



NOW HERE THIS...

Volunteers are Grrrrreat! Thanks for helping making August another successful month in Calhoun County.

If you see any of the follow folks, give them a well-deserved pat on the back:

Jack LaBarge, Connie Wooldridge, Erin Dent, Theresa Dent, Devra Hunter, Linda Rivera, Becky Gray, Norman Boyd, Karen Lyssy, Philip Bird, Barbara Campbell, Mike Mitchell, Bill Cordell, Jim Munro, Nathan Henderson, Dale Bidby, Shelly Crow, Herb Wittliff, Teri Austin, Sheree Smith, and Sherry Blakenship at Coastal Nail & Tool.

Special thanks go to Carline Burrier for donating the NEW acrylic fish tank that we used at the Hardhead Derby. We will have the same tank out at the Boy Scout Fish-a-ree in Point Comfort.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 4: Port Lavaca's 2nd Annual Flip Flop Festival. Come join the Chamber of Commerce at the Bayfront Peninsula for a great time

Saturday, September 25: Fall Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup @ various locations along the Texas Coast including Port O'Connor and Magnolia Beach. For details, call the office or visit <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/>

Friday, October 15, 2010: Free conservation easement workshop and tour of Lantana Ridge Ranch, in Goliad County. Spend the morning touring part of the 6,200-acre ranch, which was placed under a conservation easement in 2009. The tour will be followed by an afternoon workshop on conservation easements and a review of DU and USDA programs. To RSVP or for questions contact Janaé at: jreneaud@gbtrust.org or 830-660-3486.



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HAPPY LABOR DAY!



Coral Bean Plant

This is one of my favorite plants. I first noticed it near the La Salle monument on a kayak trip. This beautiful Texas native can survive in an out-of-the-way place in the landscape. Coral bean is drought-tolerant as well as moderately salt-tolerant. Frost or freezing weather will kill it back to the ground, but it reemerges each spring. Although the plant prefers rich, organic soil, it is tolerant of much less and does satisfactorily on sandy, well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade. Details at <http://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/2174/>. Photos copied from http://barrierislandgirl.blogspot.com/2009_04_01_archive.html

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

SHRIMP PUPPIES

- 2 cups cooked and shredded shrimp
- ¼ cup chopped green onions and tops
- 1 can (1 pound 1 ounce) cream style corn
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) jalapeno cornbread mix
- 1 finely chopped, fresh jalapeno pepper
- Oil for frying

Shred cooked shrimp in a food processor or chop finely with a knife. In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients. Heat oil to 365 degrees. Drop mixture by heaping teaspoonfuls into hot oil. Deep fry until golden brown. Remove from oil and drain on absorbent paper.

Makes 5 dozen puppies.

FSA deadline is Sept. 23 for TAA

Catfish producers nationwide and shrimp producers in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina have **until Sept. 23 to apply** for training and benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers Program. Benefits include cash payments and free training to

develop and implement business adjustment plans. **TAA payments are differently structured this go around.** In 2003 and 2004, fishermen received a max. of \$10,000, but this was computed based on the quantity of shrimp they landed which, when multiplied by the per-pound payment and their sharing arrangement, returned their cash benefit. This time around, every qualifying applicant can realize a max. of \$12,000 regardless of landings **... landings don't figure into the cash benefit anymore.** Instead, qualifying applicants must "sit through" 12 hours of "instruction". After meeting this requirement (and some of it ... hopefully lots of it ... can be done on line), qualifying applicants receive a check from the Farm Service Agency for \$4,000. The other 2/3 of the maximum amount of money results from an applicant who has already received the \$4,000 and who opts to meet with a "biz. planning specialist" over a long time (perhaps months or even longer) to develop a competitiveness plan. Applicants who go through this process can receive the remainder, or \$8,000 to "implement" their competitiveness plan. www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taafoms.asp Applicants submit their written forms to their local Farm Service Agency center. Remember the deadline is September 23.

Trailer Boat Reminder

Clean your boat, trailer and gear of all plant and animal material before you leave the area. Transportation of prohibited invasive plants is punishable by up to a \$500 fee per violation. If you see someone transporting prohibited plants, call 1 (800) 793-4263. Visit <http://www.texasinvasives.org/> to learn about which plants are invasive, where they are located, and what they look like.

Kayak Short Course

Sherrie Krause and Rhonda team up again to introduce kayaking and teach about the estuary. Our fall class is scheduled to start Thursday evening, September 9th. Call the Extension office 552-9747 for details.

Horizon Oil Spill

Keep up with the latest facts by visiting <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/>

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

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