

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Can you believe that we've reached the home stretch of 2016?

Thanksgiving is upon us, Christmas is not that far away, and we'll spend the next few weeks eating, and buying holiday presents. Soon, a lot of the homes around Gallup will be adorned with Christmas decorations. They call it the most wonderful time of the year, and for good reason. Gallup residents really take it to the limits come Holiday season.

The Indian Capital, and its surrounding areas, is just a good place to be during the holidays. Just about every municipality and Chapter House on the Navajo Nation will put up a tree. We have reason to be thankful all year round.

We are fortunate enough to live in a very special place. Thousands of people come through the Indian Capital yearly. We know they come here to get more than pictures of downtown or of the historic El Rancho Hotel and Historic Highway 66.

Thanksgiving is a time when we realize how thankful we are for what we have been given, instead of complaining about what we don't have. Yes, it is easy to get caught up in our hectic lifestyles and look at the things that we don't have, all the while missing the good in our lives.

As we approach a new year, it can be tempting to focus exclusively on what needs to be changed or improved for the future — in short, what went wrong that needs to be fixed. Again, Thanksgiving is the time to be grateful for how far we've come this year and to be thankful for what went right in our work and in our lives.

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It is important that we show gratitude for the good things that we have. Count your blessings from living in this great nation. Get behind president-elect Donald Trump and give him some support!

Love the people who love you. Revel in the emotion. Breathe it in. For the unconditional love that we have for each other is the distilled essence of God's love for each of us.

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