



### Calhoun County for another great year!

Look at any program or project, and you will find that it is the volunteers that make the difference between just completion and a successful outcome. December was a great way to end the year with more valuable hours contributed by citizens of Calhoun County. As always, my sincerest appreciation goes to:

Leonard Pokluda (aka Mr. P), Joel Arellano (aka Coach A), Jack LaBarge, Debbie Dugan, Christian Lozano, Connie Wooldridge, Theresa Dent, and Betty Cummins.



Great job, Calhoun County! We recycled **35 pounds** of used fishing line during 2010. That's enough to **stretch in between Port Lavaca and Fulton.**

Keep up the great work and if you want to know more about the program or become involved in the effort, please call my office. I would love to talk with you.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **TPWD Scoping Meeting on Trout**

Agriculture Bldg Auditorium at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds, January 6, 2011. Starts at 7 p.m.. Details at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20101222b>

#### **Houston Boat Show**

January 7-16, 2011 @ Reliant Center  
<http://www.houstonboatshows.com/>

#### **Texas Aquaculture Association**

**Conference & Trade Show** in Bay City:  
January 27-30, 2011.  
[www.texasaquaculture.org](http://www.texasaquaculture.org)



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### Crochet Coral Reef

The Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef is a woolly celebration of the intersection of higher geometry and feminine handicraft, and a testimony to the disappearing wonders of the marine world. Created and curated by Christine Wertheim and Margaret Wertheim of the Institute For Figuring. The Crochet Reef is a unique fusion of art, science, mathematics, handicraft and community practice that may well be the largest community art project in the world. Learn more about this incredible project at <http://crochetcoralreef.org/about/index.php>

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

## **FESTIVE FILLETS**

2 pounds skinless fillets  
½ cup French dressing  
1½ cup crushed cheese crackers  
2 tbsls canola oil  
Paprika

Cut fillets into serving-size portions. Place dressing in one flat pan and crushed crackers in another. Dip fish in dressing, then press into cracker crumbs on both sides. Place fish in a well-greased baking pan and drizzle with oil. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes per inch of fish thickness, or until fish is opaque. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

### **Best practices on mapping human uses of the ocean**

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The US National Marine Protected Areas Center has released a 12-page manual on best practices for mapping human uses of the ocean. Designed to inform marine spatial planning, the manual is principally based on lessons learned from the Center's participatory GIS-based process to map human uses in waters off the state of California. The brief but informative manual walks readers through a step-by-step process of planning and managing workshops with local experts and stakeholders, as well as processing and mapping data from those workshops.

The National MPA Center (in partnership with the Marine Conservation Biology Institute) has also released an online mapping tool to help people visualize the results of its project to map California ocean uses. The California Ocean Uses Atlas online mapping tool and the manual *Mapping Human Uses of the Ocean* are available at [www.mpa.gov](http://www.mpa.gov). Could Texas be next?

### **XEROX is doing something cool**

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[www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com) If you go to this web site, you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is FREE and it only takes a second.



### **Adopt-a-Beach Children's Art Contest**

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The 2011 Children's Art Contest is currently underway and the Texas General Land Office is 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>

### **Oyster Recycling**

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### **IT'S HABITAT FORMING**

The Oyster Shell Recycling program was formally launched at a media event on November 17, 2009 at Water Street Oyster Bar in downtown Corpus Christi, Texas. This innovative program recycles large quantities of shells from restaurants that are typically carted off to the landfill and puts them back where they are needed the most – on oyster reefs, where they provide hard structures for young oysters to attach and grow. For more information on the Oyster Shell Recycling Project, visit [oysterrecycling.org](http://oysterrecycling.org), which is being developed to include information on oyster shell recycling and project updates.

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

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