



Thanks to our January Volunteers

It is winter and things do tend to slow down around the office, but work continues on many fronts, especially youth education. As always I want to offer my sincere thanks to a few folks that have been working alongside me:

Jack LaBarge, Norman Boyd, Mike Mitchell, Theresa Dent, Dale Bidy, Connie Wooldridge, Teri Austin, and Kay McPherson.



If you want to know more about this program or become involved in the effort, please call my office at 361-552-9747. I would love to talk with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OLG School Valentine's Gala,

February 19th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, call school office for details 361-552-6140.

TPWD Hunting & Fishing

Regulations Hearing, March 10, 2011 in the Ag Auditorium. Starts at 7:00 pm

Adopt-a-Beach Spring Clean up

Saturday, April 30th. Save the date. More information to come or visit

<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/>



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Camels in Texas?!

On May 10, 1855, Maj. H. C. Wayne received the special presidential assignment. He traveled ahead to study continental use of camels. After trafficking down the North African coast and spending \$12,000 for desirable beasts, he returned with thirty-three camels, three Arabs, and two Turks. Thirty-two of the camels, plus one calf born at sea, arrived at Indianola, Texas, on April 29, 1856, but because of bad weather and shallow water they were not unloaded until May 13.

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/quc01>

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

BROILED FISH WITH HERB SAUCE

1 pound fish steaks or fillets
¼ cup dry white wine
1 tbs chopped fresh parsley
1 tbs margarine
¼ teaspoon fine herbs
1 clove minced garlic

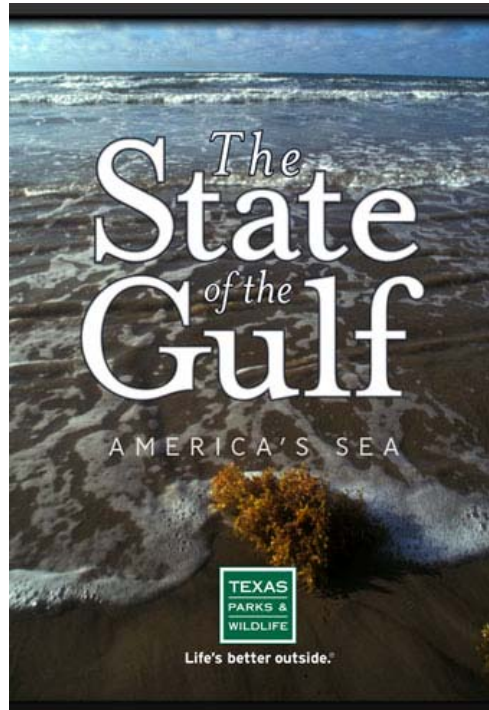
In a saucepan, combine margarine, wine, parsley, herbs and garlic. Heat slowly until margarine is melted. Place fish on broiler pan and brush fish with sauce. Broil 4 inches from heat source for 5 minutes. Turn carefully, brush with sauce and broil 2 minutes longer. Fish is done when solid white and flakes, but is still juicy. Makes 4 servings. (The only trick is to use good quality fish.)

Adopt-a-Beach Children's Art Contest

The 2011 Children's Art Contest is currently underway and the Texas General Land Office is looking forward to receiving artwork from the children that expresses what they love and treasure most about our beautiful Texas coast. The contest ends on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Details are at

<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/artcontest.html>

The State of the Gulf



The Gulf of Mexico is much more than the simple sum of the parts along the shoreline of five states. It is a grand, interconnected water body that spans five states and portions of three countries. Debuting in February, the one-hour documentary, **The State of the Gulf – America's Sea**, has the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department diving right in to explore this vast body of water. Check local listings and learn more at <http://texasthestateofwater.org/>

Rumor has it that two of Calhoun County's game wardens make cameos

Hello, Master Naturalists

Lester Harlow from the Piney Wood Lakes Chapter has put together the first ever TMN Podcast. If you have any specific questions about the podcast please contact Lester.

Hopefully the podcast will be informative for you as Master Naturalist to learn about fellow Master Naturalists, chapters and their projects. Chapters: please feel free to use the podcast as a way of communicating to others what you do.

The Podcast is available on iTunes as: Texas Master Naturalist Podcast

It's also available with this link:

<http://tmnpodcast.libsyn.com/webpage>

That link gets the page that has the show notes for each episode. You'll see a small *pod* icon just below the date; click that and the podcast will download and play.

This newsletter is available online @

<http://calhoun-tx.tamu.edu>

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