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The Story Behind The First Thanksgiving

By: Rainy McGraw

The Mayflower ship left Plymouth, England, in September 1620. The Mayflower held pilgrims that sought religious freedom. The pilgrims thought they would find this freedom in the “New World.” They thought this “New World” was empty land that didn’t have anyone who lived there. The pilgrims were totally wrong, as the “New World” had millions of Native Americans who lived on this land.

The first winter on this “New World” was brutal, and only half of the Mayflower’s original passengers made it to their first spring. When the remaining passengers arrived on the shores they were greeted by an Abenaki tribe member.

Several days later, Squanto came to



greet the new settlers. Squanto taught the settlers how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, how to catch fish in the river, and taught them which plants were poisonous.

In November 1621, after the first successful harvest of corn,

Governor William Bradford organized a celebration feast and invited the Native tribe to come and eat alongside them as a thank you. This feast is known as “the first Thanksgiving,” and the feast lasted three whole days.

Top-5 Best Dishes to Prepare for Thanksgiving Day



By: Beckham Schell

Next week is one of the most important fall holidays, Thanks-

giving.

Family and food become some of the most important things during

the holiday season.

Here is a list of five of the most important foods to have at the Thanksgiving Day table.

1. Turkey — A staple of Thanksgiving and important to have for the family.

2. Mashed potatoes — A good combination with turkey, mashed potatoes is a given.

3. Pumpkin Pie — No Thanksgiving is complete without home-made pumpkin pie.

4. Macaroni and cheese — One of the most popular Thanksgiving dishes.

5. Stuffing — A turkey is not ready without the stuffing.

Chieftains Fall in OSSAA Football Playoffs

By: Landon Antoniono

Seminole High School's football season came to an end Friday night as the Chieftains fell to the Verdigris Cardinals 41-33 in the first round of the OSSAA playoffs. With the season on the line, this game was a very high stakes game.

Seminole scored twice in the opening quarter, getting on the board with a pass from Vcake Wassana to Braxton Street for a touchdown.

Jason Batise broke off a long run for the second Chieftains score of the quarter and Brendan Rodriguez kicked two successful extra point attempts to give Seminole a 14-6 lead.

Both sides traded scores for the remainder of the half to give the Chieftains a 21-19 advantage at the half.

Verdigris took a 25-21 lead early in the third quarter, but the Chieftains would regain the advantage early in the fourth.

Wassana found Miguel Conley



for a touchdown in the final frame of the game to give the Chieftains a 27-25 lead with 11:30 remaining in regulation.

The Cardinals would score 16 more points in the fourth quarter while Seminole added just six to reach the final margin.

The Chieftains leading passer was Wassana, who completed 7-of-10 throws for 114 yards. Batise was the leading rusher, finishing with 125 yards on only five carries.

Those two also accounted for all of Seminole's scores. Wassana had three touchdowns and Batise had two touchdowns.

Street added 68 yards on four receptions despite sitting out the entire second half due to injury.

Seniors Brendan Rodriguez, Myles Branson, Shemmei Stephens, Amos Stapp, Noah Gentry, and DJ Citizen played their final football game as Seminole Chieftains.



We're Going on a Trip...

Students from Mrs. Allison's yearbook class and Mr. Fletcher's marketing class attended the Oklahoma Scholastic Media (OSM) Conference this Monday on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

By: Natalie Choate

- Americans eat approximately 704 million pounds of turkey every Thanksgiving!
- The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds!
- Jingle bells was originally a Thanksgiving song!
- Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1621!
- Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 shortly after the Battle of Gettysburg!
- 88% of Americans surveyed said they eat turkey on Thanksgiving!



Lunch Menu for the Week

Thursday (11/17): Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Mini Chocolate Pies

Friday (11/18): Chili Cheese Dog, Chips, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Oreo

Monday (Nov. 22) - Friday (Nov. 26): *Happy Thanksgiving Break!*

Monday (11/29): Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Pork & Beans, Kosher Spear, Fruit

Tuesday (11/16): Chicken Strips/Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruit

Wednesday (11/17): Goulash, Corn, Sliced Wheat Bread, Fruit

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Sudoku and Crossword Puzzle Challenge

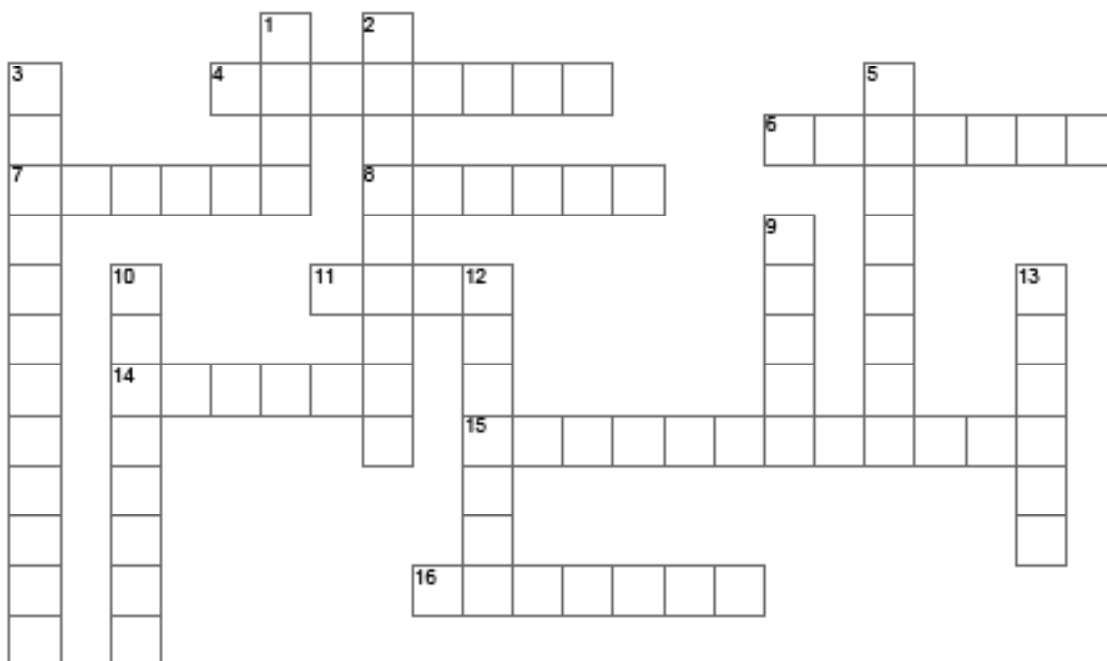
The first person to successfully complete the sudoku puzzle to the right and turn it in to Mr. Fletcher will receive a prize!

An additional prize will be awarded to the first person to successfully complete the Thanksgiving-themed crossword puzzle below and turn it in to Mr. Fletcher!

Note: Only one prize for each puzzle will be awarded, so make sure to turn it in as soon as possible!

Good luck and Happy Thanksgiving from *The Big Chief* staff!

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ACROSS

4. Thanksgiving food that can be mashed or baked.
6. The Pilgrims made them from linen, wool and leather.
7. The season of Thanksgiving.
8. People you are related to.
11. Made with special recipe from butternut squash.
14. Long line of people marching down the street.
15. Where the Pilgrims got off their ship.
16. Country that Pilgrims came from.

DOWN

1. Yellow vegetable grown by Native Americans.
2. The ship that brought the Pilgrims to North America.
3. Holiday of this crossword.
5. Eleventh month of the year.
9. A big meal.
10. Thanksgiving dessert made from apples.
12. Large orange vegetable.
13. Bird eaten at Thanksgiving.