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YOU

### Volunteers make the difference:

June was an incredible month for programs here in Calhoun County. The big event was a girl's summer camp on Matagorda Island. This new program, Women Have Options (WHO), was only possible because of the generosity of local industries and the tremendous efforts of volunteers.

Dow, Ineos, and the Trull Foundation all donated money to support the camp and follow up activities designed to help guide some local girls into science-related careers.

Karen Lyssy, Leslie Hartman, Sherrie Krause, Roberta Ripke, Tonya Nix and Terrie Looney all gave generously of their time and talents to help organize and complete the camp. Thank you all for your unique and individual contributions. Thanks also to Katherine Sutherland for driving the school bus to and from Fulton for the boat ride.

Other wonderful volunteers helped in other programs and committee work including:

Nick McHenry, Philip Bird, Jack Labarge, Lacey Eckberg, Shelly Crow, Theresa Dent, Debbie Dugan, Connie Wooldridge, Roxanna Crain, Bill Cordell, Tom Andrews, Devra Hunter, Jim Gilbert, David Zelinski, and Jeanine Kainer.

Special thanks to the Texas 200 finishers Kevin Allison of Houston and Jon Kowitz of Spokane, Washington for donating their puddle duck racers. Both gentlemen wanted me to have their little boats to use with teaching our local kids how to sail. **Watch out: 4-H SAILING is coming soon!**

### MRRP Update

With the end of the second quarter of 2010, another box of recovered monofilament has been shipped off for recycling. This box weighed 8 pounds. Using an average of 4,315 yards/lb based on the common 12 lb test, this equals approximately 103,560 feet or 19.6 miles of used fishing line that is no longer in our environment or in a landfill. **Keep using those bins!**



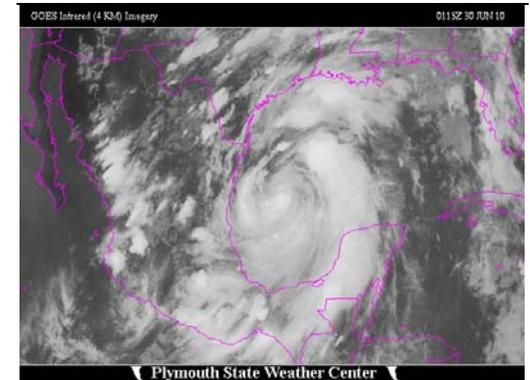
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*HAPPY JULY 4TH!*



**Hurricane Alex impacts Texas** (image from <http://www.dixwx.com/>)

This is the only the beginning of what has been forecasted as a very busy hurricane season. The conditions expected this year could produce 14-23 named storms, 8-14 hurricanes, 3-7 major (cat 3 or higher) hurricanes. Most importantly, it only takes one storm hitting your area to cause a disaster, regardless of the activity predicted in the seasonal outlook. Therefore, residents, businesses, and government agencies of coastal and near-coastal regions are urged to prepare every hurricane season regardless of this, or any other, seasonal outlook.

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml>

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

## SHRIMP AND ASPARAGUS SOUP

1 lb cooked shrimp or cooked, flaked fish  
½ cup long grain rice  
¼ tsp grated nutmeg  
1 tbs margarine  
1 small chopped onion  
5 cups chicken broth  
1 can (10 oz) chopped asparagus  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 cup chilled whipping cream

Melt margarine in large saucepan. Stir in rice and onion and sauté until rice is solid white, about 5 minutes. Add broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes. Gently stir in remaining ingredients and heat throughout.

Makes 6 servings.

### Please don't drink and boat

July 4th celebrations mean many boaters will be running at night. The challenge is that *small amounts of alcohol lower a boater's ability to discern moving objects, faint lights, and unlit objects on the water, and it also takes very little alcohol to affect a person's night vision.* Glare from a masthead light or the moon can

significantly impair night vision when blood alcohol levels are as low as 0.1%, or about half a beer. Alcohol also affects peripheral vision. Even small amounts affect a person's ability to judge the speed and distance of an approaching boat — all conditions expected on recreational boating's busiest traffic time of the year.

<http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=532>

### ATTENTION GULF SHRIMPERS

Even though there may be no visible signs of oil, the area may indeed be closed. NOAA has extended a "safety buffer" zone around waters containing oil and sheen. Together these two areas make up the Commercial and Recreational Fishing Closure Zone.

Due to wind, waves, and current, the fishing closure zone can and does change on a daily basis. Any changes to the closure are announced daily at 12 p.m. Eastern at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov> and take effect at 6 p.m. Eastern the same day.

Captains and vessel owners should call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current closure coordinates. You can also listen to NOAA Weather Radio for closure updates.

Captains and vessel owners may also choose to receive text messages via cell

phone. To sign up, text [fishing@gulf](mailto:fishing@gulf) to 84469. For more information visit- <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>

### Town Hall meeting July 7th

At 5 p.m. the Port Lavaca Parks Board will meet to gather input on their master parks plan. Hopefully you have filled in a survey to help this effort. City parks are very important to residents and visitors to our areas. They are also important for air quality and wildlife. The Board really needs input as they develop this important plan.

At 6 p.m. State Representative Todd Hunter will hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss the cruise industry and economic development. Please come hear what our elected official has to say.

### Horizon Oil Spill

To learn more and keep up with the latest facts visit <http://texas-sea-rant.tamu.edu/>

**Remember: Gulf Seafood is still safe and delicious. Buy some today!**

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