

Panorama

November

Thankful

With big fan fair and little commercialization, Thanksgiving is one of the finest of all holidays. Happily smothered in contemporary Americana with parties, parades, homecomings and plenty of football, that last Thursday in November brings on home some of the best of times for family and tradition. Established during our nation's beginnings...the lore of Thanksgiving is based on the times when Native American Indians shared food and shelter with early settlers in dire times and (by doing so) actually saved the settlers' lives.

By uniting the spirit of giving and thankfulness, with the blessings of breaking bread, a celebration of gratitude was put into place more than 300 years later that great festive dinner still stands tall in our lives today. Worthy and wonderful is this festivity that puts to measure our country's sense of fellowship and blessings. And it's good to be thankful.

There is nothing on this planet like the love of a child and being thankful for such.
There is nothing like having food and sharing it with others who don't.
There is nothing like the human spirit in the finest of form: when caring for others shines through the shadows.
There is nothing like freedom and liberty.
There's nothing like an environment that is healthy and bright.
There is nothing like sharing and being thankful.

Each day as we move in all directions, trials and tribulations can send us into an ill sense of despair. Yet, a balance is often found in the simple realization that there is much more to be thankful for in life than our perspective allows.

So with hot-gravy turkey, corn, mashed potatoes and the works... right on down to the pumpkin pie, let the goodness in...hold it, share it, and pass it on.
It's good to be a thankful American, and though our country may need some mending, we remain a magnificent nation...as the rainbow is still here and there's no place like home.

Happy Thanksgiving!