

Students venture across country for family, turkey

Thanksgiving day is even more meaningful after hours on the road

Thanksgiving. A time when families get together and celebrate each other, (or stuff their faces if that's how you look at it.) Most of us will go maybe as far as a two-hour ride, but some of us will go a little farther. Students Cody Welsch '12 and Zach Mansell '10 are going just a bit further than just to grandma's house. Try clear across the country.

"It's a 12-hour drive and we have to leave at like 3 or 4 in the morning," said Welsch, who travels to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the holiday.

"I only get to see my family like 3 or 4 times a year so I really enjoy going there when I get to," said Mansell whose

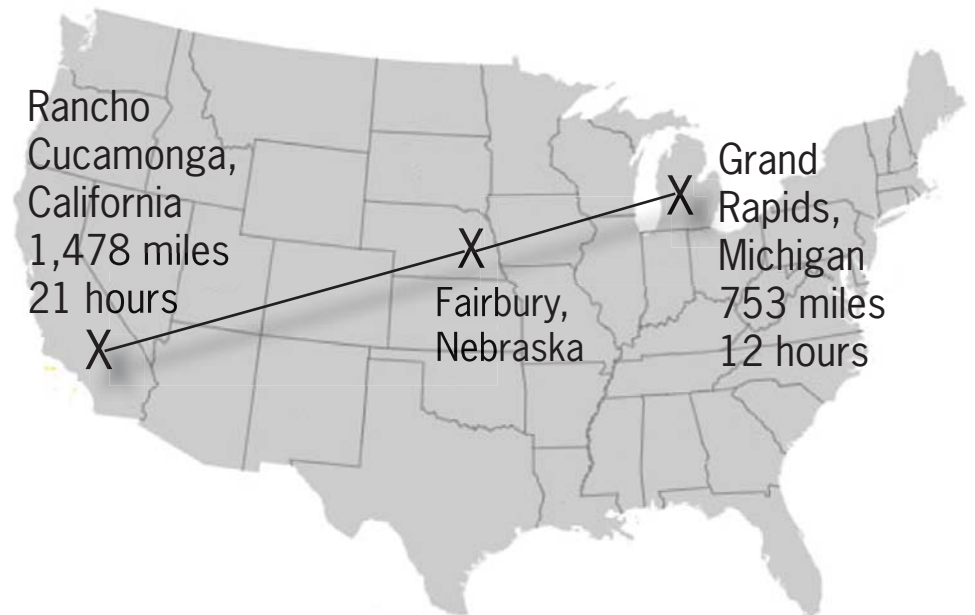
family resides in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Being able to go to another part of the country means enjoying things you can't do in Fairbury.

"We go to the beach, go to the skate parks, and just enjoy the warm weather," said Mansell.

"We go shopping at the mall in Grand Rapids. It's huge! We also go fishing on Lake Michigan," Welsch said.

While the factors such as warm weather and fun activities you can't do here in Fairbury might be exciting, but what is the real reason people go cross country for Thanksgiving? The answer is family. - **Thomas Horky**



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