



Thank you all for another great month!

I had a lot of help with special projects since last month's newsletter.

Stash your Trash: mesh bags soon to be distributed to boaters and beach goers were completed by these students of Ms. Weaver's: Melissa Ureste, Mario Baldera, Ray Baldera, Paul Ocanas, Kendal Rodriguez, Katrina Morales, Tyler Ham, and Brittani Escobar.

Trash tally: These students of Ms. Hunter totaled our data cards for the beach cleanup: Andra Allen, Cody Barton, Tyler Blinka, Madalyn Bumpurs, Joshua Curry, Zeke Dierlam, Richard Francis, Christopher Galindo, Angelica Garcia, Ivette Garcia, Collin Haynes, Michael Jaycox, Pia Keske, Rebecca Kiser, Payton Koranek, Joshua Leal, Brittany Longoria, Steven Menchaca, Stephanie Mistich, Elizabeth Navarrette, Rosalia Padilla,

Karen Rios, Shelby Rodgers, Eraina Ruiz, Jordan Saucillo, Derek Sparks, Erick Torres, Zane Van Cleave, and Ezekiel Velasquez.

Bayfront Cleanup: Mariners from Our Lady of the Gulf cleaned up with Mrs. Lyssy: Dillon Janecka, Mason Elgin, CJ Carmicael, Christian Lozano, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Tristin Philips, and Kevin Holdgraf.

Swan Point Cleanup: Members of **Lakeside 4-H club** including Canon Epley, Drew Rivera, Ethan Wooldrige, and their Moms. Dorothy Engeseth of Seadrift and her friend Victor also helped the club.

Thanks also to Sherrie Krause, Jim Munro, Mike Mitchell and David Zelinski for their help with ongoing projects. And special thanks goes to the members of **4-H Council** for helping to promote fishing and mono-filament recycling with their exhibit at the fair.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Puddle Duck Racer

If you have ever thought about building your own boat, then visit this website: www.pdracer.com. This little boat might very well be the easiest boat to build. For an average of \$300, you can build this one design racing sailboat in your garage or backyard using simple tools. I made one and displayed it at the county fair; maybe you saw it in the commercial building. Yet the best part is their motto: **cheap, creative, and having fun on the water.** *Is any one up for 4-H Sailing?*

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

OYSTER AND MUSHROOM SOUP

- 1 pint shucked oysters
- 1 ½ cups sliced mushrooms
- ½ cup coarsely chopped onions
- ¾ cup chicken broth
- 4 tbs. margarine
- ¼ tsp. each of thyme, salt, pepper
- 1 tbs. chopped chives
- 1 cup light cream
- ¾ cup milk
- ¼ cup dry white wine

In a large saucepan, sauté; onion in margarine until translucent. Add mushrooms and sauté 2 to 3 minutes more. Add oysters, broth and heat without boiling until oysters curl. Stir in remaining ingredients and heat throughout. Makes 4 servings.

No flounder gigging in November

Please remember that during the month of November, flounder fishing is allowed by **rod and reel only**, with no gigging allowed, and the bag limit has been reduced to **two fish**. These TPWD regulations, as well as the reduction of the bag limit to five fish during the rest of the year, went into effect Sept. 1.

Although flounder gigging is not allowed during the month of November and the bag limit will be reduced to two fish by rod and reel only, beginning Dec. 1, gigging will be allowed and bag limits will return to five for recreational fishermen and 30 for commercial fishermen.

For more information about the new flounder rules, anyone can contact TPWD Coastal Fisheries Outreach Specialists Tonya Wiley for the upper coast at Dickinson Marine Lab, tonya.wiley@tpwd.state.tx.us or (281) 534-0131; or Art Morris for the lower coast at the Corpus Christi Field Station, art.morris@tpwd.state.tx.us or (361) 825-3356.

2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest

Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise! Join over 63,000 fifth grade classrooms in learning about the importance of trees in our world! Don't miss out on this engaging opportunity to teach fifth grade students about the important role trees play in the production and conservation of energy! Download your free 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest materials and help foster the next generation of tree stewards. **Deadline: Friday, December 18, 2009.** For more information visit: <http://texasarbordaycontest.tamu.edu>

Upcoming events:

Texas Invasive Plant & Pest Conference, November 13 & 14, at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.
www.texasinvasives.org

Mid-Coast Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist, 4th Quarter meeting and elections at Coletto Creek Park and Reservoir: Nov. 14 @ 10 a.m.

Port Lavaca's Festival of Lights Parade, December 4th @ 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Rednecks & Reindeer".

Texas Aquaculture Association Conference & Trade Show in Bay City: January 27-30, 2010.
www.texasaquaculture.org

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