The 4-H Front

December 2016

Brooks County

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Ranch Rodeo & Winter Rodeo

Silver Wings & Westside 4-H Club presents Winter Showdown Kid's Ranch Rodeo on December 17, 2016 at the Sheriff's Posse Arena. Registration begins at 10:00 am with Ranch Rodeo beginning at 11:00 am. Ages are 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11

$100 entry Fee and the Events are:

⇒ Christmas Ribbon Pull
⇒ Wagon Race
⇒ Branding Rudolph
⇒ Santa Goat Dressing

However, Partners don't leave the fairgrounds just yet, we are also having a Christmas Winter Fest also hosted by Silver Wings and Westside 4-H Clubs.

The Winterfest will begin at 6 p.m and end at 10 pm. Santa will be present at the fairgrounds as well as Moon Jumps, train rides, Lots of traditional foods and games.

Vendors: $30 for a 10X10 or $40 for 20X20 space. Spots still available.

For additional information please contact Monique Jimenez at (361) 522-5214 or Lisa Molina Montalvo.

Candyland Illuminated Parade a Huge Success!

The City of Falfurrias hosted their annual Illuminated night parade on December 2, 2016 and despite the drizzling rain we managed to make it a fun event. Our fierce leader Jessica Hernandez of Jessica's Wreath planned, and implemented the cute theme of Gingerbreads in "Candyland". The Brooks County 4-H Float was designed with Gingerbread in mind. We worked hard for two weeks to make it a wonderful experience for all our youth. The 4-H float won the City Councilman's Choice Award. A Big Thank you to Jessica Hernandez, Nora Salinas, Helna Carrera, Jamie Garza, and the endless Volunteers that came in daily to assist with the many Gingerbreads.

BCFA News & Information

- ⇒ BCFA Validation is scheduled for December 10, 2016 for Market Swine, Breeding Gilt, Aged Horse, Colt, Filly, Yearling/Breeding Heifer, Dairy Yearling and Breeding Heifer. Validations are from 8-11 am at the fairgrounds.
- ⇒ If you need a kid show Animal, Please let us know before Kid show validation on January 28, 2017. Contact Vic Cantu if you need assistance.
- ⇒ Rabbit Validation January 28, 2017 show barn from 8-11
- ⇒ Home Economics Validation is also scheduled for January 28, 2017 from 8-11.
- ⇒ BCFA also has a Facebook page for additional information of the events that are coming up.
- ⇒ BCFA Validation Fees $40.00 membership fee, $10 Validation fee per project per division, 10 fundraiser tickets worth $100 must sell or buy and any balance owed on unsold tickets will be deducted from exhibitors auction check.
- ⇒ Ag Day will be January 7, 2017 @ 10:00 am till 1:00 pm
- ⇒ **A BIG REMINDER FROM THE BCFA BOARD MEMBERS, AG ADVISIORS AND 4H ADVISORS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR ANIMALS WARM, DRY AND FED DURING THE WINTER DAYS…. OUR WEATHER ISN'T LIKE MOST, NONETHELESS PLEASE KEEP THEM FED, HYDRATED AND WARM. VISITS CAN HAPPEN AT ANY TIME!!!**

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 BCISD Christmas	7	8Club Meeting @ 5:30	9	10Validation Swine, Horse,
11	12	13 LGISD School Pro-	14 Westside EEA Christ-	15Food Handlers Course	16	17Winterfest & Ranch Ro-
18	19Baking with Friends	20 Office Closed staff	21Baking with Friends	22 Christmas party & Carol-	23 Office Closed for	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Office Closed for	27	28	29	30	31

Walk Across Texas & 2nd Annual Wings of Wellness 5K Run/Walk

2nd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk "Wings of Wellness" Saturday, February 18, 2017

Ed Rachal Memorial Golf Course

Phone: 361-325-4402 Ext 322 — Fax: 361-325-4157 —Email: csalinas@ag.tamu.edu

Race Coordinators: Celia Gonzalez, Vic Cantu & Be Well Brooks County HST Coalition

DATE: February 18, 2017
TIME: 8:00 a.m. Place: Ed Rachal Memorial Golf Course
PLACE: 401 E. Travis Street, Falfurrias Texas
Entry Fees: 5K Run/Walk $20.00 Youth $10.00
Award(s): Medals: top 3 in each age division
Trophies for both male and female Overall Winners.

Vendors welcome to set up a booth free of charge.
Bring goodies and or samples … AdvoCare, it works, Herbalife, GNC, etc…

Volunteer Response Form

Families interested in assisting with the Holiday Events:

Ranch Rodeo & Winter Fest

- ☐ Ranch Rodeo
- ☐ Winter Fest
- ☐ Games & Moon jump

Baking with Friends

- ☐ 8-10 am
- ☐ 1-3 pm
- ☐ All day

Christmas Caroling

- ☐ Trailer Chaperones
- ☐ Carolers
- ☐ Hot Chocolate

Christmas Party

- ☐ Set up
- ☐ Clean UP
- ☐ All Day

Comments:

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TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

Dates to Remember:

- ⇒ **Military Christmas Cards & Ornament Decoration on 12/08/2016 after Club meeting, courthouse annex**
- ⇒ **Westside & Silver Wings Club meeting on 12/08/2016 @ 5:30 pm courthouse annex**
- ⇒ **Kids Ranch Rodeo & Winter Fest 12/17/2016**
- ⇒ **Baking with Friends 12/19/2016 at 10 am and 1 pm courthouse annex make and take. Bring a container**
- ⇒ **Christmas Party "Italian" 12/22/2016 show barn at 5:30 Gift Exchange for youth who want to participate.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS… GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Healthy South Texas & Better Living for Texas

Happy Holidays to all from the BLT office. WE have a healthier version of an all time favorite for you to enjoy with your families.

This homemade cranberry pecan sauce is an easy and flavorful twist on a staple holiday dish. If you want to avoid using canned cranberry sauce, or you just want to try something new, here is a great recipe to try this year. This homemade cranberry pecan sauce is easy to make, and the mix of cranberries, citrus, and spices gives this sauce a great mix of sweet and tart flavors....

Homemade Cranberry Pecan Sauce

Ingredients:

1 cup water
1 cup artificial sucralose (for example, Splenda®)
1 16-ounce bag cranberries fresh or frozen
1 cup apple chopped
1 cup pecans chopped
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 orange juiced
1 teaspoon orange zest
1/2 lemon juiced
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg ground

Combine water and artificial sucralose in a large sauce pan and bring contents to a boil. Add Cranberries and return to a rolling boil.
Once boiling lower, the heat in order for the liquid to simmer. Then add the remaining ingredients. Cook for an additional 10-15 minutes.
Remove the sauce pan from the heat and let it cool. Serve with Turkey or our favorite holiday meal!