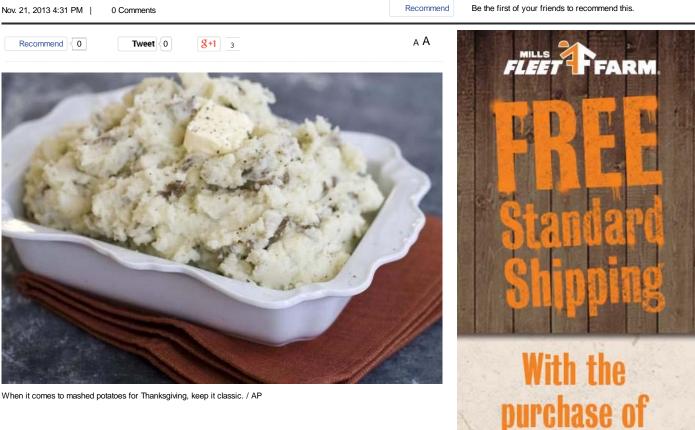
How to mix Thanksgiving up without sacrificing tradition | Press Gazette...

JOBS CAP	RS HOME	S APARTM	ENTS SHOPPING	CLASSIFIEDS						LOG IN	SUBSCRIBE	ACTIVATE	E-NEWSPAPE	R HELF
						News	Packers	Sports	Business	Living	Opinion	Obituaries	Photos/\	/ideos
FEATURE	D: Cale	ndar Affo	rdable Care Act	Investigative reports	Ente	ertainment	Preps Blog			Find	what you are	e looking for	SE	ARCH

## How to mix Thanksgiving up without sacrificing tradition



Written by Michele Kayal Associated Press FILED UNDER: Food



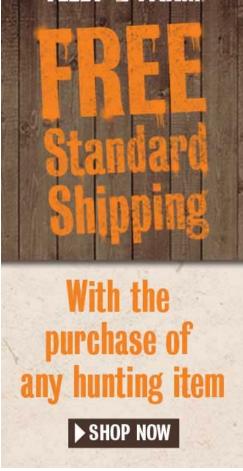
After settling on the base for your stuffing, go for the flair like this multigrain and wild rice stuffing with apples and herbs. Recipe

Some cooks like to change up the Thanksgiving meal - a sous vide turkey here, a sweet potato souffle there. But on a holiday dedicated to tradition, innovation can spark revolt.

"Know your audience," says Jack Bishop, editorial director of America's Test Kitchen. "The people I know want a pie for dessert and they're not really interested in going too far afield. And the turkey is the turkey, and there's not really a lot you can do there."

But if you're the cook, making the same meal year after year can be mind-numbing. Here's a brief guide to knowing just how classic you have to keep the classics, and how far you can push things.

• TURKEY: Go classic in the prep, but modern in



at greenbaypressgazette.com/section /holidayfood / AP the method.

#### Thanksgiving hosting tips

· Don't leave all meal preparation for Thanksgiving Day. A traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner includes dishes that require lengthy prep and cooking times. Create a meal-preparation schedule that begins days before the holiday. Don't underestimate thawing time for a frozen turkey. Depending on its size, a frozen turkey may require two days to defrost for cooking. Consider preparing side dishes the day before, or at minimum, preparing ingredients (i.e. chopping vegetables) in advance. • Running an oven's self-clean cycle the day before. Due to extremely high temperatures of the self-cleaning function, there is risk of damage to an electrical component or the door latch. according to Chris Hall, president and co-founder of RepairClinic.com. Self-cleaning ovens should not be cleaned with a general oven-cleaning spray, as the formula may damage the self-cleaning surfaces of the oven's interior.

· A disorganized kitchen that complicates meal prep and leftover storage. Set aside one to two hours to clean out your refrigerator, freezer and cabinetry and toss out expired items. Reorganize to maximize space. Take an inventory of your pots, pans and other cookware to ensure that you have enough for everything you plan to cook. • One-person cooking. Ask guests to bring side dishes and desserts. Most people are happy to contribute. • Chaotic clean-up. Don't do all of the clean-up work yourself and then act annoyed that no one helped you. Delegate point people to load the dishwasher, wrap leftovers, take out the trash, etcetera. If everyone knows what they're supposed to do, you'll enjoy a far more efficient clean-up process. - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services

#### Hotline help

• Butterball: (800) 288-8372, helping solve turkey dilemmas, including Thanksgiving Day.

• Ocean Spray: (800) 662-3263, experts can handle your questions regarding all things cranberries. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

• Crisco Pie Hotline: (877) 367-7438, live pie experts on-call 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Monday through Wednesday. Additionally, recorded tips and tricks can be accessed 24 hours a day.

Page 1 2 3 Next

The classic Thanksgiving turkey gets rubbed with butter and salt, and maybe a few herbs.

"A lot of people expect the same meal all the time," says Mary Risley, director of San Francisco's Tante Marie's Cooking School. "It's the one meal that every ethnic group across this country eats. And maybe the Italians have ravioli before, and maybe the Chinese have dumplings before, but everybody has turkey. So don't mess with the turkey."

But Rick Rodgers, author of more than 40 cookbooks, including "Thanksgiving 101," says you can keep it real but still have a little fun. "Doing something as simple as cooking the turkey outdoors on your grill is a way to take something traditional into the 21st century," he says.

Bishop says once you've broken that mold and put the bird on the grill, you might as well play with a few flavors. "Doing a spice rub with cumin and chili powder and cinnamon, you can have some fun there," he says. "As long as you choose a spice rub that's not too unusual and you don't do it two years in a row you'll be fine."

And in the home of Erling Wu-Bower, chef de cuisine at Chicago's Nico Osteria, Cajun-rubbed turkey is traditional. "We make this spicy Cajun lemony rub and poke holes and put whole cloves of garlic in it."

Wu-Bower cooks the bird in the oven wrapped in foil so it essentially steams, then browns it at high temperature. "You can't touch the turkey," he says. "This is the traditional bird."



#### View Comments (0) | Share your thoughts »

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

TOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN	SPONSORED LINKS
Matt Flynn getting re-acquainted with Packers	Missing Mississippi F Found Dead 🖿 (Авс м
UWGB basketball: No guarantee Phoenix will play	10 Foods That are N Healthier Than You T (Food Network)
New details of Walker campaign criminal probe emerge	10 Insanely Overpaid Employees (The Fiscal T
Cout date set in sex-abuse case involving West De	Stunning Pictures of Star Olivia Newton Jo

Pere... Boys soccer: Preble

midfielder Garcia named to...

Is It the End of Stainless Steel? (Oven Info)

Family News)

**/**uch Think

d Public Times)

'Grease' ohn... (Lonny)

Try These Slow Cooker Shortcuts (Around the Table)

The 12 Worst Supermarkets in America (The Fiscal Times)

[?]

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

#### Careers with Gannett

If you are interested in working for an innovative media company, you can learn more by visiting:

**Gannett Careers** 

### **MOST POPULAR**

- 1. Alderman's conduct questioned on holiday Foxy Lady cruise
- 2. Ticket demand down for Packers-Vikings
- 3. Notebook: Packers likely to keep feeding ball to rookie Lacy
- 4. IRS investigates LeRoy Butler charity
- 5. 2 women arrested in Fond du Lac man's disappearance
- 6. Kendra Meinert column: Is it high time to Make Green Bay Weird?
- 7. Prep basketball: Schwartz scores 17 as West De Pere beats Trojans

### ARCHIVES

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Monday, Nov. 18

Sunday, Nov. 17

Saturday, Nov. 16

See our paid archives

for news older than a

Friday, Nov. 15

week.

days

#### See all Events View the last seven

SAT 23 SUN 24 22 Yesterday, Nov. 21 Wednesday, Nov. 20

THINGS TO DO

**Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous** Website

MON 25 TUE 26

#### Alter Egos

John Michael Kohler Arts Center Sheboygan, Wisconsin

#### **Cans for Kids**

Park-West Pediatric Dental Assoc. Green Bay, WI

Site Map | Back to Top

#### NEWS

PACKERS Databases Home page Special reports News Door County Advocate Gameday LIVE! De Pere Journal Roster Features Oconto County Reporter Kewaunee County Star-News Commentary Corrections Fan Zone National news Chat with reporters

#### SPORTS

Packers Baseball UWGB/St. Norbert Clubhouse Live Youth Sports Varsity Hockey Racing

### BUSINESS

Submit a new business Stock quotes

LIVING Family Time Food for Thought More Lifestyle Milestones Yard MD

#### HELP

Contact us Subscribe **Customer Services** Advertise with Press-Gazette Media Careers with Gannett Business Opportunity-**Delivery Routes** Our Commitment

#### FOLLOW US

Twitter Facebook

WED 27

## Mobile

RSS

E-mail Alerts

How to mix Thanksgiving up without sacrificing tradition | Press Gazette ...

http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/viewart/20131122/GPG0504/311...

TOS/VIDEOS o library streams o galleries o reprints	Schedule Merchandise <b>OBITUARIES</b> Today's obituaries In memoriams	Outdoors Other Sports OPINION Editorials Letters to the editor	Event calendar Submit events to calendar YOU Magazine Technology Puzzles	Manage My Subscription Activate your subscription About Us	
e reprints We See It blog	Door County Advocate obituaries	Submit letter to editor			
article archive e photos, videos	De Pere Journal obituaries Kewaunee County Star-Ne obituaries Oconto County Reporter obituaries				

Appleton Post-Crescent | Fond du Lac Reporter | Green Bay Press-Gazette | Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter | Marshfield News Herald | Oshkosh Northwestern Packersnews | Sheboygan Press | Stevens Point Journal | Wausau Daily Herald | Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune | Door County Advocate | Wisconsin Outdoor Fun

## GANNETT

Copyright © 2013 www.greenbaypressgazette.com. All rights reserved. Users of this site agree to the Terms of Service, Privacy Notice/Your California Privacy Rights, and Ad Choices