

ELI Weekly

How Much Are You Going to Eat?

This Thursday is one of America's favorite holidays—Thanksgiving. In today's world, Thanksgiving usually means a time for family to get together and eat foods like turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie, all the while giving thanks for the many blessings in each person's life. Many also enjoy watching football all day. On Thanksgiving morning there is always a big parade in New York City, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which is televised across the country and features larger-than-life balloons, floats, marching bands, celebrities, and at the very end—Santa Claus. However, the traditions Americans have today are very different than what occurred at the first Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving Dinner



Macy's Parade

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and their friends, the Wampanoag Indians, got together to share a fall harvest feast, which actually lasted 3 days. Historians aren't entirely sure what foods were eaten at the feast, but there was definitely no pumpkin pie! (The pilgrims had no ovens.)

It has been confirmed in primary sources that the group ate venison (deer) and wild fowl. They probably did not have a lot of vegetables to eat at that time of the year either. In addition, they likely did not have any sweets, sadly. While they had brought some sugar on the voyage to America, the supply was very low by the time of the feast. During the fall harvest feast, the pilgrims and Indians played games, sang songs, and danced. Football hadn't been invented yet!



Painting of the First Thanksgiving

Some would say this harvest feast was the beginning of the Thanksgiving tradition, but not all would agree. The feast at that time was a one time event and was not repeated year after year. After that first feast, the governor proclaimed that all should observe a time of thanksgiving and prayer, which was a religious tradition from England. In 1623, there was a time of drought, but rains came during the prayers of the pilgrims. Gradually, the tradition began as the colonists celebrated a "thanksgiving" after the fall harvest.

During the American Revolution, a national day of thanksgiving was suggested and in 1817, New York state adopted Thanksgiving Day as annual event. By the mid-1800's, most other states had adopted the tradition as well. Today it is one of the most important holidays in the U.S. By the way, if you didn't already know—the day after Thanksgiving is the biggest shopping day of the year. So, if you feel brave enough to fight the crowds, you will likely find some GREAT deals!

Activities This Week

Thursday Nov. 22, Friday Nov. 23 & Saturday Nov. 24

FREE Ice Skating at Jordan Valley Ice Park

Thurs. 3:00-4:00 PM; Fri. 9:30-10:30 PM; Sat. 5:00-6:00 PM

Skate rental: \$2.50

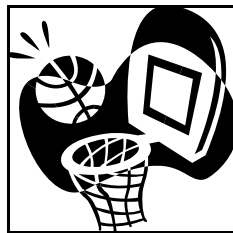


Wednesday, Nov. 21

Men's Basketball Game

Hammons Student Center

7:05 PM



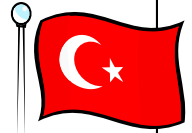
For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>
Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

Announcements



- **Pronunciation Class**
There will be no more pronunciation classes this semester.
- **Thanksgiving Break**
Enjoy your break! Have fun and be extra safe, whatever your plans may be.

Did You Know....



A few interesting facts about Turkey:

The city of Istanbul is the only city in the world to span 2 continents: Asia and Europe. Istanbul has also been the capital of 3 great empires: Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman.



Tulips, which are famous in the Netherlands, were actually introduced by Turkey.

Turkey supplies 70% of the world's hazelnuts.



In Istanbul you will find the famous Grand Bazaar, which is a 540 year old shopping mall that encompasses 64 streets, 4,000 shops, 22 entrances, and 25,000 workers.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located at the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- The Last Winter
- Into the Wild
- Lars and the Real Girl
- Great World of Sound



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for November 19-25

| | <u>Fahrenheit</u> | <u>Celsius</u> |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Monday: | 70/56 | 21/13 |
| Tuesday: | 75/49 | 24/09 |
| Wednesday: | 50/29 | 10/-2 — chance of rain |
| Thursday: | 39/21 | 04/-6 |
| Friday: | 42/23 | 06/-5 |
| Saturday: | 47/26 | 08/-3 |
| Sunday: | 52/37 | 11/03 |



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.