

Family and Community Health “Connections” in Taylor County

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October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Every October, schools and organizations across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal: encourage schools, communities and organizations to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying and put an end to hatred and racism by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying on children of all ages.

Monday, October 5th 2020

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Anti-bullying activities include STOMP Out Bullying™'s signature campaign **World Day of Bullying Prevention™** on the first Monday of every October – this year on Monday, October 5th. Watch for our public service announcements by featured celebrities!

This is your chance to make bullying prevention heard around the world! You can begin to change the culture by putting an end to Bullying and Cyberbullying!



Halloween Tips during COVID-19

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- ◆ Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house



Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Traveling to a [rural](#) fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

Pumpkin Chili

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup yellow onion chopped
- 1 cup green bell peppers chopped
- 1/2 cup jalapeno, seeded and chopped
- 1 Tbsp garlic minced
- 1 lb. extra lean ground beef
- 1- 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with the liquid
- 1 cup water
- 1- 15 oz can pumpkin puree
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1- 15 oz can kidney beans rinsed and drained

Instructions

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium high heat
2. Add onion, bell pepper, jalapenos, and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until tender
3. Add lean beef and cook until browned
4. Add tomatoes, pumpkin, water, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper, and bring to a boil
5. Reduce heat to medium low and add beans
6. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 30 minutes. Ladle chili into bowls and serve

Nutrition Facts

Amount per Serving

Calories 238

Calories from fat 72

	%Daily Value
Total Fat 8g	12%
Saturated Fat 2g	10%
Polyunsaturated Fat 2g	
Monosaturated Fat 3g	
Cholesterol 40 mg	13%
Sodium 438 mg	18%
Potassium 736 mg	21%
Total Carbohydrates 23g	8%
Dietary Fiber 7g	28%
Sugars 6g	
Protein 23g	46%
Vitamin A	242%
Vitamin C	90%
Calcium	7%
Iron	15%



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How can you reduce your risk or manage chronic disease? Texas A&M AgriLife Agents from District 6 & 7 are excited to offer the topics listed below. We want to give you tools to make a healthier YOU! Click to join us at 6PM CST on Thursdays.

- October 1 : Cancer Prevention
- October 8 : Heart Health - Cholesterol
- October 15 : Heart Health - Sodium
- October 22 : Diabetes - Manage your Carbs
- October 29 : Physical Activity
- November 5 : Stress Management

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Tips for Halloween Safety

- Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflexive tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help kids see and be seen by drivers.
- Join kids under the age of 12 for trick-or-treating.
- Slow down and be alert! Kids are excited on Halloween and may dart into the street. Turn on headlights early in the day to spot kids from farther away.
- Remind kids to cross the street at corners and crosswalks.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls. Choose face paint over masks when possible. Masks can limit children’s vision.

<https://safekids.org/halloween>

