

# Orange Beach Community News

## Orange Beach, Alabama

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by Ken Grimes, Jr.

Warm coastal breezes and sunshine were the highlight of this past weekend. Sounds of boat motors and personal watercraft are starting to buzz along the waterways as spring weather is getting people outdoors. In case you were wondering what all the buses were in town for this week, it's the Spring Beach Blast hosted by Gulf Shores High School. The softball / baseball tournament is a regular during Spring Break week as 62 teams competed during the first of the week in both sports. The Orange Beach SportsPlex was packed daily as games were held round the clock on Monday and Tuesday. If you haven't watched a Gulf Shores Dolphin game for either sport, you should take time to support your Dolphin athletics. Find out more about their game schedules at [www.gs-hs.com](http://www.gs-hs.com) and catch a game. The Beach Blast definitely provides a boost for our area and for all of Baldwin County and we welcome the many teams from across the State of Alabama.

For most of us, there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish all the tasks we would like get done at work, around the house and with the family. Great weather weekends are coming and its time to get that yard work done so we can enjoy why we live here without the worry of honeydo's or repairs. In thinking about my Saturday, here are a few tips that might save you some time and headaches. Go ahead and turn on those sprinklers and see what works from last Fall. If pressure is low or sprinkler heads aren't operating you might have a leak. Make a list of things you may need around the yard for general maintenance. Replace those old heads with the new fixtures, It really helps get the water where you need it. Read the labels on the flowers or plants. When it says prefers shade and little direct sunlight, it usually means it. A little Weed N Feed never hurts once you start watering. Go ahead and change the oil in your mower and get new fuel. Yeah, it's \$2.55 a gallon but its better mileage than our vehicles. Buy potting or top soil to mix into your sandy yard. Plants need that dirt and minerals to grow. Go ahead and get a layer of mulch, straw or pebbles. I like the pebbles since they don't was away if we get some flooding, but at 40 pounds per bag, get some rest the night before you go to the store. It never hurts to have some duct tape, electrical tape and a few zip ties around to get 'r done. When in doubt about the project ahead, work hard, drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen. The results of your effort will begin in just a few days. Remember, if any of this gardening advice doesn't work or your views seem to differ...you get what you pay for. This space could have been a political commentary.



*Evacuation Zone Decals are a hot commodity in OB as Clara Myers and Marybeth Stearns get the job done.*

Fast paced action is in store for this weekend as the 2006 Surf n' Turf Jet Ski Races in conjunction with the American Power Boat Association will be held just south of the Perdido Beach Resort. Races will take place March 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> at the Resort. The Pleasure Island Job Fair will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. If your business is in need of employees, call the chamber to register for a space at 968-6904. From all reports, Orange Beach was a great place to welcome University of Alabama legend, Jeremiah Castille last Saturday at SideLines Collegiate & Sports Collectibles at SanRoc Cay. The response was great and he was impressed with the hospitality.

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The Orange Beach Senior Activity Center still has many programs underway for all ages. Here are your bridge winners for the past week: Tuesday March, 14: 1<sup>st</sup>- Marianne Grant; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Carol Hines; 3<sup>rd</sup>- Barbara Martin and for Thursday March, 16: 1<sup>st</sup> – Wilson Pierce; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Chuck Ogle; 3<sup>rd</sup>- Marv Maudlin. To find out more about the Center call 981-3440. Sail Camp registration is also underway for junior sailors ages 8-14 by calling 981-6039. Camps start in June but spaces will fill quickly so sign up soon. This program has grown to be one of the most popular youth activities in the city.

Easter is just around the corner and many area churches are beginning to prepare for special presentations. Let us know what's going on at your church related to Easter services. One program in the works is "The Resurrection!....So What?" It will be presented by the Music and Technical Ministry of First Baptist Church Orange Beach on Friday night, April 14, 7:30p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Guests will need to bring their lawn chairs. The second segment will be presented on Sunday morning, April 16, 10:30 a.m. Make plans to celebrate somewhere in Orange Beach this year.



On a final note for the week, it is time to stop by Orange Beach City Hall and get your new Evacuation Decals. The evacuation zones have been revamped and are available online at [www.cityoforangebeach.com](http://www.cityoforangebeach.com). The decals are available by asking the friendly and courteous staff at the Finance Department where you pay your sewer bill. There is plenty going on around Orange Beach so keep that calendar handy each week. Remember to send your community news to [obecon@gulftel.com](mailto:obecon@gulftel.com). Here's hoping you had a great Spring Break week with plenty of memories.

*Gulf Shores High School Spring Beach Blast comes to OB from across Alabama and Tennessee with 62 softball teams competing for the championship*

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