

Orange Beach Community News

Orange Beach, Alabama

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Was it a super weekend around your home or did Super Bowl XL not crank your engine? Unless you live in a cave, the media hype for any Super Bowl is way overproduced and on every channel. Here are a few observations in case you missed it. If you watched, can you relate to these? Nobody can sing the National Anthem like Whitney Houston did years ago...especially this year. The Steelers and Seahawks were both early season underdogs and played a good game with excellent competition. The trophy is still shiny and is back in Pittsburgh. Halftime shows are too much production with too little product. The Rolling Stones are still kicking although live music has a lot to be desired after forty years....download the classics if you want to sing along. Instant Replay is the true reality TV but still doesn't always change the outcome. Hummers DO come from Robots that threaten life on earth and beer can crush the guy with emotions. Best ad had to be the "Streaker" as the Bud horses lined up to play ball with a somewhat neud lamb proudly showing his stuff. And a final observation was the past MVPs still look good and have a lot of class even as they hobbled onto the field in the pregame intro. Hope your weekend was a super one! Watch for falling cans.

Do you need some racing action this time of year? Stop by the Orange Beach United Methodist Church this Friday night, February 10th to see the Pinewood Derby Race sponsored by the Cub Scout Pack 27. Races begin around 6:30pm and former scouts who have derby cars or collectibles are asked to bring yours to show the young kids how they used to look. For more info call 981-5738. Recently, ten Cub Scouts from Pack 27 and three Boy Scouts from Troop 22 collected over 1,200 canned and dry food goods for the Annual "Scouting for Food" drive. These scout groups from Orange Beach, went from door to door and with the approval of the local Winn-Dixie and Bruno's asked for donations of goods to support the local area food banks.



These food banks help those in the area year round as well as during disasters and the holidays. Scouts included Gary Roberts, Chase Woodruff, Nicholas O'Farrell, Jon Kalinauskas, Ryan McIntosh, Cameron Lodge, Preston Delaparra, Trent Stockman, Conor McCracken, Zac Morton, Zac Steadman and Chris Owens. Several other scout groups will be collecting over the next several days in the Baldwin and Mobile area. "I want to thank both the boys and parents for such hard work and time put in to this effort." Adds Zack Kalinauskas, Cubmaster Pack 27. Since 1910, the ideals of Scouting have guided young men to perform "service to others and to the community." Way to go guys on your recent accomplishment.

Orange Beach Cub Scout Pack 27 collects canned foods

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Scrumptious plates of seafood are less than two weeks away as the 14th Annual Seafood Festival will be held on Saturday, February 18th starting at 10am at the Orange Beach SportsPlex. This event is a great family fun activity and the major fundraiser for the OB Sports Association. Support your community by dropping by for lunch that day. The Orange Beach Senior Center is offering free AARP tax services to local and visiting senior citizens. Free electronic filing and automatic deposit of refunds is offered. AARP volunteers will be at the Orange Beach Senior Center from Feb. 1st thru April 12th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist you. Call 981-3440 to the Orange Beach Senior Center for an appointment. What's that you said? Where did you get that accent...well find out by attending "An Overview of Dialects in Alabama" by Dr. Catherine Davies, Associate Professor of English, at the University of Alabama on Thursday, February 9 @ 6 p.m. The lecture is supported by a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation.



Orange Beach Boy Scout Troop 22 collects canned foods

Also at the Senior Center this week is classical guitarist, Peter Fletcher, on Friday, February 10 @ 3 p.m. Here are your Bridge Results for Tuesday January 31st; 1st Jim McMahon; 2nd Joan Helten; 3rd Jon Wendelken and for Thursday, February 2nd; 1st Doug Smith; 2nd Ernie Witham; 3rd Joan Nagy. Keep 'em shuffling around Orange Beach and find out more about the activities at the Orange Beach Senior Activity Center by calling 981-3440. Stop by the Orange Beach Public Library on Thursday, February 9th at 2pm for a book signing and talk by author Michael Morris sponsored by the Orange Beach Library and Meyer Realty. Morris began writing at the age of thirty-one with novels including *A Place Called Wiregrass*, *Slow Way Home*, and *Live Like You Were Dying*. Best of luck to the Orange Beach Garden Club on the Annual Game Day and Salad Luncheon on Thursday, February 9 at the Orange Beach Community Center from 10am till 3pm. The cost is \$10 per person by calling Doris Milford at 980-6235.

The Orange Beach United Methodist Church "Winter Wonders Programs" continues this month as you can hear the Colmus Family Gospel Singer on February 14 and excerpts from Mark Twain by Dr. John VanValkenburg on February 21st. We apologize for any confusion regarding the Winter Wonders as the schedules had changed without our knowledge. Contact the church office at 981-6751 to be sure of the weekly topic. Pro Day Baseball will hold its final "Position Play Camp" on Saturday, February 11th at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. This is a great opportunity for young ball players to learn from some great teachers. Register at 980-2300 or log onto www.prodaybaseball.com Find out more about the Annual Women's Club Tour of Homes to be held Saturday, February 25th on Pleasure Island with proceeds providing scholarships to area students. Tickets for the Tour are \$20 each by calling 968-2377.

Here's to keeping some local buzz going as we keep up with the going's on "all about town." You can send your information on happening in Orange Beach to obecon@gulfel.com and we will do our best to get it in the news.

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