

# SAND SCOOPS

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH

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NO Scoops 8/30/07  
Sorry!



**"I am so proud of our Fire Department and the many volunteers and donors who made the MDA drive another record success for Orange Beach. Fighting the disease is critical and the humor of our local leaders in shaving their heads was a great incentive. It's good to see these bald heads coming over to the stylish side for a change."** - **Pete Blalock, Mayor**

## September Birthdays

Joe Constantino	9/01
Joe Gardner	9/01
Kris Taylor	9/02
Brenda Jenkins	9/03
Nicky Fontaine	9/09
Sue Higdon	9/10
David McLain	9/10
Carl Bradley	9/11
Johnnie Sundie	9/13
Todd Posey	9/14
William Robinson, Jr	9/14
Chris Fetner	9/17
Robert Fiala	9/17
Danny Martin	9/17
LeeAnne Montgomery	9/17
Bruce Nelson	9/17
Chance Ard	9/18
Larry Ellis	9/20
John Butler	9/21
Pam Kreamer	9/21
Jason Fikes	9/22
Asher Michon	9/23
Aaron Smoot	9/23
Nicole Dahan	9/24
Wes McConnell	9/24
Christie Redes	9/25
Jessica Redes	9/25
Woody Watson, III	9/25
Stephanie Hilliard	9/27
Matthew Smith	9/28
Susan Hornbuckle	9/29

## MDA "FILL THE BOOT" Hits Record Mark: Heads Shaved As Promised

Congrats to the many OBFD employees and volunteers who raised a whopping \$26,916 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with the "Fill The Boot" drive. Raising the money for MDA serves a great cause in fighting the disease but with many promises in achieving record goals. . . Comes much shaving of the heads. Thanks to the pledge, Chief Forney Howard was shaved along with a second goal met bring Sam Jackson to the chair. Thanks to Mayor Pete Blalock who kicked off the clipping by saying "bald is beautiful". The record will earn another Golden Axe from the MDA and no doubt the OB Fire & Rescue is well respected across our region for the accomplishments over the past several years. Great job!

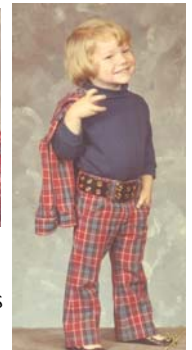


Left: Jon Ed Wells seems a little too excited about the task at hand, Middle: Chief Howard and Sam Jackson were good sports about the effort; right: David Gant works on Sam's "cute little curl" as the Chief provides positive, commentary to the situation

## September Milestones 5+ Years of Service

JA Neese	12yrs
Jon Ed Wells	11yrs
Tina Michaels	10yrs
Joe Gardner	8yrs
Angela Rand	8yrs
Patsy Rose	8yrs
Janice Day	7yrs
Clarence Emmons	7yrs
Lannie Smith	7yrs

The Retirement Systems of Alabama will be holding a series of 20 minute ERS Individual Member Counseling Appointments in the next few months. The closest location for such is on October 24th at Loxley Town Hall or on October 25-26 in Mobile. If you are within 3 years of retirement eligibility you should complete an Appointment Request Form (from your Department Head) and submit asap to schedule your meeting. The form is to be mailed to RSA 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, Al 36104. For info [www.rsa.state.al.us](http://www.rsa.state.al.us)



## Who's Who?

Can you name this stylish youngster who learned not to play with fire at an early age in 1973? Plaid was the fad with those cool shoes!

City of Orange Beach Employee Benefits Fair (MANDATORY REGISTRATION)

Tues, October 30th 9am-4pm Lunch provided by AIG Insurance—OB Community Center



"Don't Be Scared By the Future. . . Treat Yourself to Benefits"

## Orange Beach Recognizes Champs

Gulf Shores High School Ladies Softball State Champions were recognized at a recent City Council meeting with a formal Commendation. Each player received a commemorative plaque with and official honor for Coach Karen Collins and the team. In addition to the honor, Mayor Pete Blalock extended an invitation to the Lady Dolphins to serve as Grand Marshal of the 2008 Orange Beach Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday, February 5 which was gladly accepted by the teammates and coaching staff. Congrats on winning the Title after so much hard work!



## Orange Beach Leads AGCAE Foundation



*Iris Ethridge passed the gavel of President to Lance Alexander recently in leading the Alabama Gulf Coast Area Educational Foundation. The group funds scholarships to GSHS Seniors attending higher education and has been a driving force in providing funds for classroom initiatives and teacher training in the*

*classroom which provides resources and opportunity for all ages. Congrats to each of you and thanks for serving!*

## Gulf Shores Middle School Tour: Partnerships

*A new school year brings new beginnings and at Gulf Shores Middle School a new face. Dr. Ernie Rosado is the new Principal filling the position held by Sherry Frazier before her retirement. Rosado has made tremendous steps in the communication with both cities and built new partnerships and initiatives in just a few months. Mayor Pete Blalock, Jeff Moon, City Administrator and Ken Grimes recently toured the GSMS campus and saw first hand the work being done to offer the 7th & 8th graders of our city the best possible education and resources. At a recent Open House, Rosado presented a Certificate to the City of Orange Beach as a Partner In Education and thanked the city employees for work done on the parking lot and school campus.*



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*Bonnie Lee, OB Library Director is the new President of the Orange Beach Lions Club. Ken Grimes was named First Vice President. Here Bonnie present a clock to Paul Cope of GulfTel for his service as President over the past two years!*

### August Birthdays

Brandon Ard	8/17
Ben Peters	8/17
Angela Rand	8/17
Ryan Owen	8/18
Pete Blalock	8/19
Cyndi Brewer	8/19
Joethan Phillips	8/20
Kris Roberts	8/20
Gina Lee	8/21
Tiffany McCulley	8/21
Buford Hagood	8/22
Austin Duffie	8/24
Bernard Nesbitt	8/24
Frances Cain	8/27
Mark Irwin	8/27
Robert Irwin	8/27
Jeanelle Cook	8/28
Cathy Constantino	8/29
Rusty Roberts	8/29
Chris Hedge	8/30
Jay Dempsey	8/31

## Orange Beach Employee Classifieds

**Items for sale? Send to [kgimes@cityoforangebeach.com](mailto:kgimes@cityoforangebeach.com)**

Baby supplies: Fisher Price Rainforest swing, FP Gentle motions glider and a "snuggly"; asking \$150 for all three (retail for swing is \$110, glider is \$80, snuggly is \$20. All items like new condition (less than 5 months old!); new baby has grown too fast to use anymore!!! Kevin or Alicia Lanford 981-3296.

1965 Chevy Pickup, 8K miles-rebuilt engine, new tires & starter. **\$1,400. (reduced)** 41" Kohler & Campbell upright piano, needs tuning, w bench & music \$800. Chris Conway 949-7346 leave msg.

For Sale 1999 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer 5.8L V-8 151k mi. new engine @113kmi. \$4000 firm contact Dusty @ 986-3189 or 213-6709 or @ O.B.P.D

City Employee Discount 25% DISCOUNT—COSMO'S  
10% off—PACK & MAIL



*"Hey Woody" that's a heck of a fly (hornet) swatter. Watch out for those little fellas!*

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