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**Home Cooking Programs Come to Westside Community Center**

**New Braunfels, TX** - Getting into the holiday spirit, the Westside Community Center (WCC) offers free cooking programs in November. On Saturday, November 5th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the executive chef of Comal Independent School District, Chef Mario Perez, will present "Safe Holiday Cooking." He will demonstrate techniques for preparing and deboning a turkey, and will make gravy, dressing, and cranberry sauce from scratch.

Participants will get to sample turkey and side dishes while learning about the perils of food-borne illnesses and how to avoid them during the holiday season. Door prizes include a frozen turkey.

Participants should pre-register for this event through the library's online calendar ([www.nbtexas.org/library](http://www.nbtexas.org/library)) or by calling 830-221-4301 or 830-221-4630.

"Chef Mario's programs are always fun and educational," said Alix Samuels, WCC Librarian. "You leave feeling like a better cook, even if you didn't lift a finger!"

On Monday, November 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension presents "Dinner Tonight: a Healthy Cooking School." Participants can learn to prepare easy, nutritious, and cost-efficient meals for the entire family. Free tickets for the cooking school are available in advance by calling 830-221-4630.

"These programs promise to bring a warm, family fun environment right to your taste buds. We're so excited to be able to offer such amazing cooking events this coming holiday season," said Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Hernandez.

For additional information, contact Ms. Hernandez at 830-221-4630 or Alix Samuels at 830-221-4301.

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