day, gun deer season realize the season was never long enough to suit some; what's next?

Gary Howards, of Oregon, never worries about much about a next season. Squirrels, which he sometimes refers to as little deer who live in trees, fill many empty slots that exit.

“I look in my freezer from archery and gun season and if there is still room, the muzzle-loader, four day antlerless and Holiday seasons are always there as is the later archery/cross-bow hunt,” he said.

Howards is also an avid fall turkey hunter, spending full days in a blind on a mission, which is usually successful.

Taking a break from deer and hunting turkeys can be exciting.

A note from the Wisconsin Hickory Association explained the lack of shagbark hickory nuts this autumn. It's a masting tree with variable crops in 2020, we expected an off year and it was between 10 to 20 percent of a normal year, the agency said.

It sounds like what pickers wondered about all fall was predictable long before that.

Birders, those feeding birds and others mildly interested in the avian world have a lot to be

anxious about this winter, beginning with evening grosbeaks being seen with some regularity in southeastern and south-central Wisconsin.

It has been years since most have seen their sunflower seed feeders run dry in a few hours from this large-billed bird resembling a giant goldfinch.

Birds persisting beyond their visa include robins, bluebirds, red-winged blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds.

Everybody's favorite visitor, the snowy owl, has been seen as far south as Dane County

It's evergreen time. In addition to pines, spruces and firs, there are numerous herbaceous greens now, including several ferns and relatives and unwanted invasive plants, including garlic mustard.

Decorating material extends beyond evergreens and includes a few fruits, cones and even bare twigs, which make interesting additions. Try red dogwood.

Before fall freeze-up, this is the time when trophy walleye anglers bet on catching a life record fish.

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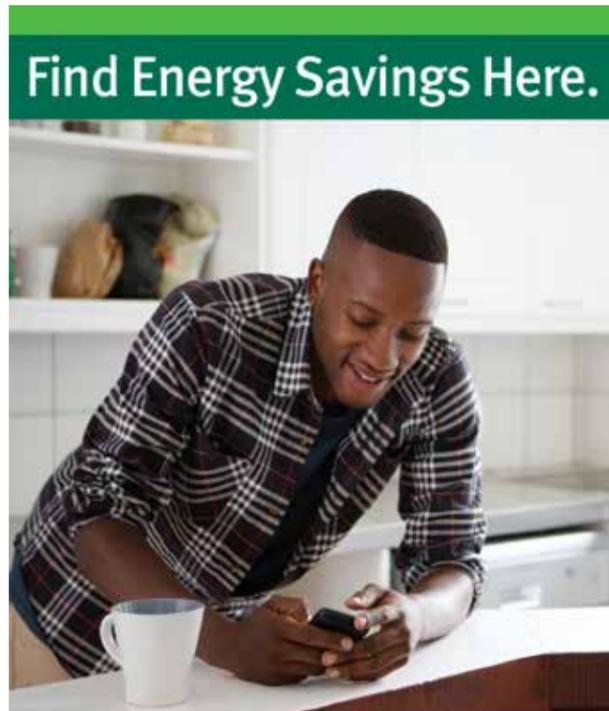
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'Tis the Season to Be Thankful, Grateful and Help Our Neighbors That are Less Fortunate

It has been a difficult year for everyone on some level. Most of us are dealing with at least one of these major life stressors, if not several: job or income loss, eldercare, childcare and education, food insecurity, physical and mental health concerns, and more. While we are all experiencing and handling the pandemic differently, one thing probably rings true for most of us: We. Feel. Helpless. So how can we overcome this?

We feel helpless because, on a global scale, it may be hard to see how our actions and contributions can impact the outcome of this pandemic and economic situation. The United Fund of Iowa County (UFIC) Board of Directors is here to remind you that your actions CAN and DO make a difference when you focus in on your immediate surroundings: your friends, family and neighbors in our community. If we all focus on supporting our local communities, these aggregate actions WILL impact the outcome globally.

For those that have been fortunate in 2020, consider the impact you could have by donating just \$25 to UFIC. The population of Iowa County is (roughly) just under 24,000. If 2,000 people (less than 1/8 our county's population) gave \$25, that amounts to \$50,000 to help support important programs and causes in Iowa County! We are pleased to announce that we have already raised over \$31,000, so our goal of \$50,000 by year end seems within reach!

When considering donating, don't just consider the impact of having important programs and services in Iowa County. More importantly, consider what Iowa County would look like *without* these organizations and the impact that would have.

In honor of the social movement "Giving Tuesday" on December 1st, we appreciate your consideration to donate to UFIC if you are able to do so. If you've already donated to UFIC, your support is appreciated! By giving, you support the UFIC mission:

- To lead a united effort that improves the quality of life in our community
- To support community health and human service needs
- To raise and distribute financial resources

You may donate through our website at www.unitedfundiowacounty.org or mail your donation in the form of a check to United Fund of Iowa County, P.O. Box 63, Dodgeville, WI 53533. To see the complete list of organizations we have provided support to during 2019-2020, visit our website: www.unitedfundiowacounty.org.

Best Wishes for a Blessed and Healthy Holiday Season!

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