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### **Volunteer service is worth money.**

AgriLife Extension tracks and calculates the monetary value of volunteer service in each county. For 2011, Calhoun County had 464 volunteers who contributed a total of 5,760 hours. Using the hourly value of \$21.36 for volunteer time (provided by Independent Sector) local volunteers contributed \$123,033.60 to county programs in 2011. WOW!!!

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### **Upcoming Events**

**April 14: Rally on the River @ Bay City's** Riverside Park. Contact Donna at [dayounger@att.net](mailto:dayounger@att.net) or 979-240-3640 for more information.

**April 13-15: “Women in the Wild”** Port Bay Hunting and Fishing Club in Rockport. For more information and to register visit

[www.townrockport.org/Women-in-the-Wild-2011.html](http://www.townrockport.org/Women-in-the-Wild-2011.html).

**April 16-19: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting.** Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi. More details at

[http://www.gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/index.php](http://www.gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/index.php)

**April 21: Paddlesports America** class here at the Bauer Community Center in Port Lavaca from 1- 5pm. Contact Anne Lockwood at 361-790-5956 (home) or 361- 230-0289 (cell). The cost is \$15.00 (Note this is a change from April 7<sup>th</sup>.)

**April 28: Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup**, 9 a.m. to noon. Details at <http://www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/> Magnolia Beach clean up is from 9-11 a.m. Check in at the Crabbin’ Bridge.



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### **Kemp's Ridley Turtle**

Adult Kemp's Ridelys are considered the smallest marine turtle in the world. Each of the front flippers has one claw while the back flippers may have one or two. Female Kemp's Ridelys nest from May to July, laying two to three clutches of approx. 100 eggs, which incubate for 50-60 days. Adult Kemp's primarily occupy "neritic" habitats. Neritic zones typically contain muddy or sandy bottoms where prey can be found. Their diet consists mainly of swimming crabs, but may also include fish, jellyfish, and an array of mollusks)

<http://www.deepseawaters.com/kemp-ridley-sea-turtle.htm>

# PEPPERED SHRIMP WITH BALSAMIC STRAWBERRIES

1 cup long grain rice  
1 pound Texas shrimp, peeled and deveined  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
1 tsp. kosher salt  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
1 pound strawberries, hulled and cut in half  
Fresh tarragon for garnish

Cook the rice according to the directions on the package.

In the meantime, place the shrimp, extra virgin oil, pepper, and salt in a bowl and toss until the shrimp is coated well; set aside.

Heat a large sauté pan over high heat. Pour in the balsamic vinegar and cook for 2 minutes. Add the strawberries, coat with the vinegar, and continue cooking for another minute. Add the shrimp and stir well to combine. Cook for about 2 minutes.

Serve the shrimp and strawberries atop the rice and garnished with chopped tarragon.

**Serves 4 -6.**

Created by Chef Michael H. Flores.

<http://www.txshrimp.org/Recipes.aspx>

## Sea Grant Works to:

### **Promote widespread understanding:**

Assess short and long-term risk for residents and businesses and ensure that forecast and other information is available and useful to help save lives.

**Prepare Communities:** Help communities plan to reduce risk; pinpoint vulnerabilities and use technologies to prepare for and mitigate hazards.

**Respond to coastal catastrophes:** Make products and services available to support crisis decision-making, mobilize our network to provide rapid response strategies, and partner with emergency responders.

## Coastal Community Resilience Index

The CRI addresses 6 categories of planning and response (Critical Infrastructure and Facilities, Transportation Issues, Community Plans and Agreements, Mitigation Measures, Business Plans, and Social Systems) through a framework using a notable storm of record and the scenario of a worse storm. Not only are existing plans addressed, but the CRI reaches outside of typical planning to discuss mitigation, experience levels, and partnerships within the community. Most importantly, completion of the CRI is accomplished through conversations with key planning participants, lead by a trained facilitator, and using tools to help visualize current planning and response needs.

## Vessel Safety Check

Attention all boaters: as the weather warms up and more of you hit the bays, you might want to consider a vessel safety check. What is a vessel safety check, you ask? It is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. A trained specialist will be coming in May if there is enough interest. Please sign up by calling the Extension Office at 361-552-9747.

## Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program (MRRP)

In 2011, Calhoun County volunteers returned 42.75 pounds of used fishing line to Berkley Fishing in Iowa. GREAT job everyone. Call the office if you would like to learn more about this program and how you can help.



This newsletter is also available online @ <http://calhoun.agrilife.org/newsletters/coastal-and-marine-resources/>

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