THE NEW LOOK ON THE ISLAND

Jim Holl, DICN Staff
For anyone who has not been on the Island in the last ten to twelve months, it may be a surprise to find the increased investment by businesses and services in the way of new construction.

To the West, on the beach side of Bienville, construction is nearly complete on the Dauphin Island Beach Club and a condominium with 15 luxury units. The next phase of the project will begin soon on a second building to the West. Mr. Rutherford Smith, of Orange Beach is the developer.

On the East end, the Sea Lab's Estuarium is nearing completion. The 10,000 square foot Exhibit Hall should be open in November. The facility will be open to the public.

At 1608 Bienville Blvd. Jack and Marti Harding are nearing completion of their new building which will contain Marti's Island Shoppe and an office which will be available for rent. The apparel shop will open September 1.

On LeMoyne Dr., near the water tower, Bryan Maisel is adding to his Fun Center. In addition to the miniature golf, go cart track, and the three bay car wash, an all new game room is under construction.

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY GULF SIDE ON JULY 4th

-Town of Dauphin Island

The Third Annual Stars and Stripes Forever Fireworks Show, a pre-tricentennial event coordinated by Mayor Billy Patrornas, will be displayed from the beach in front of the Island Dauphin Club at dusk on Friday evening, July 4.

The sounds and sights of the “rockets red glare” may awaken President Andrew Jackson himself when Pyrotechnics, out of Pennsylvania, presents an dazzling array of special effects including Diadem Shells (those that leave stars streaking in the air); Golden Palm Tree Shells, Willow Barrage, and many other mortar shell displays.

Island sponsors of the pyrotechnics for the benefit of citizens and visitors are: Dauphin Island Town Council, the Dauphin Island Property Owners’ Assoc., the Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce, and the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board.

Ideal viewing of the fireworks show may be found on the Island’s South side beaches from Fort Gaines to the Public Fishing Pier and beyond. Boat owners may enjoy the fireworks from a position of safe distance inside Pelican (Sand) Island.

RESIDENTS SEEK FUNDS FOR TRAIL COMPLETION

-DI Foundation

A spontaneous effort to raise money for additional construction of the Island Walking/Jogging Trail has developed in recent weeks. The effort is appealing for support and donations at an island grass-roots level.

“Were need to continue construction from the present Western end of the Trail at Navarre St. to, at least the Little Red School House,” said supporter Pat Edwards, “If we can raise several thousand dollars, we can then go to private corporations and seek matching funds,” she added.

Dauphin Island T-shirts are being sold by Bill and Pat Edwards, with the profit going into the fund. They are also seeking donations. Additional activities are being talked about and being planned.

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ISLAND DIXIE BOYS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Jeff Catldwick, Coach

The Dauphin Island Marlin's 13-14 year old Dixie Boys team won the Park Championship at Zirloft Park for the second year in a row. The Marlin ended the season with a 13-4-2 record. The Martin tough defensive infield consisted of Josh Durb, 3B; Morgan Laird, SS & pitcher, Brady Mallon, 2B & pitcher, Reagan Williamson, 1B & pitcher, and Hunter Elmore, 1B & 2B. Behind the plate with a strong arm was catcher Brandon Beasley. The outfield consisting of Robbie Graham, Aarion Williamson, Carl Garrett, and Adam Nichols got off to a slow start but improved to championship quality before the end of the season.

Emergency Management Planning for the Future
-Doris Anderson, Emergency Planning Committee

In the work of the Emergency Management Committee of the Town of Dauphin Island, ALERTNESS is the key word. Not only do we need to be ALERT to the possibility of a Hurricane (and THIS is the season) — but we need to be ALERT to the resources for recovery from such an event.

The past two months have been planning times for the committee-threatening meetings - National, State, and Local - in regards to preparedness.

We go to gain information - and also to become acquainted with agencies and individuals who are in a position to assist us with recovery. Some of the more interesting things we have learned can share with you now.

One of Dauphin Island’s main concerns is the stretch of roadway (some two miles) just north of the bridge. We are concerned if a storm surge should come in at HIGH TIDE — thus putting the over the roadway and blocking our exit. We are fortunate that during Hurricane Frederick in 1979 - the storm surge came at LOW TIDE.

Our solution? As a committee, we shall urge the Mayor and local state officials to join with us in a RECOMMENDED Evacuation when, in news from the Weather Service and Emergency Management personnel, the feeder bands of the Hurricane are approaching our Island with high winds and we feel that the tide evaluation would warrant our being alert to the danger. If this happens and you hear the words, “we STRONGLY recommend evacuation NOW . . .”, please leave as soon as possible. If you wait for the announcement by the State of Mandatory evacuation, the roadway

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NEW COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD AT POST OFFICE
-Jim Hall, DICN news staff

A New bulletin board has been constructed and put in place for the use of anyone who needs to communicate with the community. The new board is located on the DeSoto Ave. side of the Post Office and has space available for material on both the street side and the Post Office side.

The construction of the board was paid for by the DI Woman's Club. Anita Dickson and Linda Barousse worked on the project. Mayor Patrons had the Town do the installation.

The intention of the Woman's Club according to President, Sylvia Murphy, is to make available the space for anyone. This could be anyone who wants to buy or sell an item, or items, or to announce a meeting. It is requested that business not take advantage of the public space with the exception of displaying business cards.

There is also a section on the street side reserved for official Town announcements.

-Billy Goat Hole Boat Ramps to Be Rebuilt
-Jim Hall DICN Staff

Plans are coming together for the rebuilding of the public boat launching ramps in the Billy Goat Hole area on the East end of the Island. The construction will replace the under water cement which has been broken up and severely cracked for years.

Mayor Billy Patronas has been working with the State Department of Conservation on the plans and funding for the popular site. Mayor Patronas said "We probably could start in the next month or two, the money is there, but that would put the construction right in the middle of the summer boating season." He continued "So, we probably will have the construction done sometime after Labor Day." As far as the parking congestion is concerned, "We're working on it," the Mayor said.

Mr. Steve Heath, Provisional Chief Marine Biologist with the Alabama Marine Resources Division, State Dept. of Conservation, said recently that the engineering plans have been drawn up and are finished. "Actually, we're ready to file for the permits with the Corps of Engineers, and will do so shortly." The technology to be used is the latest. The work will prepare the reinforced cement slabs on the site, then push the sections into place in the water. Supportive rip rap will be put on the sides and in the deep water under the lower ends.

Originally constructed by the County, renovation of the ramps was turned over to the Town during incorporation in 1988. New decks were put on the piers four years ago.

Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue
- Brad Cox, Asst. Fire Chief

Once again summer is upon us and the members of Dauphin Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue are ready for our busiest time of the year.

We have several projects on the drawing board to improve the services we provide you. The first project is to add a new ambulance to our service and retire our 1978 back up. The new ambulance will cost almost $90,000 and should last us 10 years as a front line apparatus and 5 years in reserve. Our current front-line unit, a 1988 type III Ford, will be placed in reserve once the new unit is purchased. Depending on the number of political and financial obstacles we encounter, we expect to order the new ambulance before the end of the year.

The second project is to introduce twelve-lead electrocardiogram capabilities to our arsenal of tools. This technology will allow us to diagnose a heart attack earlier, saving lives. Medications to be given sooner. Studies show that if these medications can be given in the early hours of a heart attack, the chances of survival increase greatly. This project will cost close to $17,000 in training and equipment.

We would like to congratulate eight of our members who recently completed the fourteen week Emergency Medical Technician Course. These members are Bill Edwards, Dick Edmundson, Pete Barousse, Troy Alderman, Jane Tulli, Paul Hawkins, Carol Ann Ball, Sean Scarliff and Angie Dixon. We would also like to give kudos to Jessica Lively who has completed the two-year Paramedic program at the University of South Alabama.

Please keep these safety tips in mind for a happy, safe summer:
1. Never use fireworks in heavily wooded areas, dry or windy days, or without adult supervision.
2. If you are mugged by a jellyfish this summer wash the area with warm, soapy water and sprinkle unseasoned meat tenderizer on the affected area.
3. During the Island's hot summer months, remember to drink plenty of clear fluids, avoid alcohol, and prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

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building, designed around an imposing lighthouse, also will have office space available for rent.

To the West of the water tower intersection, Dodie and David Simms are selling fresh seafood for their new operation Capt'n Snapper 1010 Bienvenue Blvd.

The Gulf Breeze Motel, owned by Karen and Mike Tafra at 1512 Cadillac Ave. recently expanded their facility by adding 12 brand new rooms bringing their motel to a total of 31 units.

Angel Realty has set business in Ken and Janelle Angel's new building located at 1612 Bienvenue Blvd. Access and parking is convenient, just off the street.

An interesting location is the landscaping business of Avril Clark, located at the corner of Lemoine and Desoto Ave. Her creative display of palm trees, shrubs and flowers is a unique and attractive way of merchandising.

Shirley and Wendell Kerr have expanded their commercial building where they operate the Sand Box Gift Shop. Residing in the addition with a new location is Dauphin Island Real Estate and the recently opened Pelican Palette Gallery at 1606 Bienvenue Blvd.

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may be impassable.

We are encouraged by State officials that our input with the Governor's office will be counted on evacuation notice and that we can expect that our input will be honored.

As we are a Town, re-entry will be a decision by the Mayor and Town Council, based on recommendations from the committee. BE SURE you have you re-entry card - and listen to the radio, TV and read the newspaper on announcements. Newer technology is being used this year in predictions of the route of the hurricanes and we are hopeful that this will help guide us.

If you missed the last article, please be sure to put your refrigerator reminder notice up-to-date, listing the things you need to do and items you need to take with you when evacuation comes suddenly.

As a measure for use in recovery, we are in process of obtaining an aerial survey of the Island. Be sure to take up-to-date pictures (inside and outside) of your property. These will be invaluable when negotiating with insurance companies.

Responsibility for planning rests with the committee appointed by the Mayor and Town Council. Members of the Emr. Planning Committee are: Chief Terry Beasley, Enr. Rescue Coord. Brad Cox, Fire Chief/Dave Hunter, Mike Henderson, Mike McHugh, Charlene Moore, Dr. Carol Parks, Grace Tyson, Jerry Waller and the Chairman, Doris Anderson; and ex officio member, Mayor Billy Patronas.

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to raise money for the project.

The money raised will be managed in a separate account by the DI Foundation, and will eventually handed over to the Town. As of this writing over $1,500 have already been raised. Anyone interested in information may call the Foundation at 861-3500, or send donations to: Trail Committee, P. O. Box 946, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Please indicate any contributions as earmarked to "The Trail."

ACTIVE HURRICANE SEASON AHEAD

-Jim Hall, DI News Staff

The 1997 hurricane season officially began June 1st, and hurricane expert William Gray of Colorado State University has predicted that an above-average number of tropical storms and hurricanes will hit North American and Caribbean waters.

In his latest study, released in April, Gray said 11 tropical storms could form in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, or Caribbean Sea between June 1 and November 30. Of those 11 storms, seven could develop into hurricanes and three could become major hurricanes with winds exceeding 110 miles per hour.

Since hurricane tracking began in 1950, researchers have defined an average hurricane season in the Gulf/Atlantic region as having nine tropical storms and fewer than six hurricanes. Last year, however, 13 tropical storms, plus nine hurricanes struck the Gulf/Atlantic region. Gray, who has had a forecasting record of eight hits and only two misses since his first prediction in 1984, sees a new era of stronger weather patterns developing in the Atlantic.

"In the last two years, we have seen an rearrangement of Atlantic Ocean surface-temperature patterns in which the North Atlantic has become warmer and the South Atlantic has become cooler," said Gray. "This change promotes major hurricane activity and could be a sign that we're entering a more dangerous period."

Gray and his researchers base their forecasts on various global weather features, including the strength of El Nino, air temperatures in Singapore, pressure readings in the Caribbean Sea and the northeast Atlantic, and sea-surface temperature readings in the Atlantic Ocean. Gray plans to update his forecast just days before the most active hurricane period.

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COMMERCIAL, INVESTMENT
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DI WOMAN’S CLUB
NEWS & ACTIVITIES
-Sylvia Murphy, President

"April Sun Brings Fashion Fun" was the theme of the club's annual fashion show and luncheon held on April 17 in the Wheel Room of the Club’s Dauphin Island.

Fashions were provided by Marti Harding of Marti’s Island Shoppe on Bienville Blvd. TIP: Watch for the grand opening of a new and larger Marti's coming soon, just West of the present location.

Thank you, Marti, for your generous help and expertise as fashion director in making the show a success.

Models were Marla Broom, Anita Dickson, Alice Little, Frances Dees, Janelle Angel, Avril Clarke and Rene Johnson, Miss Dauphin Island. Members and guests enjoyed a salad luncheon catered by Bill Lindsey, of Barnacle Bills restaurant. Thanks to Bill and his staff for doing a wonderful job.

Behind-the-scenes workers were: JoAnne Sprinkle, Chairperson; Tracy Madison and Linda Dix, Fashion Coordinators; and, models' make-up was done by Sharon McWilliams.

Our thanks to Shirley Pappas who provided all with laughter in her "bag lady" routine. Music was provided by Dorothy Hays. Our thanks to Dorothy. Congratulations to all involved for making the luncheon and show a big success.

In June the D.W.C. presented a check to the Little Red School House and to Principal Paula Loper. The funds are to be used to purchase equipment to be designated as a gift to the L.R. Schoolhouse from the class of 1997. Congratulations graduates.

Club members will be kept busy over the summer identifying homes for our annual “Homes Tour” (You're perhaps? Call 861-4007 we’d love to show it!) Proceeds from the ’96 Homes Tour make possible the following: Checks for $500 each to the Little Red School House, Dauphin Island Fire & Rescue, and to build the community bulletin board near the Post Office.

Our last meeting (we break for June, July and August) was held at the home of Frances and Eugene Dees on Barcelona Dr. in Sea Point. Members provided an array of salads, covered dishes and desserts for lunch. The theme was a "Hat Party" and those attending were encouraged to wear hats! - Any kind of hat - Creativity abounds as a result. JoAnne Sprinkle entertained us with a hilarious skit showing how hats have influenced a woman’s life during her decades. Thanks, Joanne - you were wonderful and funny.

There will be a party for all members and prospective members held after Labor Day, but before our regular club meeting on the 4th Thursday, Sept. 25, at 10:30am, in the Sea Food Galler. We invite all women who may be interested to call me at 861-4007 for details and duties. Join us! We have lots of fun!!

Thanks to all members and to the Board for their faith and support given so generously to facilitate our term as President. To all I wish a safe and happy summer.

DICN NEWSPAPER
NOW ON INTERNET
-Jim Hall, DICN Staff

This issue, number 4, and numbers 1, 2 and 3 of the Dauphin Island Community News, DICN, is now on-line on the World Wide Web. The Home Page presents an image of the front page of all four issues which have been printed. Selecting a specific issue takes the viewer to a menu of the headlines of all stories contained in that issue. Selecting a headline then opens the story.

Also the Home Page contains a search engine with which the viewer may insert a few key words and be given a list of all articles in all of the four issues which contain those key words. The newspaper material was converted to HTML (the language of the Internet) by Billy Dunn. His company, Gulf Information Pages, hosts the Web Site at no cost. The DICN newspaper may be found on line at: http://gulfinfo.com - then select DICN newspaper from the options list.

DI's DEVELOPMENT NETWORK ACTIVE
-Jimmie Morris, Director

The Dauphin Island Home Page on the World Wide Web established by the Town Council's Development Network, and Jim Hall and Billy Dunn's Island Business Gulf Information Pages, have presented the Island to a new world of eyes on the Internet, and the results have been pleasing. The same is true for the results of the Network's ongoing advertising.

With the beginning of the fall quarter of this fiscal year approaching, the Network has processed 173 pieces of mail to those writing for Island information since October 1.

The Network's e-mail address has responded to 547 inquiries. 3,475 Internet surfers have visited our home page and 693 by way of Gulfinfo. America Online seems to be the hot spot for the Island, generating the greatest number of visits. 1,423, among 49 of the top 50 domains visiting.

The Mobile Convention and Visitors Corporation has been generous to the Island, featuring our assets in their pages. We are included in their packaging for visitors, wholesale tour operators, convention planning executives, travel writers, motor clubs, and travel agencies. They have included Dauphin Island attractions in two suggested tours, a 3-day general tour, and a 2-day ecological tour. The Island is also prominent in the early explorers page, and chronology of events. Did you know that the earliest known human occupation of Dauphin Island was between 2000 and 2700BC, indicating development of watercraft technology?

A number of area personal and commercial pages have also linked Dauphin Island, including WKRG-TV. Two major publications, National Geographic and Reader's Digest, American Automobile Club, and several newspapers, travel publication are focusing on the Island as a place to visit in the Southeast. Birding, and the Audubon Bird Sanctuary are among the features.

Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce Portfolio for Island Promise
-DA Chamber Office

- Publish an elite business and key citizen's directory and map
- Print an all-encompassing promotion brochure
- Promote bank, health and other facilities as may be needed for the benefit of business and citizens
- Be concerned with legislation affecting business
- Promote fishing and golfing
- Hold monthly and special quarterly meetings so business leaders may meet others to voice needs and opinions
- Promote the Island as a retirement and summer homes community
- Generate tourist dollars
- Be concerned with small business issues
- Encourage Island retail shopping, and doing business with all Chamber Members
- Promote participation in the many fishing rodeos held on the Island annually
- Herald the Island's eco-tourism assets, the Elephant, the Living Marsh, the Bird Sanctuary and Migration
- Host activities of the annual Dauphin Island Sailing Regatta
- Generate Christmas Light Up Dauphin Island business competition
- Furnish space for organization meetings and events
- Sponsor the annual Christmas on Dauphin Island Boat Parade
- Conduct fund-raising events of the

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FULL-TIME RESIDENCE
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1992  1,034
1990  846
1980  688

Approximately 440 families reside full time on the Island.
Usage and population is based on the permanent residents and part-time vacationers. It includes people using or being on the Island at different times of the year.
Fall to Winter  1,000 - 1,500
Spring  7,000 - 8,000
Summer  over 15,000

A crack commando team? Not quite. This is a snap shot of Dauphin Island's Boy Scout Troop 5 getting organized at a paintball camp in Grand Bay. (L to R) top: Brian Williamson, Scoutmaster Jeff Caldwell, patrol leader Chris Malone, J.D. Ellington, and Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Ellington. Bottom: Zack McLaughlin, Jay Williamson, Michael, Sandagar, T.J. Esteller, Butch Thierry, and A.J. Ladhner
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECOGNITION OF LAND BENEATH INDIAN BAY

Property Owners' Assoc.

On February 15, 1996, the Director of the State Lands Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources held that Indian Bay was excavated from land above mean high tide. The State makes no claim to land submerged beneath Indian Bay.

In a letter to the Board of October 22, 1996, the Chief Counsel to the Department of Conservation considers the excavated portion of Indian Bay as private property and subject to the control of the owners and limitations they wish to impose. These opinions expressed by the Department are incorporated herein as though fully set forth and are the basis for the following recognition by the Board.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association (DIPOA) recognizes the land beneath Indian Bay as private property belonging to the DIPOA. Any activity by any person or corporation involving the surface of this land or contact with the surface of this land may be prohibited by a majority vote of the lot owners with fronts on Indian Bay and a majority vote of the DIPOA Board of Directors. Any Prohibition is subordinate to any statute, state or Federal; any court or administrative ruling; or any subsequent contrary action by the Board of Directors.

The Board further recognizes that the waters above the submerged land of Indian Bay are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Marine Police and the Coast Guard. The lot owners of Indian Bay voted to prohibit the pulling of nets in Indian Bay. Signs have been posted at the entrance to Indian Bay stating "NO PULLING OF NETS-PRIVATE PROPERTY."

The Board intends to apply the same recognition to the bottom lands of all Property Owners' Assoc. other bays and inlets.

GOLF CLUB NEWS

4th of July Tournament

You are cordially invited to spend your fourth of July weekend here at Isle Dauphine! On Friday, July 4 the annual "Stars & Stripes Forever" Golf Tournament will tee off at 1PM. The format will offer a three-person scramble and you are encouraged to bring your own team (or be paired by the committee).

The teams will be flighted by score at the completion of the tournament and prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. The "fourth" (hole #4 that is) will be the center of attention as each participant will have a chance at a fabulous hole-in-one prize! Note - the prize value has not been determined... Last year's prize was $50,000 cash!

After golf, stick around for our traditional cookout featuring BBQ and lots more! And what's the fourth of July without fireworks? Well, we'll never know because an exciting fireworks display is planned at dusk and Isle Dauphine will provide "The front row seats."

Make your holiday plans early and be sure to include Isle Dauphine and remember, the swimming pool and tennis courts will be open for your enjoyment.

1997 Men's Invitational

The 1997 Men's Invitational is scheduled for Sat. & Sun. July 5-6 with a 1PM start each day. The championship flight will play 36 holes of stroke play while the other flights will compete in a 39 hole two person event. The winner of the championship flight will earn a spot in the Budweiser Masters Tournament.

Dauphin Island Spring Festival

The 1997 Dauphin Island Spring Festival Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, April 5 and some 60 players participated in this 3-person scramble event. The winners were as follows:

FIRST FLIGHT:
1st Beth Barry, Tommy Barry, Tommy Burch, 3rd Joe Lersch, Pat Carrigan, Dave Kowalski
3rd Greg Sweeney, Tom Sweeney

SECOND FLIGHT:
1st Stan Rolland, Max Sowers, Red Collier, 2nd Joey Poiroux, Victor Lucas, J.J. Gilmore, 3rd Gary Buress, Ralph Elmore, Terry Reeves, 4th Woody Wallace, Wade Ward, Fred Roundsville

CLOSEST TO THE PIN:
1st Greg Sweeney, 2nd Tom Sweeney, 3rd Joe Lersch, 4th Pat Carrigan

The winners were awarded trophies and T-shirts for their accomplishments. A special thanks to Marilyn Sowers, Joann Rockstad and Annette Roundsville for their help with the putt-off.

Ladies Golf

The Ladies Golf Association held the annual handicap tournament recently and the results were as follows:

FIRST FLIGHT:
1st Mary Lou Turner, 2nd Barbara Williams, 3rd Mary Early

SECOND FLIGHT:
1st Dee Scott, 2nd Evie Hopkins, 3rd Fran Guempel

THIRD FLIGHT:
1st Kay Ray, 2nd Marilyn Sowers, 3rd Edna Robertson

NINE HOLERS:
1st Bobbie Meade, Longest Drive "A Division", Shirley Westfall, "B Division", Dave Morris, Closest to the pin "A Division", Shirley Westfall, Closest to the pin "B Division", Dee Scott. The 1997 Handicap Champion is Dee Scott! Congratulations!
NEWS FROM THE DAUPHIN ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

More Golf News

Isle Dauphine is proud to announce the 1997 Summer Golf Program for juniors. This program is open to children and grandchildren of Dauphin Island property owners and is designed to give youngsters the opportunity to learn about the sport of golf, while providing a friendly, yet competitive environment in which to participate. Boys and girls will be divided into age groups as follows: age 7 & under, age 8-10, age 11-12, age 13-14 and age 15-17. (Note: age division is determined by the age of the player as of April 16, 1997)

A list of play days and clinics is listed for your convenience. You will note that there are twelve play days and three clinics scheduled throughout the summer. While participants are not required to complete in each play day, it is recommended that they play as many as possible to increase their chances of winning an award. (Note: each player must compete in at least six play days to be considered for any award.)

Three clinics will be conducted by the golf professional, which will give each participant the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of golf and improve their game. Youngsters are encouraged to bring their own golf equipment or we will have some available to borrow. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 06 5pm Play Day
Tuesday, June 10 5pm Play Day
Thursday, June 12 5pm Play Day
Tuesday, June 17 5pm Clinic
Friday, June 20 5pm Play Day
Tuesday, July 01 5pm Play Day
Wednesday, July 09 5pm Play Day
Thursday, July 10 5pm Play Day
Friday, July 11 6pm Awards Banquet

Isle Dauphine Golf Club Daily Fees

(Prices are on a per person basis)
Cart Fees 18 holes $11.50
9 holes $7.00
Green Fees 18 holes $12.50
(Tue-Fri) 9 holes $7.00
Green Fees 18 holes $13.50
(Tue-Fri) 9 holes $8.00

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(All Day) 11-19 $3.50 *
20 & up $5.00 *

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In addition to these daily rates we also offer an “after 3pm special” which includes an 18 hole cart & green fee for $15 plus tax! So beat the heat and take advantage of some great savings! Please call for tee times.

If you would like information regarding any of these topics or for membership information please contact the golf shop at:
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or (334) 861-4563.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

June 1997

The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association held its annual meeting on May 10, 1997 at the Isle Dauphine Club. The Board of Directors consisting of nine Board members called for the election of three new Board members to replace Board members whose terms had expired. Over 340 votes were cast for eight candidates running for three positions. The newly elected Board members are Anita Dixon, Jeff Caldwell and Jim Robertson. The newly constituted Board consists of the three new members, in addition to current Board Members, Robert C. Campbell III, Patsy Cope, Mac Greer, Mike McHugh, Judge Dominick Matranga and Billy Heath. In addition to the election of three new Board members, the Board introduced a newly proposed Constitution which was voted upon and approved by the general membership replacing the existing Constitution dating back to the 1950s. The new Board also elected its new officers for the 1997-1998 year. The new officers are President, Robert Campbell III, Vice President, Patsy Cope, Treasurer, George Gunn and Secretary Jamie McHugh.

The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association has the responsibility to promote the development and betterment of Dauphin Island in the public interest and to apply its net assets to that end. The Association closely monitors and regulates both residential and commercial construction projects in addition to exercising its authority over the Association’s covenants and restrictions regarding piers, wharfs, boat lifts and land development.

During the annual meeting, the Association received good news from representatives from Mobile Oil Company. The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association should begin receiving on a monthly basis its share of the proceeds of oil royalties in the approximate amount of $25,000 per month during the next 20 years. The Board expressed its commitment during the meeting to exercise its fiscal responsibilities with utmost diligence when the additional revenue arrives.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL, III
President, Dauphin Island Property Owners Association

HURRICANE RE-ENTRY CARDS

In case of a hurricane, you will not be able to return to the Island without a current re-entry card. Cards, good through March, 1998, are now being issued at the POA office. If you have a current card, you need to re-apply until next year. To have a priority re-entry card, you must present evidence of a building on your property, such as a utility bill. Call the office at 861-4228 if you have any questions.

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Archaeology Update
French Village Excavations
Reveal Island’s Past
- George Shorter, U.S.A.

Center for Archaeological Studies
University of South Alabama
Archaeologists and students from the
University of South Alabama recently
completed excavations at a site in the
French village of Port Dauphin.
The village was first occupied in
1702 and remained active until the
early 1720's. Located on the sandy
beach next to the port, it supported
the main town, Old Mobile, 39 miles
to the north on the Mobile River. As
such, the island was an important part
of the early French settlement prior to
the founding of New Orleans in 1722.

Hurricanes in 1716 and 1717
temporarily closed the entrance to the
harbor and the Company of the Indies
decided that the Mississippi River
was key to the economic future of the
colony. In 1718 residents on Dauphin
Island began to abandon their homes
in the village and move to New Biloxi
and later on to New Orleans.
War with Spain brought a renewal
of activity from 1719 through 1722 as
several hundred Frenchmen and their
Native American allies moved to the
island to participate in the conflict
with Pensacola. After this last flurry
of activity Dauphin Island became a
quiet back-water community,
although a few settlers and soldiers
always remained, primarily to report
on passing ships and to keep the
Spanish from occupying the island.
The French period ended in 1763
when the area was ceded to Great
Britain.

Excavations at Port Dauphin have
revealed a complex series of buildings
along with numerous artifacts. Over
the decades sand covered the site to
a depth of about three feet, effectively
sealing it from disturbance. The
analysis phase of the project is just
beginning, as excavation represents
only about 30% of the work on any
archaeological project.

Artifacts are presently being
cleaned and conserved at the
archaeology lab at the University of
South Alabama. The second in a
series of public presentations on the
archaeology and history of Dauphin
Island is planned for this fall to report
on the project. A display and report
will be produced on the results of
this research.

Funds for this work are being
provided through a matching grant
from the Alabama Historical
Commission and your private
donations. Although we need and
would welcome one, the project does
not have a corporate sponsor. The
Dauphin Island Foundation is
supporting this research by
coordinating the fund raising effort.
Our matching goal is $20,000. Private
donations and moral support have
been encouraging, but we still need
your contributions to continue this
important work. Every dollar you
give will be matched by another dollar
from the Historical Commission.

Your support of this project to
preserve their cultural heritage of
Dauphin Island, the oldest
continuously occupied European
settlement in French Louisiana, is very
much needed and appreciated. Please
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"Archaeology Project"
DI SCHOOL YEAR END REPORT CARD
-Paula Loper, Principal

The faculty and students ended the school year with a big “Hoorah!” Leaving for the summer was bittersweet with many memories of a wonderful year. Some remembered the glorious sight of a sky filled with kites on Mrs. Joyce’s Kite Day. Others remembered our fantastic adventures in New Orleans. Last, we said a good luck and farewell to our talented sixth grade graduates with a touching graduation ceremony.

As the class test scores for the Stanford-9 were read over the loudspeaker, shouts of pride and elation could be heard. Students at Dauphin Island School scored well above average on their test scores. Average is the 50 percentile. Our scores ranged from 61 to 78. In fact, our scores were some of the best in the county. Good test scores come with a concerted effort of students, parents, and school staff.

A few days before the closing of school, Mr. Phil Crigler, our state representative, announced that Dauphin Island School would receive $22,076.92 for capital improvements. This money will be used for academic improvements such as buildings, computers, library books, etc. By the way, this amount is in addition to other monies he has secured for the Dauphin Island School. Mr. Crigler has also shared some time with our students this year, helping further their knowledge about government.

Mobil Oil, our adopter, is another valuable supporter. Because of their generosity, our school has the most inviting landscape and the outside of the school is attractive to all. Steve Geoff, Mrs. Winston Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Little, and all representing Mobil showed their support of Jan Tanner, Dauphin Island School’s outstanding teacher by attending the annual awards dinner. I look forward to working with Mr. Steve Geoff in the future to discuss plans for continued support from Mobil.

September is already on our minds. We have so many exciting things planned for next year. Remember, uniform time is here! This summer, students can start working on their wardrobe of khaki slacks, shorts, jumpers, or skirts and light blue shirts. They may complete their outfit with their favorite tennis shoes. Also, don’t work too hard finding lunch boxes. Students will have a choice of bringing lunch from home or buying lunch here at school. Our new lunch program should be a benefit to busy parents.

Do you have a hobby or art or music? Do you love reading? Dauphin Island Elementary School is always looking for volunteers from our community to share their talents with our children. Could you spare an hour a week to read with a child? The cost of your time is high, but the joy and appreciation you will see on a child’s face is well worth the effort.

Have a super summer and rest well. September begins with the roar of the pencil sharpener!
BE SURF SAFE

-Mike Henderson, Executive Dir.

The Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board is submitting this notice in the hope residents and guests will understand the threat all gulf waters can hold.

We received permission from authorities at Pensacola Beach to use this notice and feel it provides information even the strongest swimmers need to know.

Even more important though, is recognizing the fact that gulf waters can sometimes be too dangerous to enter at all. Far too many drownings occur in conditions that even boats avoid. Furthermore, there are also the examples of tragedy due to intoxication and even those instances when the victim could not swim to begin with.

All of us with the Park and Beach Board are looking forward to a great summer. We encourage everyone to study this notice and use common sense to ensure it is a safe one as well.

This usually occurs during the summer months and involves tourists who are not familiar with our surf conditions.

Whenever wind generated breaking waves become 2-4 feet in height, the water level on the beach is elevated. Water effectively becomes piled against the shore. The landward moving surgical mass of water is compensated for by a equal volume of water moving seaward along the bottom. This is called “UNDERTOW” and can be felt around your feet and legs while standing still on the beach face.

The “UNDERTOW” is seldom strong enough to bother an adult but does indicate a more dangerous process called “RIP CURRENTS” that may be active.

The seaward-flowing sheet of water along the bottom becomes concentrated in the shallow trough that occurs between the near shorebar and the beach, and that stream of water then moves parallel to the shore until it finds a narrow gap or low spot on the near shorebar. Here the water moves seaward as a concentrated stream which is known as “RIP CURRENT.”

In such a rip channel a concentrated mass of water moving seaward at a velocity which usually exceeds the swimming abilities of even the best swimmers. A swimmer who finds himself caught in such a situation should not try and fight it, but go with the flow. A rip current is a fairly narrow channel, seldom more that 100 feet wide. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current and let the incoming waves bring you in, or let the current take you seaward about a hundred feet or so until the current diminishes, then swim laterally away from the current and to shore.

DO NOT VENTURE INTO HEAVY SURF CONDITIONS. Understanding our beautiful Gulf waters makes a safer visit.

FORT GAINES STAGES TREMENDOUS CIVIL WAR EVENT WITH RE-ENACTORS

-Mike Henderson, Executive Director

During the weekend of May 17/18, Historic Fort Gaines hosted their 11th Annual Federal Fort Gaines - Thunder on the Bay. Thanks to the efforts of some of our most dedicated re-enactors, it was one of the largest events in our history. As one spectator remarked, “Dauphin Island has not seen a battle this size since the Civil War”.

Although based on our annual event dedicated to the life of the Union soldier who manned Fort Gaines toward the end of the war, this year’s activities were expanded to also include the Battle of Mobile Bay. The public viewed hundreds of re-enactors fighting for control of the Fort. These forces included infantry, artillery units, and even cavalry battles. Spectators were treated to a battle waged against all walls of the Fort.

An added edge of excitement was provided by the use of “land charges” to simulate the explosion of incoming artillery shells. Other examples of military skills included rapid fire competition, saber drills, and affairs of honor (dueling).

For the guests looking for more peaceful entertainment, demonstrations were staged with open-hearth cooking, blacksmithing, candle making, historical speeches, and period church service.

As with most of our larger “living history” events, a Candelight Tour was also presented that Saturday night.

We are indebted to the many re-enactors who participate in these presentations. Guest not only learn of the soldier’s life, but from their wives and children, examples of the non-military world our ancestors lived in. Special thanks for this particular event goes to Brian McWilliams and the members of the 1st Alabama Calvary regiment who spent many months planning this weekend.

PARK AND BEACH HAS BOARD CHANGE

-Mike Henderson, Executive Director

The Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board wishes to express our appreciation to John Smallwood for his years of service to this organization and the general public. While a Board Member from 1992 to 1997, John contributed too many improvements and changes benefiting both residents and guests to the island.

The responsibilities of Board membership involve tough decisions, no compensation, and often criticisms instead of thanks. The only reason someone can have to be in this position is the genuine desire to improve our community.

This comes as no surprise to anyone knowing John and his wife Mary. For example, one year, at their own expense, they covered the Town’s rest room facilities at the ferry landing with Christmas lights. They did not receive or ask for any recognition- just the satisfaction of making things a little better. We wish him and his family the very best in his future endeavors.

At the same time we would like to welcome Bill Edwards as the new member to the Board of Directors. He joins Elizabeth Gesbon and George Waldron III. Bill and his wife Pat, have been active in organizations all over the Island and Park and Beach Board feels lucky to have his energy and dedication.
MAJOR POLICY CHANGE
AT THE CAMPGROUND

-Mike Henderson, Executive Director, Park and Beach Board

Fort Gaines Campground has just announced it is doubling the number of sites it sets aside for rental by the day or week. It has also instituted a time limit on how long guests can keep their camping unit in the facility.

Although these changes have been discussed for a number of years, the increasing popularity of this location has recently resulted in an unprecedented demand for campsites. Due to the hard work of the campground staff and a number of improvement projects, we have reached a point where it is common to have to turn away customers even in the dead of winter.

This is a far cry from our situation in the past. Not that long ago we had so many empty sites in the off season, we would close portions of the campground to cut back on utility cost and maintenance time. Although we do not allow sites to be used as the sole residence of a guest, we encouraged long-term occupancy by way of special fees for limited use in the winter and other discounts. Even though we have discontinued these incentives, we have continued to face a situation in which our turn over in open sites was far less than the number of customers wishing to camp.

Our policy of allowing a person to leave his camping unit in the same site for an unlimited time was financially sound. Especially when you bear in mind, our fee charging attractions have to help pay the cost of the many free-to-the-public facilities provided by the Park and Beach Board. But even though we have to operate like a private business, our prime mandate is to provide recreation facilities to the general public. By allowing the same customer to keep a campsite for an unlimited time, we had reached a point that the majority of the campground seemed to be closed to new guests. We value and appreciate the business of all our customers, but we could no longer justify allowing an unlimited stay by a lucky few to the detriment of the many who were prevented from using these facilities.

Therefore, we have begun a process whereas when any site rented by the month is vacated, we will only allow it to be rented by the day or week until we have a total of 61 sites reserved in this manner. In the remaining sites allowed for monthly rental, we have set a time limit of 6-months use. After that stay, there is a minimum 30-day waiting period before that camping unit is allowed to return to the campground. In doing this we can guarantee a constant turn over of open campsites.

We feel these changes are fair to snow birds and others wishing an extended visit, while at the same time ensuring families on a short vacation or weekend a much better chance of enjoying these recreation opportunities.

ORIGIN OF ISLAND STREET NAMES

-Jim Hall, DICON News Staff

In the early 1950’s the Committee on Nomenclature selected names for Island streets “which are significant in the long, romantic and colorful history of the island which played a vital part in the settlement of North America.” Here are a few examples:

General Anderson Place - named for Gen. Charles D. Anderson, commander of Fort Gaines at the time it was lost to the Federal forces in battles preliminary to capture of Mobile near the end of the Civil War.

General Gaines Place - named for Gen. George S. Gaines who operated a large Trading House at St. Stephens, an important outpost in the young United States, while Mobile was still held by the Spanish during the early days of the nineteenth century. As a trader, Gen. Gaines was on the first business men to see the need of the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway as he in 1816 was barging supplies down the Ohio River from Pittsburg, then up the Tennessee River to Calvert’s Ferry from where his goods were carried overland to the Tombigbee River and then barged on downstream to St. Stephens.

General Page Place - named for Gen. R. L. Page, heroic commander of Fort Morgan at the time of its surrender to Federal troops during the Civil War.

The above information is derived from “History of Dauphin Island” published by Mobile Chamber of Commerce and the Dauphin Island Land Sales Corporation in the 1950’s.
Volunteer Group Spruces up Island

- Dee Gordon, Chairman

The Beautification Committee, for the Town of Dauphin Island, is busy at City Hall. We have planted a number of shrubs and are in the process of replacing old cross ties. Also, we installed an automatic watering system in the front area and are in the process of installing it on the sides and back. Our many thanks to Buddy Holland, a volunteer, for all his help on this project.

The many palms, donated by Mr. Marvin Stewart, are looking great. McCune Dudley, another volunteer, regularly fertilizes all these trees for us. We planted three Crepe Myrtles in the median at the Little Red School House in the spring. One was planted for Arbor Day and dedicated to the late 1997 graduating class by Councilman Jeff Collier. Members of the Beautification Committee are: Dee Gordon, Chairman Milton Yeager, Secretary Don Bland, Treasurer Albert Smith and John Noel.

Anyone interested in helping this committee with their volunteer work please feel free to call any of us.

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Dauphin Island Sea Lab -
Twenty five years as Alabama’s Marine Science Center

- Dr. George F. Crozier, Executive Director, Dauphin Island Sea Lab

On July 6, 1972, Watson A. Mundy, deputy regional director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, presented the deed of 30.3 acres of land and 23 buildings located on Dauphin Island, Alabama to Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon, chairman of the board of the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium. That ceremony was meant to reflect President Richard M. Nixon’s Environmental Message to Congress, in which he said, “Together, we hold this good earth in trust. We must — and together we can — prove ourselves worthy of this trust.”

How excited we were twenty-five years ago! Overjoyed at obtaining new permanent quarters, excitement soon turned to consternation, then hard work when we discovered that the 6,000 square-foot former Air Force computer building, in which we had expected to conduct summer school, had only a few electrical outlets, little hot water and ONE bathroom.

Twenty-five years later, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab continues to persevere in our mission of conducting pure and applied research, and sponsoring educational programs for individuals and organizations interested in and dependent upon the marine environment. These are among our many accomplishments:

- Our research faculty can boast of fine work recognized both nationally and internationally.
- Our graduate students, who conduct Master’s and Ph.D. level research and field work, now number around 40.
- Our Discovery Hall Programs educate approx. 15,000 K-12 students a year, as well as conduct programs for hundreds of teachers annually.

Our public service mission is extremely active in community and environmental issues on Dauphin Island and in Mobile and its immediate environs.

By trying to understand the impact of human activity on our environment, the staff of the Sea Lab have done much to encourage wise use of our precious natural resources, and continues to serve as a resource to many local organizations, including the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP), the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), and many others.

We are proud to be Alabama’s marine science and education center.

As an organizational entity that has grown by leaps and bounds, the DISL faced, and continues to face, the challenge of meeting the educational needs of the public and continuing to conduct cutting-edge research, despite periods of alarming financial cut-backs. Seeking to improve our administrative and organizational management, we recently conducted a self-study, where several important changes were implemented:

- Separation of higher and lower education programs

Faced with the unique challenge of providing marine science education to students who range from kindergarten to Ph.D. candidates, the DISL reinforced its educational agenda with the establishment of the University Programs, the organizational structure charged with overseeing all of the activities associated with undergraduate and graduate education and research at the DISL, including the Summer School Program. The University Programs is currently under the chairmanship of Dr. Jonathan Pennock. Additionally, the Discovery Hall Programs, whose extensive responsibilities include K-12 education, teacher training, public outreach and the new Estuarian, is under the formal chairmanship of Dr. John Dindo.

- “Dauphin Island Sea Lab” and the “Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium”

One of the results of the self-study came the painful realization that the vast majority of Alabamians have no idea who the “Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium” is, never mind its mission. On the other hand, because of the thousands of visitors we host every year, the entity of the “Dauphin Island Sea Lab” is much better recognized. To that end, we have made a conscious effort to shift the emphasis of identity and image toward the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and hope that its name will become one of widespread instant recognition in the state and in the country.

New Logo

It seemed fitting with all the growth of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to upgrade our logo. Designed by Robert Dixon, it is intended to reflect the flow of the rivers of the State into Mobile Bay. It also reflects our maturity and diversification of science practiced at the Sea Lab. There is now a full complement of science interests ranging from fundamental biology through biogeochemistry, oceanography, and into bioengineering. Educational programs have become national models and among the largest in the country. The school of spadefish reflect the interaction of living and non-living systems and the dramatic growth of the faculties of research and education. All of these changes are well reflected in the new logo, as least as compared to the single spadefish, which remains as the key identifier of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and should never be lost.

This twenty-fifth year also heralds some very special up-coming events—the opening of the Estuarium, our most ambitious attempt at public outreach (scheduled to open in the fall of 1997), and our first-ever reunion of Dauphin Island Sea Lab graduates, to be held October 31 - November 2, 1997. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we want to express our gratitude to all of our supporters and visitors over the years. It is with your continued good wishes, input and support that we look forward to being one of the premier marine resource centers in the nation.
Raley's Pond
On Dauphin Island
SHORT ISLAND HISTORY LESSON
Editor's note: Following is a copy of a typed memo from Leon G. Raley to Lindsey Boykin, dated April 12, 1963. The document was found in archive material at USA.

Some time ago, Lindsey Boykin confided to me that he planned to publish a Dauphin Island newspaper. It was his idea to limit its features to items of fishing, boating, sailing, and history of the Island. At that time, I asked him if he knew how Raley's Pond received its name. He remarked that he didn't know. I inquired about the possibility of his publishing an account of this interesting facet of Dauphin Island history and lore. He replied, "Leon, if the article is acceptable, now only will I publish it - but, I'll pay you as well." So I went home to set down the word picture of how Raley's Pond received its name.

For those of you readers who are not familiar with the Pond - may I point out that this small body of water (about three acres in size) is situated about four miles east of the Western end of the Island and empties into the Sound by means of a small outlet. It is the habitat of marine life. As a child in the early Thirties, I accompanied my father and cousin, Earl Raley, to the Pond on a fishing party. It was there we caught many mullet on a tramnel net - an experience I've never forgotten.

Can you picture Dauphin Island in 1867? Two years and six months had passed since the end of the War. Confederate veterans of the Island had returned to their homes to take up life where it was left.

Among these was young Jimsey David Raley. This youth of twenty years had been one of the youngest volunteers to the Southern cause. This year - 1867 - the week before Christmas, young Jimsey married the fair maiden - Cecile Terry of Dauphin Island.

The following year, as family responsibilities grew, young Jimsey sought additional ways to supplement his livelihood. It was this item (1868), that young Raley was found using his ingenuity and special skills to advantage.

At Fort Morgan, the skilled Raley was removing pilings and obstacles in the Bay most unusually. He dove to the bottom with a hand saw and proceeded to saw the piling and obstacles. As he would need air, he would surface - get his breath and then return to the bottom to continue the sawing. Anyone familiar with the extent of these fortifications will tell you the feat was amazing.

Too this young man was entering enough to also collect whatever metallic material he found on the bottom in the way of shell casings and unfractured shells. This material was taken to Dauphin Island and sold to other merchants. The proceeds of this endeavor was used to purchase a new boat for Fort Morgan's unattended arsenal at the western end of the Island.

Upon Raley's inquiry, a mobile metals salvage dealer refused to buy the material as it was (LIVE). This young man was not to be stopped. He proceeded to eliminate the safety hazard.

He started a fire in the huge stacked stores of ammunition and quickly dug in at a safe distance to watch the FIREWORKS! One can imagine the huge hole which resulted from this explosion.

After the smoke cleared and the debris settled, Raley collected the brass and other metals - took it to Mobile by vessel, and sold it to the junk dealer.

As the years passed, the tides from the sound caused a small inlet to be formed which accounts for the Pond's salt water and access. And from that day to this, the body of water was known to the natives of Dauphin Island as RALEY'S POND.

- Leon G. Raley.

LOCAL VETS CREDIT HELP FOR FISH FRY

- DI Veterans Assoc.

The members of the Dauphin Island Veterans' Association had a fund raising Fish Fry on Saturday, June 14. The Veterans would like to express their sincere appreciation to the people and businesses whose generosity helped support the successful Fish Fry:

Capt'n Snapper, Inc.
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Papa John's
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A SHIP WITH DETERMINED MEN SAILED TO AN ISLAND IN THE GULF OF MEXICO 300 YEARS AGO

To found the French colony of Dauphine and the Louisiana Territory.

-Jimmie Morris

We are planning our island's Tricentennial celebration for 1999. Plan to be a part of this as we go back in time and recall the unique heritage of a gracious people living on a small Gulf of Mexico island. Their trials and tribulations while suffering the tragedy of hurricanes, the thunder of land and sea battles; the plundering of pirates; the impact of yellow fever, the influence of the French, the British, the Spanish, the Confederacy; the vibrance of 300 years of human experience, blossoming to embrace the promise of today and the new millennium.

Do you have a suggestion to add those being considered for the celebration? Please share it with us.

Barin Lorsch
King Neptune's
Debbie Anderson/Island Staff
Pete Barousse

Without the community spirit of these wonderful people our Fish Fry certainly would not have been successful. Thank you all! And thank everyone who stopped by and bought lunch. If anyone has been omitted because of oversight and poor memory, we are truly sorry.
DAUPHIN ISLAND 300 COMMISSION
AND
TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BOARD MISSION
1. Plan a meaningful 1999 year-round celebration of the January 31st/February first landing of Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur D’Iberville, and Jean Baptiste La Moyne, Sieur De Bienville on Dauphin Island; their subsequent founding of this island French colony as the anchor for the establishment of the French colony of Mobile; and the island’s importance to the early days of the Louisiana territory.
2. Open the Tricentennial with a re-enactment, or massive yacht fleet observance of the Iberville/Bienville landing at Jeffries park.
3. End the celebration with a giant finale ushering in the millennium.
4. Renew our hopes regarding establishment of a performing arts center.
5. Commission a playwright for “Winds”, a weekly summer night drama. Apply for grant from the Alabama state council on the arts for commissioning, and producing new plays, and grants from foundations for the arts and humanities, federal and state grant programs.
6. Plan a cultural event every other month (ballet) (modern dance) (area theatre) (puppet theatre) (choral) (mobile pops) (port city symphony) professional poetry reading and story-telling (opera) (children’s musical theatre), (artisans marketplace) (bluegrass) (jazz) (big band) (airport c&d concert) (airport rock concert)

8. Focus on the spirit of pioneer descendants by searching for, obtaining, catalog and display lost island artifacts, and through the archaeological efforts of the University of South Alabama (Margie Delcambre/Jeff Collier)
9. Establish a 6-flag planter marquee at Water Tower Plaza, and a temporary banner proclaiming our coming 300th.
10. Encourage free enterprise development of a transportation trolley for island visitor tours.
11. Hold six-flags theme dinner dances every other month.
12. Establish retail line of specialty items and retail outlet to create citizen interest and for some funds.
13. Encourage development of an elementary school island history study, and formation of the elementary and high school classes of 1999 to establish a youth participation program.
14. Build an official tricentennial float for island and area parades during the closing 90’s for promotion.
15. Hold an observance of the pirate raid near the site of the French village.
16. Develop a promotional flyer.
17. Hold the island’s first night parade during the summer of 1999.
18. Establish the Order of Dauphine the Order of the Fleur De Lis the honor of Chevalier De Saint-Louis.
19. Develop blazer and patch for commission and board members and other participating committee.

BOATING FACTS
Jim Hall, DICN News Staff
A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons fishing in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and non residents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt. Residents may fish a licensed public fishing pier or licensed charter boat in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.
Alabama registers all mechanically propelled vessels, sailboats, and boats for hire. Vessels documented with the U.S. Coast Guard as commercial are not required to be registered with the state. Vessels documented as pleasure are required to register; however, they do not have to display the Alabama registration number on the bow. The current year decal should be placed in a conspicuous location on the vessel and the certificate shall be on board when in operation.
The Roberson/Archer Act of 1994 requires that every person, 12 years of age or over who operates a motorized vessel on the waters of this state, shall obtain a boat safety certification on or before April 28, 1999. Responsible boaters should check details and exemptions.

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3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm,
Isle Dauphine Grill,
861-4228

Baptist Church
Wednesday Evening 6-8pm
Sunday School - 9:45am
Sunday Morning Service - 11am
Sunday Evening Service - 6pm
Leymone & Chaumont, 861-5124

Methodist Church
Sunday School - 9:45am
Sunday Morning Service - 11am
302 Key St., 861-5509

St. Edmund Catholic
Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 8:30am
Weekday Mass posted weekly
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NOTICE

PLEASE READ

The following information contained within this notice is to inform you of the Public Warning System that the City of Dauphin Island uses to notify the Island Residents and Visitors of an emergency. The Warning System that is used are Sirens that are located at strategic points on the Island. The system is operated and maintained by the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency.

Listed below are the procedures that you should take in the event that the Warning Sirens are sounded.

1. **DON'T PANIC. CHECK IT OUT, IT MAY ONLY BE A TEST.** The sirens are tested every Friday at noon. If you are unsure, assume the warning is real.

2. Go indoors and stay indoors.

3. Tune to one of your local radio or TV stations in Mobile County. They will carry any emergency broadcasts.

4. Close all doors and windows.

5. Shut off all systems that draw outside air into the house such as furnaces, air conditioners and fireplace vents.

6. Do not use the phone, unless you have a special emergency and need help. Leave the lines open for official emergency business.

7. If you are advised to leave **STAY CALM AND DO NOT RUSH.** Evacuation can work promptly and reduce your risk only if you act **SAFELY** and **CALMLY.**

8. When you leave turn off all lights and appliances.

9. Take a few items with you, special medications, special foods, extra clothing, your check book and cash.

10. Use your own transportation or, if possible, ride with a neighbor. Also, keep car windows and air vents closed and listen to a local radio station. Above all **DRIVE SAFELY.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 861-5523**
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS NOTICE

Terms to Know

HURRICANE WATCH ............ Hurricane conditions are a real possibility for the Island.

HURRICANE WARNING ........... Hurricane is expected within the next 24 hours.

BEGIN TO PREPARE........AT ONCE!

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED FOR DAUPHIN ISLAND:

- Listen for weather updates........stay informed.
- Keep portable radio and flashlights on hand and remember FRESH batteries.
- Clear your yard of all loose objects (trash cans, etc.).
- Moor your boat securely.
- Store drinking water in clean containers. Rinse out the bathtub and fill with water.
- Shutter, board or tape windows....close drapes.
- Plan your evacuation route from the Island...know where you will go during the evacuation period and the best road to that destination.
- If an Evacuation is ordered (mandatory), you must obey. If you choose not to obey, be aware that once the Island is cleared, no one will return to assist you until the evacuation period is over. It would be helpful, if you choose to stay, to have your next-of-kin's address given to the Police Department, should you meet with an emergency.
- What do you take with you in an evacuation? Important papers you keep at home, several days change of clothes, your medications, personal items and mementoes and a blanket or two.

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How will Dauphin Island be cleared during an evacuation? The Police and Fire Departments will begin evacuation at the outer edges of Island, proceeding inward toward the Water Tower. You will hear sirens and loud announcements....don't linger! Time is of the essence. Re-entry to the Island will be announced over radio and television and will be based on your ID card.

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Remember: It is better to be prepared than just WISH you had!!