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Happy Thanksgiving

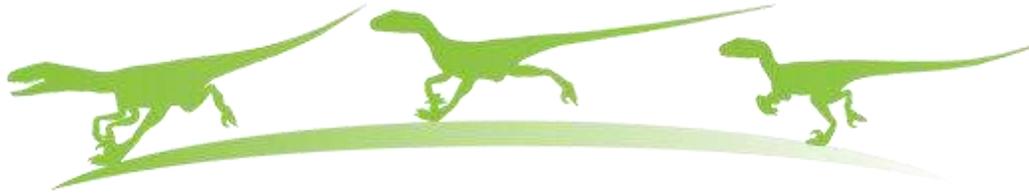
Thanksgiving has always been an interesting holiday for me. As a child, we lived away from our family, so the day was often just me, Mom, and Dad. I never fully understood the hype of the holiday, the draw to eat food, and visit. As a teenager and adult, we spent holidays with my maternal grandparents. In these years, I came to dread Thanksgiving as I had to help make the 23 side dishes Grandma insisted we have.

Looking back, the holiday was one either spent wondering what it was like to be around family, or feeling exhausted and disgusted from the gluttony of the day. It wasn't until last year, my 40th Thanksgiving on this planet, that I came to truly understand the meaning of the day. Last year, because of the danger of the pandemic and my parents falling into the high risk category, we worried we wouldn't be able to see them. I cried and cried. I felt like a spoiled 2 year old, because I couldn't imagine a holiday without my parents. I finally shook the mood off, and became determined to find a solution.

Thankfully, in Oklahoma, the holidays are not typically cold, and my parents have a lovely, large, covered porch. A few space heaters just in case, a couple of extra layers, and boom, we had the perfect spot to celebrate. And celebrate we did. For a few hours, we forgot the pandemic, the restrictions, and just lived. We laughed, we ate, we laughed, and we ate some more. To be honest, I don't even remember what we ate, I didn't care, we were all together celebrating life. For me, that was all that mattered.

This year, we will celebrate with my parents. I could care less what we eat, what we wear, or how the table is set. What I care about is a day with my family. A day to make memories with my parents, and my child, this is the last Thanksgiving she will be a child. Of course our dogs will join in the celebration, adding the necessary family drama, fights over bones, and grumpiness.

From our family to yours, we wish you the very best holiday. Wherever you find yourself, we hope you are surrounded by loved ones, enjoying the day and making memories.



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Upcoming Events

Join Young Professionals Lawton and Sara Orellana-Paape at a session on Tuesday, December 7 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. The theme is “Excel in Etiquette”. This session is designed to give you the tools needed to be prepared for networking events, where small talk and follow up are the keys for a fruitful networking event.

Please use the link below to register for this session.

[Register for YPL Classes](#)