

Orange Beach

Community News

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Rockin' in the New Year to Orange Beach on the big night was a huge success at The Wharf. Kudos go out to the folks at The Wharf as the party was fun for all ages and plenty of activities kept people busy till the anchor dropped. Entertainment by the Tip Tops was all that as they sang hits from the 60's, 70's till today. Thousands attended the public gathering down Main Street as the weather turned out to be just perfect for an evening outdoors. Performance Art, juggling on a unicycle and plenty of food and beverage made for lots of memories. Hopefully each of you rang in the new year the way you wanted to do so and kept things safe. Watch for more outdoor events down at The Wharf as they learn a little bit more each and every time to make your visit the best it can be. Great job!

As the winter guests continue to arrive for their seasonal visit, we want them to be aware of the many wireless hot spots around the city. Starting with the library a few years ago the network has grown to include over ten locations. You can find out more about each at http://www.cityoforangebeach.com/pages/wireless_network.htm



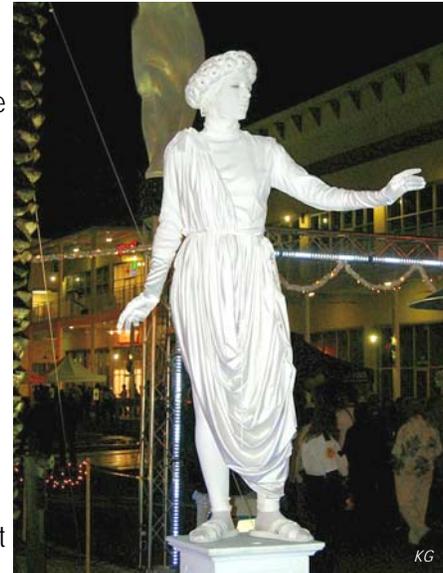
Big hits from the Tip Tops all night long till the anchor dropped

and search for yourself the best place to go surfing. Many advances in the "Wi Fi" hotspots have occurred in the past few years and efforts continue to offer a broader range of this service. Private pay as you go services are also available along the Perdido Beach Highway corridor.

Have you been thinking about the Gulf State Park lately? On Thursday, January 11th at 6pm the Orange Beach Public Library will host a special "State of the State Park" presentation by Superintendent Hugh Branyon. Stop by and hear the latest about Alabama's southernmost park and its future. Many improvements have been made since storm damage from 2004 and a bright future lies ahead as golf course improvements, new cabins and of course the Backcountry Trail project keep moving ahead.

Progress continues in Orange Beach as the latest addition to the community's financial base is completed at the Alabama Credit Union. The new building will become their permanent home next week and Alabama Credit Union's Area Branch Manager Elizabeth Cole and her staff apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during their move to the long-awaited new building. The move will take place from January 15th through the 19th as they relocate from the modular building to the new permanent building

The City of Orange Beach Relay For Life team is gearing up for the annual Big Yard & Craft Sale to be held on January 20th at the Orange Beach Community Center. Booth space is \$25 for an indoor table and guaranteed shoppers. For info call Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 981-1524.



Performance Art was on display at the Wharf on New Years Eve. Great entertainment for all ages.



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Books, Books, Books! The time has come for the "Friends of the Orange Beach Library's Annual Book Sale" which is a major fundraiser for the group. The sale will be held on Friday, January 12 from 9am to 4pm and on Saturday, Jan. 13th from 9am to 2pm. at the Orange Beach Community Center on Canal Road about a mile east of Highway 161. According to Book Sale Chairperson Linda Tucker, the book sale is one of the largest in South Baldwin County with over a thousand books in a variety of categories available for purchase. Categories include fiction, non-fiction, romance, recent best sellers, mysteries, cookbooks, children's books as well as some CD's and books-on-tape. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the event and will offer home-baked goods including breads, cakes and cookies. Tucker specifically invites winter visitors to the area to visit the sale. "This will be a good way for everyone to stock up on their reading material for the winter," she said. Funds raised from the sale will go to benefit the Orange Beach Public Library. For further information contact Linda Tucker at 251-981-1942.

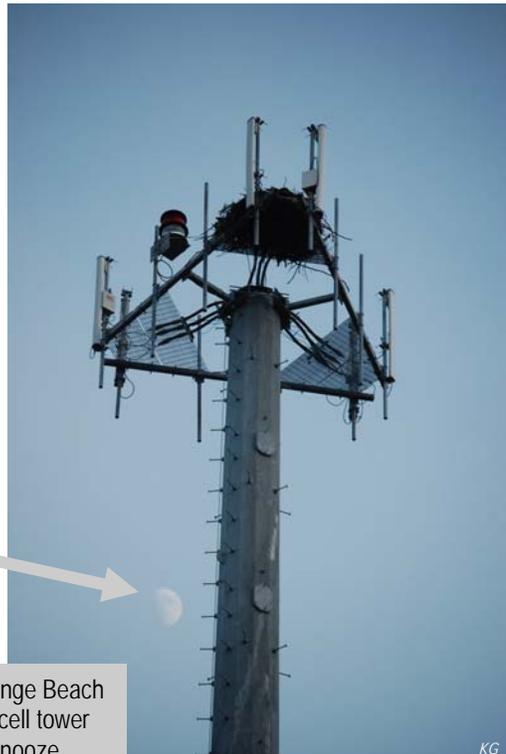
Regulars are stilling dealing and many new flocks are arriving daily at the Orange Beach Senior Center. Bridge scores for Thursday, December 28: 1st: Oliveth Archer; 2nd: Randy Laney; 3rd: Anny Poveromo; and for Tuesday January 2nd: 1st: Joan Nagy; 2nd: Mary Brown; 3rd: Marianne Grant; and for Thursday January 4th: 1st: Ruth Bishop; 2nd: Bob LaLance; 3rd: Barb Walters. Get your dancing shoes shined as the Center is holding its evening dance with the L.A. Jazz Band on Friday January 12th from 7-10pm at a cost of \$5 per person. For more information call the staff at 981-3440.

Be sure to mark those calendars for a few February events starting with the Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO on Thursday, February 8 at the Caribe. The Gulf Shores Woman's Club will hold the 30th Annual Tour of Homes on February 24th. The Orange Beach Lion's Club will host the Wayne and Shirley All Star Band dance on Saturday, February 24th at the Community Center and tickets go on sale soon. And of course there is the Mardi Gras weekend starting on February 16 and culminating on Fat Tuesday, February 20th. Watch in coming weeks for plenty of Mardi Gras dates and schedules.

The City of Orange Beach services and most facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Got some news around Orange Beach? Let us know what's going on by sending your community news to obecon@gulftel.com and be sure to log onto www.cityoforangebeach.com and register to receive the weekly newsletter online which has much more detail and color photography on other events.



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Clear moon lit evening in Orange Beach as even the Osprey atop the cell tower settled in for a winter nights snooze.