



### Volunteers make all the difference.

Several wonderful volunteers have worked in July to help with various programs including the monofilament recovery and recycling project:

Theresa Dent, Norman Boyd, Herb Wittliff, Sherrie Krause, Mike Mitchell, Charlie Jones, Jack LaBarge, Karen Lyssy, Erin Dent, Natalie Lyssy, Katherine Dent, Alan Reeb, Port O'Connor Rods, Ryan Damborsky, Tim Dent, Bill Cordell, Leslie Hartman, Howdy and Frances Hartzog, and the Indianola Fishing Marina.

### Upcoming Events

**August 4: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual David Heard Memorial Hardhead Derby.** Youth fishing tournament from 8-11 a.m. at the Port Lavaca Bayfront Peninsula Park. Registration starts at 7 a.m.

**August 11-12: Cannonball Run Regatta** (In Memory of Roberta Ripke). Come to the Palacios bayfront and watch talent, young sailors compete on the Texas Sailing Association's Youth Circuit.

**August 13: Family Kayaking Night** at the park in Point Comfort from 6-8 p.m. Join Rhonda for a basic kayak class on the bay.

**August 31: Blue Moon.** The second full moon occurring within a calendar month is called a Blue Moon. The last blue moon was seen on December 31, 2009. Far from being a rare event, this phenomenon occurs once every three years on average.

**September 22: Annual Fall Clean up** at Magnolia Beach. Learn more at <http://www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/>



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



### School will be starting soon

As we move into August, we move towards the start of the new school year. Please be careful as you drive around town and watch out for our youth. Calhoun County ISD classes will resume August 27<sup>th</sup>. Students at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School will begin classes on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

FROM

<http://www.ncseagrant.org/home/coastwat ch?task=showArticle&view=listarticles&id=746>

## CRAB-STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

- 1 cup back fin crabmeat
- 1 pound cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion, including tops
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- Fresh parsley sprigs

Remove any shell or cartilage from crabmeat.

Wash, dry and hollow tomatoes. Invert and drain on paper towels. In medium bowl, mix mayonnaise, onion and lemon juice. Add salt, pepper and Tabasco and stir. Gently fold in crabmeat. Stuff tomatoes. Chill thoroughly. Garnish serving dish with parsley sprigs. Makes 25 to 30 appetizers.

### Save water for Wildlife

Check out this excellent video produced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=e zg8DILkTtY&NR=1>

### Hurricane season might heat up

Chris Hebert of Impact Weather recently completed a study looking at the effects of the top 20 wettest and top 20 driest July's and the impacts of tropical activity on the upper TX coast in August-November of that year. For the 20 wettest July's, 13 tropical storms impacted the NW Gulf following that wet July versus 9 in the top 20 dry years. Even more astounding is that 11 hurricanes impacted following a wet July with only 4 in the dry years and 8 major hurricanes impacted the NW Gulf versus none following a dry July. To sum up the data following a wet July, there is a greater than 50% chance a hurricane will strike the TX/LA coast.

The reasoning of this makes sense, as a wet July strongly indicates a lack of strong high pressure over TX (much like this summer) usually with a weakness or trough in the height field aloft in this region. Tropical systems approaching from the south and east will flow toward this weakness in the ridge...hence unlike Howdyin 2011 when Texas was strongly protected by strong high pressure, this

year we are not and we will need to keep a very close eye on developments over the next 2 months.

### Useful links for hurricane season:

<http://www.dixwx.com/>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.stormpulse.com/>

<http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/hurricane-resources/>



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