



Thank you for your help.

A great start to 2012 with more volunteers helping to support the coastal community outreach and education programs in Calhoun County.

Volunteers are special people who give of their time and talents, like those listed here:

Jack LaBarge, Joe Surovik, Theresa Dent, Karen Lyssy, Shelly Crow, Charlie Jones, Sherrie Krause, Brian Franck, Leslie Hartman, Donna Younger, Tom Andrews, Bill Cordell, Katherine Dent, Jeanine Kainer, Monica Hernandez, Herb Wittliff, and Norman Boyd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Crab Trap Clean up: February 17-26

Drop off sites in all bay systems along the Texas coast. [See inside for details.](#)

Social Science for Coastal Decision-Making: February 15 to 16, 2012

Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/socialcoastforum/index.html>

OLG Valentine Gala: Saturday, February 18 @ 6:00 pm

Where in the world is Amelia Earhart? Join the Mariners at the Calhoun Air Center for great food and fun. Call 361-552-6140, ext 6 for details.

Grace Episcopal Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 21 serving from 5 p.m. — 7 p.m. Cost \$5.00 per plate.

IN THE NEWS:

Healthy Coasts Key to Healthy Economies – UNEP (E&E News - 1/25/12): Coastal nations should improve management of their marine zones to improve their economic outlook and limit poverty, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) says in a new report on ocean health. In "[Green Economy in a Blue World](#)," UNEP argues that cleaner seas and coasts translate into more tourism, healthy fisheries, and better transportation.



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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Heart Cockle

Corculum cardissa or the heart cockle is a species of marine bivalve found in the Indo-Pacific region. These heart shaped shells are strong, compact, and can be rolled over the sands and banged about without any damage to the mollusk living inside.

http://musingsofaseawitch.blogspot.com/2009/08/white-shell-wednesday_26.html

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

CRAB MEAT GUACAMOLE

½ pound blue crab meat
½ tsp. hot pepper sauce
¼ tsp. salt
2 ripe and mashed avocados
2 tbs. each mayonnaise, lemon
juice and grated onion.

Combine all ingredients, mix well and
chill. Makes about 2 cups of dip.

Sea Grant Works to:

Ensure the sustainability of fisheries:

Engage harvesters, recreational fisherman,
producers and managers in ways to
minimize threats, and enhance the
productivity and management of wild
fisheries.

Support a viable domestic seafood

industry: Provide innovative approaches
and techniques that ensure financial
competitiveness and environmental
responsibility.

Ensure the health and safety of

seafood: Enhance training and technical
assistance programs related to the
application of standards for safe domestic
and imported seafood.



Crab Trap Clean Up

It's that time again; time for all you
abandoned crab trap haters to take your
frustrations out on the enemy: abandoned
crab traps. The crabbing closure will be
February 17th-26th. The Big Party will be
Saturday February 18th, weather permitting.

In the San Antonio Bay System we are
planning for the same sites as last year:
Charlie's at the end of Lane Road where
Neal and Karen Gray have graciously
allowed us to use a corner of their parking
lot in years past, and the TPWD docks in
POC at Maple and 16th Streets.

If you are coming to the Port O'Connor
site by vehicle please use the Maple Street
entrance. Norman's new facility is under
construction and the 16th Street entrance is
occupied by the ongoing works.

As in past years there will also be many
other trap drop-off sites in other bay
systems. Contact your local TPWD
Coastal Fisheries Office for more
information.

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