



Thanks a million!!!!

Spring has sprung and the work has begun. Lots of wonderful volunteers during April, including:

Doug Schiller, Dale Bidy, Nathan Henderson, Flora Hernandez, Gena Alvidres, Betty Cummins, Joe Surovik, Theresa Dent, Jim O'Neil, Mark Barefoot, Jim Gilbert, Teri Austin, Dorothy Engeseth, Liz Dykes, Priscilla Burts, Tim Dent, Karen Lyssy, Leslie Hartman, Jody Weaver, Lacey Ekberg, Morris Sadleir, Dylan Sassman, Brooke & Holly Behrens, Brantly, Cody, Philip Bird and Sherrie Krause.

FEDERAL WATERS OFF TEXAS CLOSED TO SHRIMPING ON MAY 15, 2010

NOAA Fisheries Service announces federal waters from 9 to 200 nautical miles off Texas will close to shrimp trawling at 30 minutes after official sunset, local time, on May 15, 2010, corresponding to the time Texas closes its waters to shrimp trawling.

The shrimp fishery is closed annually off Texas to allow brown shrimp to reach a larger and more valuable size prior to harvest, and to prevent waste of brown shrimp that might otherwise be discarded due to their small size.

The Texas closure ranges from 45 to 90 days. NOAA Fisheries Service will re-open federal waters off Texas when the state of Texas opens its territorial waters. Historically, the opening has been on or about July 15. If there is a need to adjust the July 15 date for the termination of the closure, notification of the revised termination date will be published in the Federal Register and in additional news bulletins.



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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



Indianola 1844-1886

A.k.a. Karlshaven by the first German Immigrants, this town was an important port of Texas. Cargoes of ships were hauled to and from points in Texas and Mexico by carts until 1860 when the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad and the Indianola Railroad were completed to Victoria. Indianola was partly destroyed with great loss of life by a hurricane on September 17, 1875. It was rebuilt but completely destroyed by another hurricane on August 20, 1886. (from historical marker by cistern)

From WWW.EATINGWELL.COM

MANGO SALSA

- 1 ripe mango, diced (1 1/2 cups)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

Combine mango, onion, lime juice, vinegar and cilantro in a medium bowl. Let stand for 15 minutes; stir before serving. The tropical flavors of this quick mango salsa complement chicken, pork or mild white fish.

Spring Clean Up was BIG Success

THANKS TO ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT TO HELP CLEAN UP THE CALHOUN COUNTY BEACHES AND SHORELINE.

Magnolia Beach had 190 volunteers that collected 3,800 lbs of trash along the 6 miles to Indianola. Port Lavaca had 46 volunteers that picked up 800 lbs of trash and assisted the marsh restoration project. Seadrift's 4-H club was in full force helping the Beach Guardian clean Swan Point Park. They collected 375 lbs of trash. Twenty-six Alcoa employees pitched in on the Thursday before the official cleanup collecting 3,450 lbs trash from the beach areas by the causeway going into Point Comfort. All total, **that's 287**

volunteers came out to help clean the beaches and shoreline of Calhoun County and collected approximately **8,425 lbs** of stuff. **AMAZING!** (This does not include Kingfisher Beach in Port O'Connor because Debbie Gayle is a separate coordinator for that location.)

THANKS ALSO TO THE AREA BUSINESSES WHO HELPED SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS:

Waste Management of Victoria, Port Lavaca Chamber of Commerce, Channel 25 Victoria Morning Show, Seadrift Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, Strictly Business, Port Lavaca Wave, Dolphin Talk, Port Lavaca Auto Group, KIKS FM radio 107.9, Texas Highway Department, Intoplast Group, Magnolia Beach VFD, J&T's One Stop, Jerry Dyke's Cooking Team, Precinct 4, and last but not least, The Trull Foundation of Palacios for their generous financial contribution.

Healthy Habitat Grant

Don't forget to follow the Travis Middle School Water Watchers as they continue their marsh restoration project. You can learn more about their project on their facebook page

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Service-Learning-Texas-Healthy-Habitats/160358328621#!/pages/Service-Learning-Texas-Healthy-Habitats/160358328621?v=app_10442206389

Puddle Duck Racer @ OLG

Check out our boat building project with the seventh graders at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School. www.olgmariners.org



Horizon Oil Spill

There is much information, some which is inaccurately reported, about the disaster on the offshore drilling rig and the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. To learn more and keep up with the latest facts visit this website set up by the Gulf State Sea Grant Programs: <http://gulfseagrant.tamu.edu/oilspill/index.htm>

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