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## Spelling Bee named Abaco's top Speller First place winner will compete in Nassau



Twenty-one students from seven schools competed on January 29 to be named Abaco's best speller. This was one step toward knowing the top national speller who will enter the Howard Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Each of the entrants was presented with a certificate. In the center front are the winners, Jasmine Taylor, first place and Clydeisha Cornish, second place, both from S.C. Bootle High School. In third place was Sujith Swarna from Agape Christian School.

The Abaco District of the Department of Education held a Spelling Bee on January 25. The winner of this spelling bee will compete in a National Spelling Bee held in Nassau on March 29. The National winner will then compete in the Howard Scripps Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 26-28. During this three-day event the students tour the area and are hosted at a variety of events.

This year's winner was 11-year-old Jasmine Taylor, a grade 7 student of S.C. Bootle High School. Coming in second was Clydeisha Cornish, also from S.C. Bootle. She is 12 years old and in grade 8. Third place went to Sujith Swarna, an 11-year-old in grade 6 at Agape Christian School.

The competition on Abaco was open to both government and private schools with each school sending three participants. The spelling bee was held at Grace Baptist Church in Dundas Town. The students had to be in grade 8 or below and had to be 14 years or younger. A total of 21 students competed, the youngest of whom was 7 years old. All the students were awarded with certificates.

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## Support for ban on turtle fishing

By Mirella Santillo

The Department of Marine Resources has issued a statement outlining proposed changes to turtle regulations which would mean that The Bahamas was joining the majority of the world's countries in banning turtle fishing and turtle commerce of any kind. These countries include our close neighbors, the United States, Mexico and Cuba. The department is proposing that full protection be extended to all

marine turtles found in the waters of The Bahamas, prohibiting the harvesting of all marine turtles except with the permission of the Minister for scientific research or educational purpose.

Comments from several fishermen concurred to say that most Bahamians caught turtles for their own consumption and not

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## Min. Brensil Rolle discussed Spring City housing



Parliamentary Secretary for Housing, Mr. Brensil Rolle, held a meeting with the residents of Spring City to discuss the new houses being built in that community. One hundred houses will be constructed in Phase I of which the first 10 are completed. Mr. Rolle had with him representatives of Bahamas Mortgage Corporation and other government agencies and departments. He answered questions and assured the people that all persons who qualify will be considered for a home. See page 5 for story.

## Six became Bahamian citizens



Chief Immigration officer for Abaco, Mr. Hubert Ferguson, swore in six new citizens on January 30 in Marsh Harbour. All were of Haitian descent. At the ceremony the Minister of Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney, and the Director of Immigration, Mr. Jack Thompson, spoke to them, saying that citizenship is the highest honour a country can bestow on someone. They also spoke of their responsibilities as citizens. All but one were born in The Bahamas and considered themselves Bahamian even though they did not have the documents that said so. See page 2 for story.

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# Swearing-in ceremony recognizes six new citizens

By Jennifer Hudson

January 30 was a very special day for six people who became the newest citizens of The Bahamas at a swearing-in ceremony held at the Marsh Harbour court room. Flying in from Nassau for the swearing in were the Minister of Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney, and the Director of Immigration, Mr. Jack Thompson.

All six persons who were sworn in were under the age of 30 years and of Haitian descent. Mr. Thompson was happy to show the other side of the work of the Immigration Department as he said, "People often think our only job is to apprehend illegals. This is a wonderful day in the lives of the newest citizens and is a wonderful day in The Bahamas," he commented. "We are assembled to have sworn in the newest citizens of our great Bahamaland. Most of them were born in The Bahamas, have many years of residency here and have made quite a journey to this point."

Mr. Thompson praised the work of Min. McCartney, whom he described as "a dynamic, fired-up minister who is about the people's business and who seeks to bring services to the people. He has come here today to perform this task here on Abaco. We must carry out our mandate. If people are illegal, we must return them; but if people want to do the right thing and apply for citizenship, then they will be the recipient of good things."

Min. McCartney said that he deemed it an honour and a privilege on behalf of the people of The Bahamas to congratulate and welcome the newest citizens. "Citizenship is sacred in our country, and the granting of it is a serious moment. This is the highest recognition and privilege a government can bestow on an individual. For those born

here this is long overdue and follows a long time of uncertainty. They have shown good character, skills and talents and service to their community. With the privilege of citizenship comes obligations such as unconditional loyalty, allegiance to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, respecting and upholding the law of the land and contributing to its social, peaceful and economic development. Our greatest resource is our people; a nation is only as strong as its people. We need commitment, dedication and hard work." Mr. McCartney also brought greetings to the new citizens from Mr. Edison Key, Parliamentary representative for South Abaco, and congratulated them on behalf of the citizens of The Bahamas.

During the taking of the oath each new citizen stood as his/her name was called and, holding the Bible in the right hand, swore "to be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors according to law with the help of God." Following this, the newest citizens along with everyone in the courtroom, turned towards the Bahamian flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of the Bahamian National Anthem.

At the end of the proceedings the new citizens stood while the Minister and Island Administrators congratulated each of them by shaking hands. They were presented with their documents.

The six new citizens, Richardson Pata, Johnny Decius, Agnes Fertil, Robensen Marurancy, Gecsson Johnssaint and Alicia Reckley, were all very excited that this day had at last arrived. All except Alicia Reckley were born in The Bahamas to Haitian parents. Mrs. Reckley was born in Haiti but came to The Bahamas on a visa, met her

husband and stayed. She has now lived on Abaco for 15 years and is especially excited as she has always wanted to vote.

All of the new citizens had to wait varying amounts of time for their applications to be processed but on the whole said that they had found the process to be a smooth one though drawn out. The only person

who had experienced any real difficulty was Robenson Marurancy, who has lived on Abaco for 20 years. He had to travel to Haiti to get his mother's documents. He was so eager to apply that he actually got his documents in just before his 18th birth-

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The new citizens sworn in on January 30 are congratulated by the Minister of Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney.

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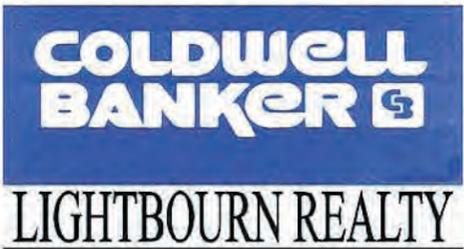
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# Spring City Residents Meet with Housing Officials

By Samantha V. Evans

Many of the residents of Spring City have been outraged about the new development to revitalize their community. Since the start of the construction several meetings have been held to inform them of the transformation building plans. On January 29th a team from the Ministry of Housing and the Mortgage Corporation were on Abaco to answer questions posed by the residents. Leading the meeting was Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Brensil Rolle, who represented the Minister in his absence.

Senior Island Administrator for Abaco, Mr. Cephas Cooper, thanked all of the residents for coming and told them that he is so pleased with the transformation of this community. He introduced the panel and invited the residents to address their concerns to them so that any concerns can finally be laid to rest.

Mr. Rolle stated that he is anxious to hear what they have to say and encouraged them to make any suggestions and to voice their opinion on what is going on with the development. He told them that the workmanship of the contractors is unmatched throughout The Bahamas and commended them for the superior work delivered. So far, Mr. Rolle explained, 55 Spring City residents have pre-qualified for homes, but in total more than 270 persons from across Abaco have pre-qualified for homes in Spring City. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to get an update on issues that came forth at the beginning of this project. Mr. Rolle and his team did their best to answer their questions.

Mr. Rolle stated that these first 100 homes are a part of Phase I so he does not want anyone who wants a home to be dis-

couraged if they are not granted a home in this first phase. He explained that Phase II will commence shortly. The rough road work has already begun. Colin Curry asked about the availability of commercial lots and Mr. Rolle stated that there will be some available in Phase II. There is some Crown Land at the entrance of Spring City that persons can apply for that can be used for commercial purposes as well. Mr. Rolle added that 240-250 lots will be coming on stream soon, but the road work has to be completed first. He further promised to look into their concerns about an existing home that is too close to a new road and the proposed sewer system that still seems to be upsetting many of the residents who believe that the sewerage disposal proposed can affect Abaco's water supply.

Another resident asked Mr. Rolle to investigate the method being used to approve homes for Abaconians as information has surfaced about persons already having homes being granted Spring City houses. The person stated that this is unfair as the homes are supposed to be for first time homeowners only. Mr. Rolle explained that he was not aware of this but would investigate. He stressed that, contrary to what they may believe, the homes being built are available to any Abaconian and not just Spring City residents. Anyone who qualifies and can meet the down payment deadline can be approved to receive a low cost home.

Mr. David Cartwright from the Mortgage Corporation explained the process each person will have to go through to qualify for a home loan. The normal requirement is 10 percent down, but they are prepared to allow persons to put 5 percent down. However, they encourage interested

persons to make the highest down payment they can so that their monthly payment can be low. He further explained that the applicants must be a Bahamian, at least 18 years of age and working. The Permanent Secretary, Mr. Melvin Seymour, added that even if a person meets the qualifications, this will not guarantee them a home. They must be prepared and able to pay the required down payments within two weeks or the house will be offered to the next person. He stressed to them that too many persons are in need of homes for the Department of Housing to reserve empty houses waiting for people to qualify.

Presently 10 homes are completed, and they are preparing to assign those keys as soon as possible. Seymour reiterated that

no homes will be assigned until an applicant meets all requirements. He assured them that his Ministry will do all they can to accommodate locals but they (the locals) have to do what is required of them to qualify for a home or they will have to wait until another set of homes become available.

Also present for the meeting were Housing Assistant First Secretary, Mr. Litfield Rolle; Mortgage Corporation representatives Wendy McDonald and Yvette Stewart; representatives from the local Housing and Mortgage Corporation Office, Water and Sewerage, BEC, BTC, Local Government and the other pertinent government agencies.



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Melvin Seymour, explained to the residents of Spring City that more houses will be built and that those who do not qualify now can work to qualify for houses to be built in the future. They must be able to pay the required down payment within two weeks of being chosen for an available house.

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# Church Service Launches Tourism Week

By Samantha V. Evans

January 23-30 was observed and celebrated as National Tourism Week across The Bahamas. The theme for the week focused on domestic tourism. Most of the activities this year took place in the nation's capital, but on Abaco Tourism staff began the week with a church service held at Church of God Dundas Town on January 25. In attendance for the service was the team from the Ministry of Tourism lead by acting manager Winsome Ferguson. The Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, Amy Mackay of Forest Heights, read the Minister's message. In his message Min. Vincent Vanderpool Wallace stated that The Bahamas is seen as one of the most favorable islands of choice because of its location and the ability of its people to weather various storms. He encouraged the people of The Bahamas to prepare themselves to make adjustments during these tough economic times.

The message for the service was delivered by Bishop Anthony Campbell, who told the tourism team that they have a big task ahead of them as the entire world is feeling the results of the economic pinch. However, if the industry is to survive this, it will take all Bahamians changing the way they do business and the way we all view this industry. He encouraged them to love their neighbor and visitors as themselves, be prepared to serve those who visit The Bahamas and be courteous to them. The people need to recapture the warmth and pleasant attitude that made The Bahamas a better place to visit.

Rev. Campbell spoke on the topic Perfecting the Vision. He began by saying that looking in the past can foretell the future. He explained that he remembers when the

Ministry of Tourism was doing so well that they had lots of money to spend and to host celebrations but now they cannot afford to do so anymore. In fact, he encouraged the staff of Tourism to do what they can to protect their employment because if Tourism continues to suffer then they can find themselves out of a job. He stated that vision is a bridge from the past to the future. Therefore, they must use this information to make themselves invaluable to the company where they work especially during these tough economic times. However, to have vision, they must be prepared to make sacrifices. With vision, this can drive and motivate them to achieve their dreams.

Rev. Campbell sounded the alarm to the Bahamian working population stating that they need to be effective on their jobs because no job is secure anymore including government jobs. This will require them to do assignments and tasks right the first time. Those persons who have a hidden agenda need to get their act together and follow the vision of the company. A major problem he noted is that many leaders are sacrificing best for good. It is time to get beyond this and decide to set a personal goal to always be at their best. Campbell gave a final word to leaders who are influenced by cliques, favoritism and unethical

*The Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, Amy Mackay of Forest Heights, read the Minister's message*



Amy Mackay

behavior to do away with prejudicial assignments and practices but assign their best employees to be at the forefront of important work assignments. The time is now to prove one's worth and values as tough times call for tough measures.

In attendance were past Cacique winners Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ralph as well as two current nominees, Glender Knowles in Transportation and Peggy Thompson for the Minister's award. Also in attendance at the conference were Administrator for North Abaco Theophilus Cox, Chief Councillor for South Abaco Preston Roberts, Superintendent of Immigration Hubert Ferguson, and other government agency officials.



Five people from Abaco were nominated for Cacique awards this year. Two of them, Peggy Thompson and Glender Knowles, attended the church service organized by the Abaco Tourist office to observe Bahamas Tourism Week. The three other nominees were Kim Roberts, Steve Dodge and Lewis Key.

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# News of the Cays

## Green Turtle Cay Dedication of St. Peter's Anglican Church

By Jennifer Hudson

Anglicans and people of many other denominations came from the length and breadth of Abaco to fill St. Peter's Anglican Church on Green Turtle Cay to overflowing on the afternoon of January 25 for the dedication and consecration of the new church building by The Most Rev. Drexel W. Gomez, Former Archbishop of The West Indies and 12th Bishop of The Bahamas (Retired); The Rt. Rev. Laish Z. Boyd, Bishop of The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands; and The Rev. Dwight H.L. Rolle, Rector of St. Peter's and St. Anne's Parishes. Also acting as con-celebrants were The Rev. Earl A. Hepburn, Rector of St. John the Baptist and St. Martin Parish; and The Venerable Cornell J. Moss, Archdeacon of the Northern Bahamas and Rector of the Church of the Ascension.

The service began as the clergy and servers gathered outside the church for the laying of the cornerstone. The Archbishop laid his hands on the cornerstone while

blessing it. Following this the Archbishop moved towards the door which he blessed and marked the threshold with the sign of the cross. The outside doors were opened and the Archbishop with his attendants proceeded to the interior doors. As the interior doors opened, a fanfare was heard and the archbishop proceeded up the aisle making the sign of his Episcopal blessing as he passed each pew.

Church lights, floor, roof, fans, air conditioning, stained glass windows, baptismal font, lectern, pulpit, candelabra, acolyte, altar torches, altar and pews were all dedicated and sprinkled with holy water in turn. The life, work and ministry of the faithfully departed of St. Peter's Anglican Church were remembered for their contributions.

The service included special selections by the St. Peter's Youth Choir and Church Choir and a solo by Ms. Norma Ashe. The sermon was delivered by The Most Rev. Gomez, who charged the people "This is the house of God and you must look after it." He warned that while Bahamians like to have nice buildings, they are lax in taking care of them after a while."

The new Bishop, Fr. Laish Boyd, told

the congregation that a new building is one thing, but the people are the jewels. Although they now have a new building, they must have a heart with God in it as that's more important. A church is just a building, but the people are its jewels.

After the service the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshment.

### Historical note

St. Peter's Anglican Church is the oldest Anglican Church on Abaco. The original building was destroyed by the devastating 1932 hurricane. Since the destruction of the original building, services were held in the Sunday School building most of which was demolished to make way for the new church building. It has been many years in the planning though, according to one

church member, it has been talked about and longed for for the past 30 or more years. The new sanctuary was built on the original foundation with gothic windows and doors so that it looks as much like the original building as possible. The only major difference is the use of new technology to make the structure stronger to withstand further hurricanes.

## Guana Cay Nippers plans three day Festival

It all started back in 2002 as a Johnny Roberts' brainstorm. Owner of Nippers

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The members of the newly rebuilt St. Peter's Anglican Church has tried to duplicate as much as possible the original structure that was destroyed by the Hurricane of 1932. It is even built on the original foundation.

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# The Editor Says . . . We must rise to meet our challenges



Abaco has gone through many periods of tough times and adversity since first settled in 1783 but with perseverance and drive, the inhabitants have overcome many obstacles. The new arrivals at Carleton Point, near our present day Treasure Cay, had to quickly learned the value of boiled fish.

However, with motivation and determination they managed to build and launch the 21-ton sloop Huaibras within two years of their arrival. In their third year, their constructed and launched the 155-ton ship Ulysees. By 1788 history records that five Abaco cargo vessels were in the Nassau harbour. Abaco's new residents were making their mark despite all the hardship they had to endure.

We are not sure who was promoting Abaco in the United States, but four of our present towns are believed to have been established during these early years: Marshes Harbour in 1784, Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town and Cherokee in 1785.

Shipbuilding was an early industry successfully pursued for nearly 200 years. Abaco shipwrights were soon recognized for their ability to convert the forest into hardy sailing vessels. Conventional shipbuilding ended in 1963 when the Esperanto was launched by Uncle Will on Man-O-War Cay. That sailboat, now named the Wm. H. Albury, is a familiar sight on our Abaco waters.

The traditional boatyards found in Man-O-War began migrating to boat repair and maintenance instead of boat construction. By switching to repair work, a larger clientele is served, and the railway or yard was not tied to one mammoth project for months on end. Besides, there is no end to the need for repair and maintenance work as our salty environment take its toll.

Edwin's Boat Yard on Man-O-War ventured in fiberglass boat construction in 1977 or 1978 and built 15 or 20 boats in the next three years, offering 18-foot and 23-foot models. With Edwin's death, fiberglass construction stopped, and the yard reverted to boat repairs and routine maintenance.

Willard Albury began making out-

board-powered fiberglass runabouts on the Man-O-War waterfront in 1984 and his facility continues to this day. In fact, his boats have been so successful that the hull was licensed for reproduction to a firm in Riviera Beach, Florida. The Albury Bros. boats are now made on Man-O-War Cay and in Florida. Abaco's boat building tradition is well founded on Man-O-War.

Our tourism began in the early 1960s with minuscule numbers. Visitor arrivals began increasing in earnest in the 70s, both by air and sea. Many of the air arrivals had to have a boat. The demand by visitors drove the rental boat market to expand. Abaco's rental boats may now exceed the number of rental cars available.

Additionally, many of our second homeowners require a boat. Three factors drove their boating needs. Some island locations need a boat for access. For others, a boat allowed the owners to better enjoy the area while a few required a boat as it represented the fulfillment of their second home experience. But all of these boats require care: they continually try to sink, batteries go dead, they are subject to damage in rough weather, bottoms need constant repainting and they are affected by a multitude of other ills.

In the owner's absence, storage of their boats on land is the best option - at least boats do not sink while ashore. The increase in the number of boats permanently here is evident when looking at our many boat storage yards. Every year more boats are put ashore and more small boat yards appear. Many of the smaller yards manage with simple tractors and trailers capable of hauling and launching boats up to the 30-foot range.

Several Abaco boatyards have invested in the heavy travel-lifts capable of lifting

and storing yachts from 30-feet to 60-feet or larger. At least one yard has invested in vertical storage racks and a companion forklift capable of lowering or retrieving a boat over a seawall.

Our maritime tradition and superb cruising area are complimented by several quaint island settlements. The combination has proven to be a boat owner's paradise. Although The Bahamas is an extensive archipelago, none of the major islands enjoys the extensive yet protected boating area seen on Abaco.

With the current stress to the economy, both here and abroad, many of those serving our boating interests are not sure of their immediate future. Registrations for fishing tournaments appear to be much lower than previous years, and many marinas are well below their occupancy levels of last year.

Many factors may be causing this downturn:

- The recent high cost of fuel which is somewhat lower now
- The \$300 cruising permit
- Insurance issues with large boats insured elsewhere
- Financial stress by the boat owners, causing them to curtail vacation travel
- Even those coming by air who would normally rent a boat locally appear to be enjoying the area without a boat.

Abaco's marine tourism leads the nation with the most:

- marinas
- private docks
- fishing tournaments
- rental outboard boats
- live-aboard charter boats
- full service boat yards
- storage yards with minimal services
- waterfront restaurants and hotels ca-

tering to boat owners

Substantial employment results from these marine-oriented facilities, and the jobs created are an important component of the Abaco economy. A downturn in boating traffic will send ripples through our economy. Marinas which were not enthusiastic about sailboats a year ago now embrace them with open arms.

Three or four years ago fishermen convinced government that all their problems stemmed from foreign boats abusing their stay here. Fishing regulations were quickly implemented which created much hardship and ill will for marine tourism throughout The Bahamas. A subsequent change of government brought revised rules which have been more acceptable. Government sometimes enacts measures to satisfy a perceived problem or to protect Bahamian interests without a good understanding of the entire situation. It is easy to feel that our problems result from the actions of others when it is not entirely that way.

For 200 years Abaco people have used their initiative, drive and motivation to survive and prosper using the available resources the island provided. Times have changed, but the drive and initiative still exist. The task now confronting our diverse marine industry is how to coax and convince visitors to resume travel here and enjoy an Abaco boating experience. We must come together to find ways of reversing this downward trend and enticing more boating visitors to our area. This may require a working partnership with government.

We feel that government will be open to considering well thought-out strategies to improve the situation and hopefully will provide appropriate measures to ensure the continued health of our marine interests.

## Letters to the Editor

### Confused About Cruising Permit Rules

Dear Editor:

My wife and I began coming to Abaco many years ago and chartered boats from the various charter companies and loved this area. We now are retired and own a foreign-registered vessel that acts as our second home that has been here for three years this year. Under the current cruising permit rules I must exit the country and return to start my next three-year cycle. Over the last year I stored my boat in Green Turtle for the summer, had the bottom of the boat repainted before I launched it, had the Marsh Harbour Boat Yard install a new engine in the boat and purchased two new boat batteries from a local business. I stay at one of the local marinas while I'm here, fly my children in each winter for a vacation and they stay in a hotel. They like

to dive so they go diving with one of the local dive shops. I rent an outboard boat from one of the local rental companies for the kids' vacation so they can run around and see everything. We eat out at restaurants quite a bit, shop at the local grocery stores, etc. My estimated expenditures in The Bahamas over the past year has been approximately \$40,000 (yes \$40,000)! The longer my boat is allowed to stay here the more we support the local economy, but yet I'm told I must leave because my three years are up.

If we leave and return, our price for a cruising permit would be \$300 for the next year. If we stay, our price would be \$500 besides all of the residual economic benefits to the local economy as I noted above. If we are forced to leave, we will store our boat in Florida, and I guess all of the residual economic benefits of storage, repair and re-supplying the boat will benefit the Florida economy.

I have several friends who are also in this same situation that are also confused about the overall economics of this rule/law. If we are allowed to continue to stay here, the Bahamian economy benefits. As we get older, many of us finally become second homeowners and continue to support the economy until we pass away. The cycle continues because in some cases our children will probably keep the family second home since we all enjoy our time here.

In the current issue of The Abaconian we see that another 150-slip marina is planned for Lynyard Cay besides the new 150-slip marina at Baker's Bay. So it appears that The Bahamas recognizes the economics of the boating tourist. I'm not sure how long this rule/law has been in place, but maybe

it's time for a review since boating/cruising and the use of boats as second homes has continued to evolve over the years, especially in this area.

Would someone with tourism, customs, financial or the right government agency please respond to the logic for this rule/law.

Signed Confused

### Uncontrolled ATV's pose a threat

Dear Editor:

Just a few years ago Bahama Palm Shores was remote and sparsely populated. It has now developed into a full subdivision with 78 homes so far.

Of course, with the larger population many of the ills and advantages follow along. We now have amenities such as power, phone and the internet. But we also have some troubling, even threatening, new problems.

The current problem comes as a result of uncontrolled use of four wheel ATV's on the roads and beaches. On weekends these vehicles power along our streets in groups of two or three at speeds approaching 50 or 60 miles an hour with the accompanying ear splitting noise, exhaust fumes and clouds of dust. They also race on the beach post our homes both day and night.

It appears that certain people bring their vehicles from Marsh Harbour solely to race in the area. Perhaps they are not aware that this is no longer a remote, sparsely populated settlement and that the disturbance they cause is serious.

The situation is near critical and some-

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# More News of the Cays

**Cays** *From Page 7*

Bar and Grill on Guana Cay planned to bring in the Barefoot Man from the Cayman Islands to perform his witty, tropical melodies. Barefoot Man would team up with Bahamian musician Stone McEwan, and this event would be merged with the already popular Sunday Pig Roast. The rest is Guana Cay history. Six years and nine concerts later the annual Barefoot Man Beach Concert has become one of the Abaco's biggest sing-a-long dance parties, annually drawing hundreds of visitors and locals.

This year Nippers is taking the beach-fiesta even further with a three-day sun splash that will start March 6th at 12 noon. Stone McEwan and his band will start the event followed by the Barefoot Man, Sea n B and Earl Lapierre from Trinidad on the steel pan-drum. On March 7th Earl will be performing from noon till late that evening. Then it's a lower key "unplugged" version of the Barefoot Man with Sea n B in Nippers new enclosed dining facility. On March 8th Nippers features two Bahamian bands - Stone McEwan and his group along with the Fire and Goat Peppers Band and, of course, the ever popular pig roast.

"Abaco is my second home," says the Barefoot Man. "We just love it here and our annual visit is the highlight of our

many tours." Barefoot's latest CD entitled Barefoot's Bahamas Best will be released the concert weekend at Nippers. For more information call Nippers at 242-365 5143 or www.barefootman.com.

## Man-O-War Cay Man-O-War held Fun Day

*By Mirella Santillo*

Man-O-War is eagerly preparing for its first Sojer Day, a heritage festival, home-coming event which will take place on April 4th. An organizing committee was formed last year and the first fund raising was launched in form of a bake sale / cook-out which was held on January 31st, 2009.

The event took place at the volleyball court, the venue of many Man-O-War's shows and community events and was very well attended by locals and second hom-



*Felicia Roberts of the Man-O-War Primary School was given special recognition as having the highest overall GLAT score on Abaco for Grade 3.*

owners alike in spite of chilly weather.

By late morning tables had been set by committee member Arthur Elden and were covered with mouth-watering pastries and cakes, such as pumpkin and chocolate cakes, fudge, rice crispy treats, cookies, guava pastry, brittles and more. Savory items were ready to compliment to hot dogs and hamburgers cooking on the grills under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Ann Pleydell-Bouverie and Mr. Peter Sweeting. Soon the field was lined with golf carts and a steady flow of residents patronized the tables manned by Mrs. Chana Albury, Mrs. Elizabeth Key, Mrs. Mandy Sands, Mrs. Carmen Newton and Mrs. Crissy Elden, all members of the organizing committee.

"We were very pleased with the crowd and are grateful for the support," said Mrs. Sands. She was supported in her remark by Mrs. Albury, who commented that there was never a huge crowd but a steady flow of people gathering at the food tables. Two hours after the opening hardly any food was left, but "face painting" was still going strong at Mrs. Netica Roberts' station.

Another Man-O-War resident and Sojer Day

organizer, Jeremy Sweeting, explained the entertainment planned for the festival which will showcase the history and the heritage of Man-O-War. The cay is renowned for its boat building and the home of a famed builder, William H. Albury will be opened for visits with his tools on display. There will be tours of several other homes and historical landmarks will be acknowledged. Demonstrations of old ways, such as tool sharpening, sculling and rope making, will be held and the Methodist Church

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*Five students from Man-O-War Primary School were presented with awards for achieving the highest marks for their grade levels last school year. In front are Kalina Weatherford, grade 2; Felicia Roberts, grade 3; and Giavanna Manni, grade 4. Behind are Faith Malone grade 6, and Brandon Weatherford, grade 5. They were awarded as most outstanding in their grades last school year.*



*The concert by the Barefoot Man is eagerly anticipated by visitors and residents alike. His popular Caribbean music is always a hit. This year the concert has been expanded to be a three-day event. The Barefoot Man's home is the Cayman Islands where he performs with the Sea n B band. He is bringing them along this year as well as Earl Lapierre from Trinidad, who is great on the steel drum. Shown here are Earl, Barrie Quappe of Sea n B, the Barefoot Man and Chuck Quappe of the Sea n B band.*

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# Central Abaco News

## A New Band In Town

Jennifer Hudson

Fire and the Goat Peppers is a young band making a name for itself around Marsh Harbour. Formed about six months ago, it is already well established with an ever growing repertoire of Bahamian songs, classic and alternative rock, reggae, alternative jazz and golden oldies.

The band now consists of four members but actually began with only three. In June of last year three young lads - John Ross Pinder, Daniel Higgs and Christopher Dexter Sawyer - got together to have fun making music. Their very first "gig" was at the Heritage Festival on Green Turtle Cay. Then they were asked to play for the Friends of the Environment Benefit Auction at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour to fill in while singer/guitarist James Malone took a break. This was a very serendipitous meeting for all

concerned. The four of them decided to try making music together right then and there, and everything just clicked. "They were so quick at picking up my songs, all I had to do was tell them the key, and we meshed together so well that we did eight or nine songs together that evening," said James. It was such a good blend that the four immediately decided to make it permanent and that was the birth of Fire and the Goat Peppers which took its name from the fact that James's nickname is "Fire."

The band auctioned themselves off at the fund raiser that evening and were snapped up by a second homeowner who purchased them to play for a party. Another of their first performances was for a Rotary Club party. "We knew then that everyone liked us because they were all smiling," said John Ross. They now have a regular engagement at Snappas every Saturday and

"Fire" also sings and plays guitar every Wednesday there.

All of the band members are self taught and John Ross was previously drummer with the New Entry Band. They practice faithfully twice a week at the One Stop Boat Shop near the entrance to Bahama Coral Isles where, fortunately, there are no neighbours to complain about their peace being disturbed. With the three original members being so young, it means there

will of necessity be some changes due to departures for college. Daniel Higgs, former bass player, is already away at college so Bruce Sawyer, in order to fill the gap, changed from guitar to bass learning very quickly within the space of two weeks. Dexter, who plays lead guitar will be going away to school in May so the band is in the

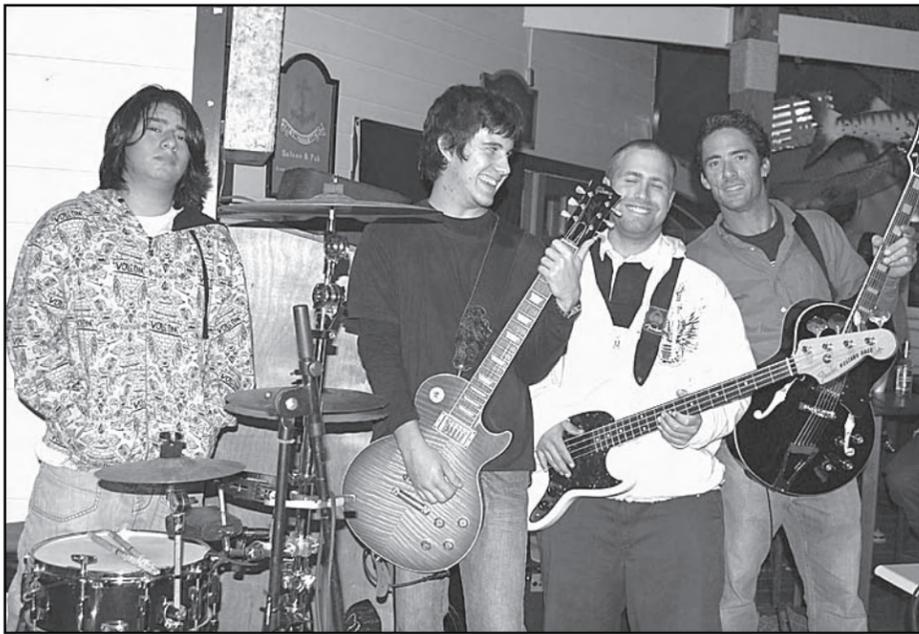
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## 93rd birthday is celebrated at Cybil's House



Ms. Dolly Roberts, in the wheelchair on the right, celebrated her 93rd birthday on January 12. She is a seventh generation descendant of Wyannie Malone who lived most of her life in Cherokee Sound. She is now at Sybil's House in Dundas Town. Mrs. Nancy Higgs, who visits the elderly there each week, organized a birthday party for her. Her friend, Doris Lowe, also from Cherokee Sound, enjoyed the party as well. Those standing behind are Emily Bethel, Mary, Margaret Laroda, Madge Bethel, Nancy Higgs, Carol Malone, Bernice Albury and Carolyn Lowe. A group of these women goes to the home every couple of weeks to visit with the four residents there.



The Fire and Goat Peppers Band is a young enthusiastic group who love to make music. They perform regularly at Snappas in Marsh Harbour. They are John Ross Pinder, Dexter Sawyer, Bruce Sawyer and James Malone.

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# More Central Abaco News

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process of interviewing for a replacement for him.

Fire and the Goat Peppers is a closely knit group of musicians who really enjoy making music together and are constantly trying to improve their repertoire with the assistance of Leigh Davies, who helps them co-ordinate their music. "Our number one fan is Sloosh who takes around a tip jar for us," laughs James. If you would like to hear and support this new young band, then you might want to go to Snappas on a Saturday night about 9 p.m. when they begin their evening's entertainment.

The members of the Fire and the Goat

## Remembering the elderly



Alie Bethel of Forest Heights Academy is shown delivering a food parcel to the old folks at Sybil's House.

Peppers Band all have daytime jobs: James Malone, Outboard mechanic at One Stop Boat Shop; Dexter, mechanic at Albury's Ferry; Bruce, mate on Albury's Ferry; John Ross works at Abaco Carpet.

## Humane Society will hold fund raising events

The Abaco Humane Society will host a monthly fun day with pony rides, hot dogs, drinks and sweet treats from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon behind Java Coffee House. The first fun day was January 17th with all proceeds going towards reducing the number of stray and abused potcakes and potcats throughout Abaco. Doodles, the pony, was available for pony rides, and there were drinks and treats for the young ones.

The Abaco Humane Society is looking for help in two important areas:

- **Frequent Flyer Miles** - Many of the puppies that are rescued are taken to Atlanta where they are placed in loving homes by our dedicated partner in the US, Royal Potcake Rescue. Their site is <www.potcake.org>. Any frequent flyer miles that you may have can help with the cost in transporting these animals to a safe and happy home.

- **Webpage Management** - The Abaco Humane Society is looking for someone to manage its website which would require no more than two hours a month. Tasks include uploading pictures, adoption updates, etc. If you are interested, check out the website at <abacohumanesociety.org>.

Please contact Bernadette Hall at 367-3067 if you are interested in helping in either of these areas or for other volunteer opportunities.

## Murphy Town is landscaping

*By Mirella Santillo*

As part of the on-going beautification program of the town, the Murphy Town Committee planted trees and flowers around street corners, parks and in front of public buildings. Dozens of coconut trees, buttonwood trees and oleanders were planted on Forest Drive last December and the grounds in front of the Burial Society were landscaped with marigolds, impatiens and crown of thorns, forming a colorful contrast to a mango tree and several neem trees. Neem trees will be

the bulk of the re-forestation of Murphy Town. Indeed, they will soon be seen in many areas of town, at Coconut Tree Bay, at streets intersections and along roads. The first four of these trees took root in front of the Burial Society at the beginning of December and are growing quite well. They were part of a stock of trees grown on the Abaco Neem Farm that were purchased by local government.

A few months ago the Abaco Neem Farm's manager, Ms. Daphne de Greg-

*Please see Central Page 16*



Murphy Town is landscaping its road verges, parks and around public buildings. The Town Committee purchased 40 neem trees from the Abaco Neem Farm. Owner of the farm, Mr. Nick Miaoulis, donated an additional five trees to the town. Shown here are Daphne de Gregory with the neem farm, Emma Dawkins, Roslyn Saunders, Mr. Nick Miaoulis, Judy Dawkins and Town Committee Chairman Renardo Curry.

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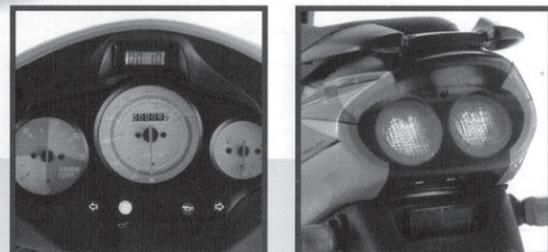


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# New opportunities in agriculture on Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

Agriculture on Abaco is lately moving in leaps and bounds, upwards and sideways. Upwards as hundreds of acres are being offered to people serious about going into farming and sideways because the traditional produce growing is being put slightly aside in favor of livestock raising, particularly meat breeds. It is the governments' hope that Abaco's production of goat meat and mutton become sufficient for the consumption of the island.

Approximately 3000 acres located island-wide have been set aside for agriculture. The former Bahama Star citrus farm

in Treasure Cay has been divided into five- to ten-acre plots that can be requested through BAIC. Eighty, five-acre parcels are available on S.C. Bootle Highway in Central Abaco. They can be obtained by applying to Lands and Survey or to the Department of Agriculture. At BAIL in the South where sugar cane was grown in the 1960s 25-acre tracks are offered by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Anthony Gibson, the Department of Agriculture's Officer on Abaco, stated that people applying for land must have an agriculture proposal accompanying the request. Crops that are being suggested are

sweet potatoes, cassavas, hot peppers, onions and indigenous fruits such as avocados, guavas, mangoes, sugar apples, sour sop and citrus (after the island has been declared free of canker).

Many lots have already been allocated but there is still a lot of land available, assured Mr Gibson. He would like to remind people that the land must be used only for agricultural purpose and that the lease will be revoked if tenants do not comply. The terms are 21-year leases to be renewed for agriculture use.

Mr Gibson, whose field of expertise is livestock, commented that it is an area that is deficient on Abaco. The Department would like to see an increase in small ruminants such as goats and sheep, but moving from the dual purpose breeds such as the Nubian goat for example to a more stocky type such as Boer goats or Dorper sheep that are more suitable for meat producing. These can be obtained through the Livestock Unit of the Department of Agriculture in Nassau. Animals are available from three months old to mature. An artificial insemination and an embryo transplant program are being offered. These methods of breeding are to insure better quality animals and to avoid the risk of inbreeding that often occurs among the Family Island's herds because of the limited number of stock. These methods have the advantage of producing healthy animals at a fraction of the price of mature livestock.

Farmers are being reminded that any kind of improved seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and various farming implements, such as tools, wheelbarrows and fencing material are available at the Potters' Cay Farm Store in Nassau.

Besides duty free or reduced-duty on items available for farmers duly registered, there are also concessions for farm labor, such as reduced work permit fees. Persons wanting to apply for work permits are reminded that the worker or workers they are wanting to employ must be out of the country while their papers are being processed. People are encouraged to make sure the laborers they are hiring are legal.

Another reminder concerns the importation of plants or animals. Anyone seeking to import plants or animals must have a valid permit before bringing them into the country. Imports from certain countries are banned such as citrus from Florida and chicken and birds from certain parts of the world because of bird flu. Check with the Department to make sure proper health certificates accompany any plant or live imports.

A last reminder, persons who have had land for a long period of time without having used it for agriculture will lose their leases to people serious about farming, and inspections will be conducted to make sure the land is being used for the specific purpose it was granted before leases are renewed.

Note that the Agricultural Fair will take place in Nassau the weekend of February 27th. People are encouraged to attend and to take local products.

## Hair Express donates to Cancer Society

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hair Express and Nail Salon in Dove Plaza is a small Marsh Harbour business which is reaching out to others. Owner/Manager Taka Davis says that she likes to give back something to the community. Every year she holds a hair show and donates to different charities. "This year we donated to the Abaco Cancer Society because we know that there are a lot of people needing help,"

she said. Ms. Davis and her assistant, Priscilla Douglas, presented a cheque to Mrs. Veronica Saunders, President of the Abaco Cancer Society.

The Hair Show was held on the first Saturday in December at the Anglican Parish Hall. About 40 young people aged from three to 20 years modeled "hair do's" styled by Ms. Davis and Ms. Douglas. The hair styles were arranged in themes so that one portrayed styles suitable for

weddings, another showed styles suitable for waitresses and those in the service industry while another suggested styles for various cultural events. In order to have 40 hairstyles ready for the show on Saturday Ms. Davis and her assistant stayed up all through Friday night working on the models' hair styles. Another hair show will be held for charity on the first Saturday of December this year and everybody is welcome to attend.



The Hair Express and Nail Salon held a Hair Show in December, raising money for a worthy cause. This year's event benefitted the Abaco Cancer Society. Shown here is Taka Davis on the left presenting a check to Veronica Saunders, center. Also representing Hair Express is Priscilla Douglas on the right.

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# Book Review: *Planning Abaco*

## Concepts to guide development on Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

A group of graduate students and their professors from Andrews University School of Architecture in Berrien Springs, Michigan, were on Abaco from September 21 to October 1, 2008. The purpose of their visit was a ten-day planning charrette, the goal of which was to shape a vision for the future of Great Abaco Island and to identify guiding principles and planning mechanisms to help pursue such a vision. This was accomplished through an intense, concentrated and collaborative design workshop, bringing together people from the community through a series of public meetings and working with local citizens and local government.

After the completion of their work on Abaco, the students and faculty returned to Michigan where they continued work-

ing on their final submission. By the end of last year the 2008 Urban Design Studio of the School of Architecture at Andrews University had completed and published a large and impressive document entitled *Planning Abaco: A Proposal to Restore a Sustainable Settlement Tradition on Great Abaco Island*. This they presented to the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, and it is now available for public viewing. The students evaluated existing conditions and practices in order to generate design and regulatory solutions that can assist with the island's future planning, development efforts and decisions that affect the way people build and live.

The book is very well produced and attractively presented. It is clearly laid out in sections which include:

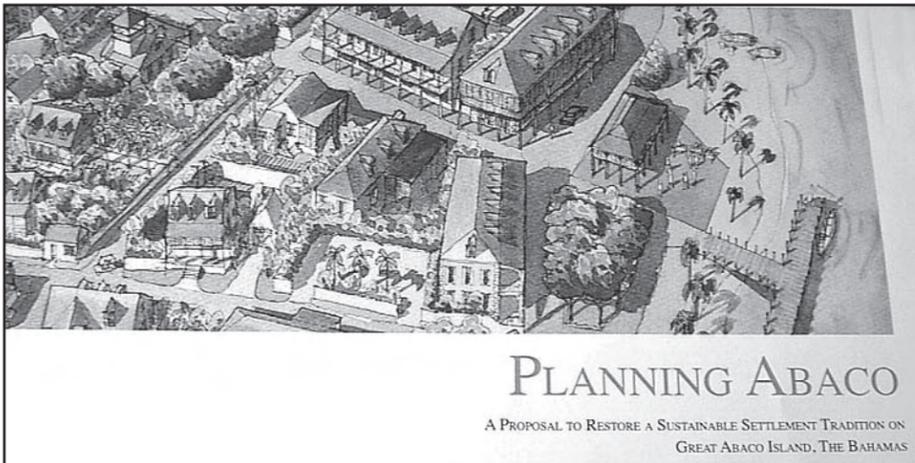
- Principles of Town Planning for The Bahamas
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The layout is very much like that of the delightful book by Stephen A. Mouzon, *A Living Tradition. Architecture of The Bahamas*. Mr. Mouzon was one of the design consultants for the group. *Planning Abaco* gives hundreds of detailed design ideas covering every aspect of planning for future decisions on sustainable settlements within Great Abaco Island. There are Do's and Don'ts as tools for guidance, maps, diagrams and the artistic designs of the students depicting their visions for the various areas studied which included South Abaco, Sandy Point, Marsh Harbour and The Mud.

The book includes a code which provides a mechanism for implementation. A feature of this book which adds greatly not only to its appeal, but serves to clearly show the design elements being discussed, is the beautiful photography for which credit goes to several organizations and private individuals as well as students of the Design Studio.

*Planning Abaco* includes many ideas and illustrations that may at first appear to be unrealistic; however, it is the suggestion of the students of the Design Studio that the concepts be carefully considered as ideas for Abaco to grow economically while not destroying its environmental and cultural assets. It certainly contains some very innovative ideas and designs which could greatly enhance the sustainability of Great Abaco Island.

The document *Planning Abaco* can be viewed at [www.planningabaco.org](http://www.planningabaco.org)



The beautifully illustrated book summarizing the work of the charette held by the students of Andrews University is now available online and in print. It makes general recommendations for the future development of Abaco, keeping in mind its past and building on the small settlement concepts.

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# How did our Abaco economy fare at Christmas?

By Jennifer Hudson

With the recent downturn in the economy, businesses are bracing themselves for harder times, all the while hoping that things will not get too bad. The weeks after Christmas are traditionally slow so it is difficult to judge at the moment when and if things will begin to pick up again. The crunch was already beginning to be felt by some businesses well before Christmas, but for many the Christmas season picked up and was a fairly fruitful one.

The Abaco Beach Hotel experienced very low occupancy over the Christmas holiday with New Year's being even slower. Only about five rooms were reported occupied of the 87 rooms at the hotel. Things continue to be unusually slow even for this time of year. Although hotel occupancy was low, the number of guests enjoying Christmas dinner in the Angler's Dining room was more encouraging. A fair number of boats were at the slips during the holiday but still only amounted to 60 whereas there are usually 100 at that time of year. The boaters are traditionally not high spenders so do not do a lot to boost the Abaco economy. Business at Wrackers was extremely slow except for three days immediately before Christmas when it suddenly picked up and staff said, "It was nice to remember what it felt like to sell something." Since Christmas the Wrackers Art Gallery has been closed.

The Conch Inn experienced its usual 99 percent occupancy over the Christmas period and then 85 percent from New Year's straight through to the end of January. The manager attributed this to the fact that it has only nine rooms and the rates are kept very reasonable so that they are affordable. The rooms are often occupied by Bahamians

coming to the island. Curly Tails Restaurant, also on the "Tourist Strip," was busy over the holiday and numbers were only a little down from previous years. "We had a good holiday," stated Manager Harriet MacDonald.

Many shops experienced very slow sales, at times almost down to nil, in the weeks leading up to Christmas, but then shoppers suddenly came in just before Christmas so the shops enjoyed about three good days of sales. John Bull reported great business for the three days prior to Christmas and Manager Faith Albury stated that her boss in Nassau had reported that the Marsh Harbour store did more in sales than any other Out Island. After Christmas, though, sales came to almost a complete stop.

Monkey's Uncle also experienced a very slow period leading up to Christmas, but like other stores suddenly experienced a burst of sales just before Christmas. Since Christmas, sales have dropped again but part owner Kathy O'Kelleher said she has been surprised that in the last few days she has sold four of her large shell mirrors. "It is unusual to find that people have been buying high ticket items and not the lower priced stuff," she stated. Mrs. O'Kelleher bemoans the fact that Bahamians do not shop at home and urges Abaconians to patronise the stores here instead of buying abroad since our economy is not going to make it if people do not shop at home.

Only one of the Marsh Harbour boat rental companies was able to be contacted but it reported that it had done fairly well, better, in fact, than last year as at that time it had just opened. This shows that there must be still be good demand for rental boats.

The Treasure Cay Resort reported being down about seven to 10 percent from

last year over Christmas and New Year's holidays while occupancy of Treasure Cay Village was up. Many second homeowners were around although they arrived a little later than usual. Golf cart rentals were up. It was noted, however, that the second homeowners and guests were spending less and were often shopping for groceries to cook at home instead of going out to dinner.

Hope Town seemed to fare quite well. Tom Hazel, Manager of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, reported, "We have been pretty busy in all respects regarding rooms and restaurant at the Lodge and consider ourselves very fortunate." The Hope Town Marina reported being very busy with visiting boats and several hundred visitors had been seen leaving on the ferries after the holiday. Hope Town Hideaways reported doing a little less business than usual, though Christmas they felt was relatively good with only 10 of their 100 rental cottages not occupied.

Junior Marnard, manager of Sea Spray Resort and Marina, was very pleased with its holiday business. In fact, the staff turned away guests, recommending other accommodations on Elbow Cay.

Vernon Malone was kept very busy in his shop over the Christmas season and also in his kitchen baking his well known bread for visitors. "We have had lots of visitors here and the restaurants seem to have been busy. It has been very good for Hope Town in general," he was pleased to state. On the downside construction there is at the lowest it has been in seven years.

Molly McIntosh, Sales and Marketing Manager for the Green Turtle Club, said that they were happy with how they did over the holiday even though the club

was not totally sold out as it usually is for Christmas and the New Year. "We did have a lot of people stay on for the long weekend because of the way Christmas and New Year's fell and we had a lot of people at the restaurant and bars."

The management of Bluff House on Green Turtle Cay reported that their occupancy was down at least 50 percent but food and beverage sales were pretty good. Even though occupancy at the hotels was down, a lot of people were holidaying on the cay. Island Property Management had quite a good season of rentals and felt that though they had foreseen a bad time, it actually turned out well. All 120 golf carts on the cay were rented out and more boats than expected were reported in the harbour.

## Central

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ory, invited the local towns to purchase neem trees at a discount for their beautification projects. Murphy Town responded by ordering 40 trees. The purchase was rewarded on January 29th by a gift of five complimentary trees handed to the Committee Chairman Renardo Curry and members of the Beautification Committee by the owner of Abaco Neem, Mr. Nick Miaoulis and Ms. de Gregory.

## Letters

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thing needs to be done. Hopefully, those responsible will read this letter and realize that it is time to end this ATV activity or at least relocate it to some place more underdeveloped.

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# Police Crime Report

**Shop Breaking** - During the night of December 12 burglars broke into the Early Bird Take-away in Marsh Harbour and stole the cash register containing a small amount of money. A bathroom window was broken and the burglar bars were forced allowing entry.

**Stabbing** - A young man was stabbed several times during fight at a nightclub on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. He was treated locally, then flown to Nassau for surgery. A resident of Pigeon Peas and a resident of Dundas Town were subsequently arrested. The incident happened about 1:30 a.m. on December 6.

**Intruder** - A Cooper's Town woman awoke at 4 a.m. on December 6 to find a man standing beside her bed. He was wearing a white stocking over his head and fled when he noticed that she was awake. She later found that money had been stolen.

**Stolen Vehicle** - A Murphy Town man had his pickup truck stolen during the night of December 6 from a mechanic's yard in Marsh Harbour.

**Stealing** - A midnight police patrol in downtown Marsh Harbour on December 7 found a man riding a bicycle and balancing boxes on the handlebars. On noticing the police, he fled into the Mud residential area leaving the bicycle and boxes. The three boxes held about 90 pounds of frozen spare-ribs. The man is known to the police and is wanted for a variety of offences.

**Unlawful Sex** - A student left during the day from a local high school without permission and was suspected of having sex with a young man which she later confirmed.

**Unlawful Sex** - A family member in the

Mud reported on December 9 that her underage sister's boyfriend lived in the house with her, and she suspected that the sister was pregnant. An exam found that she was three months pregnant.

**Fraud** - On December 9 a guest at Boat Harbour Marina was checking his credit card charges on-line and discovered that someone had been charging phone calls to his account. The police are checking phone records at Batelco for more information.

**Fraud** - On December 9 a boating guest at Boat Harbour Marina checked his credit charges on-line and found that someone had bought \$530 worth of prepaid phone cards at Batelco and charged his account. Records at Batelco are being investigated.

**Fraud** - On December 9 a guest of Abaco Beach Resort checked her credit account on-line and found that someone purchased \$820 of phone prepaid cards on November 15 and charged her account. Batelco is cooperating with the police in the investigation.

**House Breaking** - A staff member at the Bluff House on Green Turtle Cay had several personal items, jacket, camera and handbag, stolen from her room sometime during the interval between November 20 and December 5.

**Shop Breaking** - The Agape Christian School was broken into during the night of December 11 although nothing appeared to have been taken. A kitchen window and interior doors were damaged.

**Stealing** - During the night of December 11 a Murphy Town woman found her camera was missing from her house.

**Stolen Vessel** - A 21-foot boat with a 200 HP Yamaha engine was stolen while docked at the Marsh Harbour boat yard

sometime between December 10 and 11.

**Stealing** - Sometime between the morning of December 11 and the next afternoon a resident of the Mud had his vehicle broken into with his documents stolen, passport, birth certificate, driver's license and National Insurance card.

**Housebreaking** - A \$2500 notebook computer and a small amount of cash were stolen from an unlocked cottage in Hope Town during the evening of December 12.

**Drugs Found** - A small quantity of marijuana was discovered mid-afternoon on December 14 by housekeeping staff in a guest's room at Abaco Beach Resort.

**Shop Breaking** - The Batelco office in Hope Town was broken into during the weekend of December 12 with a few coins taken from the cash register.

**Assault** - A woman working at a web shop in Marsh Harbour was grabbed by her throat and punched in the face by her ex-boyfriend who kicked the door open to gain entry. This happened mid-afternoon on December 14. The assailant was subsequently arrested and will appear in court.

**Stealing** - About sundown on December 14, a Crown Haven fisherman found that five gallons of gasoline had been stolen from his boat while moored at the public dock in Crown Haven. About two hours later two local men were found near the dock in possession of five gallons of gasoline and were charged with the theft.

**Stealing** - A 12-foot inflatable boat with a 15 HP Yamaha engine was stolen while tied to a yacht at the Marsh Harbour Marina during the night of December 14. It was later recovered in the bushes at the Coconut Creek landing in Murphy Town. A Murphy Town resident was arrested and

charged.

**Shop Breaking** - A new teacher assigned to Abaco had her personal belongings stolen while it was stored in the Learning Resource Center in Marsh Harbour. Stolen were clothing, jewelry, DVD player and CD player. Entry was gained by removing a hurricane shutter and smashing a window. This was brought to the police's attention on December 15.

**Drug possession** - A Marsh Harbour resident was arrested late in the afternoon of December 16 for stealing. A packet of marijuana was found in the suspect's pocket.

**Causing Harm** - A young lady and her older sister were assaulted while at a Christmas party in Spring City on December 16. The younger girl was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend causing injuries to her back and chest. Both women had their shirts damaged.

**Stolen Vessel** - During the late afternoon or night of December 16 a Mount Hope resident had his 17-foot Boston Whaler boat and 85 HP Yamaha engine stolen from the Mount Hope public dock where it was moored.

**Shop breaking** - Bayview Restaurant on the Dundas Town waterfront was broken into during the night of December 17. Stolen were a small TV screen, generator, speakers and accessories and music CDs with a total value of approximately \$3,000. Two men of Central Pines subdivision were arrested on December 18.

**Shop breaking** - Pop's Place Take-away in Marsh Harbour was broken into during

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**Turtles**

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to sell them. Mrs. Long of Long's Seafood in Marsh Harbour said that there was not a commercial market for these sea reptiles as restaurants do not have them on their menus. So it seems that the ban would not have an economic impact on The Bahamas but might re-enforce the eco-touristic appeal of our waters through the protection of our wild life.

Five species of turtles are found in the Bahamian waters: the Hawksbill, Leatherback, Olive Ridley, Loggerhead and Green Sea. For several years many local organizations have petitioned for the ban of turtle catching so government's proposed plan has been welcomed. Turtles have to overcome many predators before they become

strong enough to swim and fend for themselves. Their egg-laying grounds have been reduced because of seashore developments and most of these five species of turtles are on the endangered species list.

**Spelling**

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The schools participating were Agape Christian School, Central Abaco Primary School, Forest Heights Academy, Long Bay School, S.C. Bootle High School, St. Francis de Sales School and Moore's Island All Age School.

Last year's winner from Abaco, Octavia Dean McIntosh, a 12-year-old student of St. Francis de Sales School, won the Bahamian National Spelling Bee and went on to compete in Washington. She came back and described her experience as great.



The winner of the Abaco-wide spelling bee, Jasmine Taylor, center will travel to Nassau to compete in the National Spelling Bee on March 29. She and the second place winner, Clydeisha Cornish, left, are both students of S.C. Bootle High School. Third place winner was Sujith Swarna, right, from Agape Christian School.

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the night of December 18. A broken window had blood stains. Three rolls of coins were taken.

Attempted Rape - During mid-morning on December 26 a young woman living in the Mud was visited by a neighbour she knew. On finding that she was home alone, he entered the house and attempted to rape her. She screamed which alerted neighbours who came to her rescue. The attacker was arrested later that day.

Dangerous Drugs - Just after midnight on December 27 police on patrol in Treasure Cay stopped a suspicious vehicle with two occupants of the Sand Banks Haitian community. They were arrested for possessing marijuana which was found in their car and one occupant being charged for illegal landing.

Housebreaking - The caretaker of a house in Central Pines reported that a house had been broken into by removing

an air conditioner during the weekend of December 26.

Damage - Rainbow Boat Rentals on Marsh Harbour's Front Street had seven fence poles damaged on the western side of the property during the weekend of December 27.

Causing Damage - On skidding his vehicle when leaving a residence in Murphy Town mid-morning on December 24, a resident there caused dirt to be splashed on the new shoes of another man. On returning later, the driver apologized but the upset man with the dirty shoes then punched the windshield causing damages estimated to be \$260.

Fighting - About 12:30 a.m. on January 1 police in Hope Town encountered a group at the public dock in the midst of a fight. Additional police were summoned from Marsh Harbour and four young men resident in Hope Town were arrested and taken to Marsh Harbour.

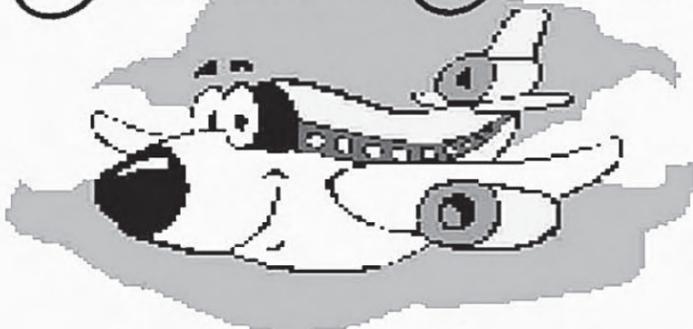
**Town Committee donates to Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department**



The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is raising money to complete the construction of a fire station. The Marsh Harbour Town Committee allocated money to go to this organization that protects all the communities of Central

Abaco. Shown here are Roscoe Thompson III, Chairman of the Committee, presenting a check to Fire Chief John Hall and Fireman Danny Sawyer.

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## Over 100 and still counting! North Abaco Christmas Bird Count

*Elwood D. Bracey, MD*

On 3 January 2009 more than 20 volunteer participants found 92 species of birds in the 15-mile diameter circle centered about three miles north of the Treasure Cay turnoff along the S.C. Bootle Highway. This was the second annual North Abaco Christmas Bird Count sponsored jointly by the Audubon Society and the local Friends of the Environment. The areas included Green Turtle Cay to the East, the fruit farm and marls to the west, the Treasure Cay airport to the north and Moxie's Nursery to the south. An additional 10 species were found during count week which is the three days before and after the count day.

Woody Bracey is the Compiler and led

### 13 Potcakes went to Atlanta

*By Mirella Santillo*

Thirteen little potcakes puppies left Marsh Harbour early on February 1st on their way to new homes in Atlanta. Ms. Judy Marshall, founder of the Royal Potcake Rescue Organization in the US runs a potcake adoption program in that city. The pups will go to foster homes until permanent homes are found.

Ms. Marshall, a regular visitor to Abaco, founded the non-profit organization in September of 2007 and since then many abandoned or unwanted puppies have found good homes in the United States. The program is operating in partnership with the Abaco Humane Society. Besides organizing adoptions for the dogs, the Abaco Humane Society sponsors a cat and dog spaying and neutering program at a reduced fee.

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the Green Turtle Cay area group to find 66 species including many shorebirds on the mud flats southwest of New Plymouth. Tony "Where to Find Birds in the Bahamas" White of Nassau and his group had 53 species in the broadleaf coppice between Treasure Cay and the airport which included several fresh and brackish water ponds (Sora and Clapper Rails), Sunset Ridge (herons and egrets out in the marls) and the Tom Roberts "Arboretum" (Key West Quail-dove, Baltimore Oriole and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker).

It took two groups to cover the large abandoned fruit farm and surrounding pine forest all the way to the marls. Tony Hepburn, also from Nassau, had 43 species including the only (Tree) Swallows and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet - the first ever recorded on Abaco!

Reg Patterson of Marsh Harbor pushed his mates all the way to the marls to find the only Red-tailed Hawk, Cattle Egrets and Bahama Woodstar of the day among their 34 species. Michael Lightborn, former president of the Bahamas National Trust, did his feeder watch in Treasure Cay and had several beautiful Painted Buntings among his finds.

Several people found 10 additional species during the three days either side of count day, including a Peregrine Falcon by Ylva and Carl Ljungholm. Therefore, we had 102 species for count week which compares more than favorably with the 101 of last year. Not bad for our little island in mid-winter!

Development, drainage of wetlands and predators such as racoons and feral cats pose the greatest threat to our wildlife. But for now the birds on North Abaco are doing just fine.

## More News of the Cays

### Cays

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will display antiques, old photographs and old tools. An Arts and Crafts Show will take place at the volleyball court and members of the community will be recognized and rewarded for their contribution. And there will be plenty of foods and many more attractions that will make that event a must to attend. Albury's Ferry will offer a \$20 round trip fare on that day. So mark your calendars: April 4th, Man-O-War's first Sojer Day.

### Winner of Friends' Recycling Competition

*By Samantha V. Evans*

Friends of the Environment launched its Abaco Schools Recycling Competition in the fall of 2008 and numerous schools participated. The focus of this competition was to see which school would collect the most aluminum items. The competition was fierce but in the end Hope Town Primary School emerged the winner. This contest was generously sponsored by Mills Brothers Fabricating. Other top finishers in-

cluded Man-O-War Primary School (1st runner up) and Fox Town Primary and S.C. Bootle High School received honorable mention certificates. All schools are now being encouraged to take part in the second segment of the competition which started in January 2009 and will last until June 4, 2009.



*The Hope Town Primary School won first place for collecting the most aluminum cans during the fall of 2008. Mr. James Richard, President of Friends, is shown giving Natasha Albury, Head Girl at the school, the first place prize.*

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Hilda Stuart** of Moore's Island died at her residence December 12, 2008.

The funeral for **Sarah Gertrude Albury**, 71, of Man-O-War was held on January 7 at the Gospel Chapel on Man-O-War Cay. Interment was in the Man-O-War Cay Public Cemetery. She was born on October 10, 1937 on Hope Town. In 1954 she married Eddie Albury of Man-O-War and from this union six children were born.

She is survived by her children Bill Albury, Daisy Albury, Bessie Lowe, Jane Collins and Fannie Albury; daughter-in-law Sherry Albury; sons-in-law Ray Lowe and Jeff Collins; granddaughters Natasha and Margo Albury, Raenell Lowe and Charlotte and Janell Collins; sister Ppaty Bethel; brother Harcourt Thompson; brother-in-law Paul Bethel; sisters-in-law Vashti Thompson, Florrie Albury and Mary Albury; aunt Olga Malone; nieces; nephew; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

**Stephon Renaldo Grant**, 13, of Grand Cay was held on January 31 at Shiloh Baptist Church on Grand Cay. Rev. John Hield officiated assisted by Deacon Teddy Lewis. Interment followed in Infant View Cemetery on Grand Cay.

He is survived by his parents Derek Sr. and Nadine Grant; brothers Valentino, Derek Jr. and Verdell Grant and Sean Curry; grandmother Maude Cooper; aunts Janet Saunders, Tracey Glington, Donna Cooper, Geroline Nesbitt, Raphaetta Albury, Bridgette Grant, Sophia Smith, Sheena Stubbs, Pam and Starlane Burrows and Venus Williams; uncles Maxwell, Lawrence, Levi and Jolly Cooper, David Cooper, Clinton Grant and Randolph Burrows; grandaunts Muriel Curry, Ida Cooper, Inez Russell, Alfreda Williams, Andrea Burrows, Linda, Louise, Shavone and Lovely McIntosh, Louise Cooper, Helen Tynes, Janet Mitchell, Betty Rolle, Ethlyn Kemp and Remelda Miller. granduncles Lloyd, Eddie, Fred and Sherwin Cooper, Sylvan, Dencil and Stanley McIntosh, James Cooper and Eddie Miller; aunts-in-law Golden Grant, Katrina, Sherlane, Ranetta and Brenda Cooper; granduncles-in-law Bradley Saunders, Camli Glington, Ishmael Albury, Mosell Smith Sr., and

Trevor Stubbs; grandaunts-in-law Shelia, Ramona, Elvena, Doris and Dolly Cooper; granduncles-in-law Ural Russell, Ivan Rolle, Peter Williams, Floyd Burrows, Jay Mitchell, Vances Tynes, Redwin Kemp and Mr. Rolle; cousins Tina Nesbitt, Anya Gibson, DeShann Sears, Krishna Miller, Shakeria Cornish, Nicole, Shanell, Coneker, Cliffina and Clinique Grant, Darrel Cox, Taishna Albury, Nadia, Talia, Jolisla and Jolia Cooper, Keora Daxon, Brandon and Jamar Jr., Keto and Rueben Cooper, Ricardo and Allenton Morley, Leon, Scott, Otis and Kaseyano Albury, Remie Smith, Malcolm and Jason Grant, Clifford Hanna, William and Mosel Smith Jr., Christopher Major, Wilson Joseph, Euphemie Russell, Queenie Gibson, Kentor, Vale and Trinidad Tynes, Suzette, Paseka, Devain and Coby Mitchell, Yvonne Wallace, Margo and Kissy Woodside, Von and John Kemp, Carlin, Calob, Termell, Talet and Amardo Russell, Shantieece and Ronell Rolle, Van and Wayne Forbes, Taasa Davis, Tanina Roberts, Melinda Cooper, Talisa Higgs, Cladine Laing, Shavon Munnings, Patra Strachan, Reno and Ian Rolle, Tina Curry, Jackie Saunders, Bardot Swain, Cleo Gibson, Nicole, Taquesh, Magan, Shianda, DaNia Rasheed, Nino, Geno, Melissa, Lorenzo and Bernard Cooper, Talbot Johnson and Bernica Davis; godparents Christine Hield and Arnette Johnson; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held for **George Garth Sweeting**, 86, of Marsh Harbour at St. Anne's Anglican Church Cemetery, Fox Hill, Nassau, on January 30. Fr. Crosley Walkine officiated.

Mr. Sweeting died peacefully in North Palm Beach, Florida, on the September 14th, 2008, with Cheryl, his wife of 27 years, at his bedside. His father was the proprietor of the well known business, G.R. Sweeting, retailing dry goods and accessories. After leaving school, Garth joined his father in the business. In the early 1970s the business, then known as G.R. Sweeting & Son, moved to Palm-dale. When the business was sold in 1987, Garth retired to Hope Town. He was at one time an owner of Boat Harbour Marina in Marsh Harbour. Garth enjoyed garden-

ing, bridge, boating and was an avid tennis player. Garth and Cheryl loved cruising the "Seven Seas" where he was able to indulge in his passion for dancing.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his children, Peter and wife Sally Sweeting, Holly Odell and Aletta and her husband, Scott Hanson; his grandchildren Andrew and Blaine Sweeting, Suzanne Mazzarella, Raymond Rogers II, Christian and Jeremy Stokes; his great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Dillon Sweeting and Sterling Mazzarella; his mother-in-law Reta Paisley; sisters-in-law Leilani Reeder, Terry Peffer and Sandra Tortora; nephews Richard and Charlie Farrington; niece Wendy Bishop; cousins Betty Kenning, Godfrey, David and George Kelly; special friends John Isaac and Mike Lightbourn; and many other friends on Abaco, Nassau and Palm Beach.

The funeral for **Isabella Tima Rolle**, 72, of Cooper's Town was held on February 1st at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Officiating was Bishop Archilus Cooper assisted by Bishop Cedric Bullard, Rev. Debreth Murray and Min. Jensen Edgcombe. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

She is survived by her sons Hector, Freeland, Eugene, Alexander Jr. and Joshua Rolle; daughters Oseta Cartwright, Deborah Cooper, Rosiebell Edgcombe, Monica Murray, Helen Pinder, Gertrude Bullard, Bethsheba Darville, Sheleke Brown, Paulette Hepburn and Isabella Saunders; adopted children Lington Rolle and George McIntosh; grandchildren Ludwig, Luthana and Lakita Cartwright, Lavina McIntosh, Lorell Knowles, Nicki, Tosheba, Hector Jr., Tyler Rolle, Tori, Sherise, Shakara and Frelandria Rolle, Fatima Parker,

Charles Jr., Charlene, Chavancey, Codero and Danielle Cooper, Latanya, Eugene Jr., Larado, Decota and Nicole Rolle, Alexander III, Alesha, Precious, Junique, Jewel, Juda and Jeda Rolle, Javano Edgcombe, Junice and Jacquelle Edgcombe, Dennis, Daliesha, Monique, Makiva, Deangela, Deangelo and Dan Murray, Bariesha, Heliesha, Shontel, Brittany and Baranda Pinder, Trunice, Troy, Tereka, Timothy and Tamara Bullard, Beth, Roberto and Robyn Darville, Kevin Hepburn Jr., Walternique and Brianna Saunders; great-grandchildren Lakenya and Romeko Cartwright, Stephori Stubbs, Timonrqua and Timdenke Miller, Tanaz Wallace, Valiyah Bootle, Kyla Knowles, Seriyah Parker, Amari and Latrielle Rolle; sister Geleta Armbrister; brother Eric Russell; adopted sisters Ruthmae McIntosh, Melvern Cornish, Donna Hudson; adopted brothers Everette, Albert, ASP Welbourne and Drexel Bootle; sons-in-law Deacon Jensen Edgcombe, Rev. Debreth Murray, Bishop Cedric Bullard, Robert Darville, Corey Brown, Kevin Hepburn, Min. Walter Saunders, Charles Cooper and Barry Pinder; daughters-in-law Sharon, Lavanne and Judy Rolle; granddaughter-in-law Cindy Rolle; grandsons-in-law Carlton McIntosh, Kyle Knowles and Oswald Parker; brothers-in-law Nathan Rolle, James Colebroke, Ler-man McIntosh, Gary Hudson and Arnold Cornish; sisters-in-law Joyce Rolle, Reva Colebroke, Eleanor Bootle, Lantamae, Manuletta Bootle and Emily Russell; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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## Obituaries

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The funeral for **Olive Louise "Aunt Olive Titta" McIntosh**, 60, of Fox Town was held on January 31st at New Hope Baptist Church in Mt. Hope. Officiating was Rev. Allan J. Mills assisted by Rev. John McIntosh. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Fox Town.

She is survived by her son, Lamando Curry; adopted parents Rev. Merlin and Millie McIntosh; brothers Reginald, Wilfred and Lenath McIntosh, Anthony King and Llwellyn Russell; sisters Monvella Pinder, Leonzo Thompson, Isolene Thomas and Lillian Green; adopted sisters Patricia McIntosh, Maria Edgcombe, Judy Russell, Debbie Symonette, Taylia and Lahwaha McIntosh; uncle Capt. Roland McIntosh Sr.; sisters-in-law Winifred King, Debbie and Princess McIntosh; brothers-in-law Omald Thomas, Sidney Green, Gersil Edgcombe and Ronald Russell; nieces and nephews Nacia, Bernadette, Feriko Russell, Aniska, Valdez, Ronece, D'Eangelo, Keva, Dashawn, Patrick, Dwight, Maureen, Damien, Eddy, Lashondra, Omar, Shameka, Meric, Justin, Jeron, Gregory, Damario, Choia, Malliyah, Rita, Perry, Carlton, Oscar, Dwayne, Ricardo, Sharon, Jewell, Leann, Donettee, Sophia,

Thia, Sebrin, Arvin, Mariska, Valencia, Calvinette, Lavisco, Latunia, Raymond, Mulisa, Jermain and Salina, Dexter and Wayne Lewis; cousins Birdie, Deloris, Joycelyn, Shanamae Armbrister, Cecelia, Eleanor Bowleg, Rafletta Russell, Jeremiah McIntosh, Edward Barton, Gregory Rolle, Tellis, Clifford, Eleza, Rena Mae, Ali, Herbert Jr. Symonette, Joan, Ellis, Rev. Cecelia and Cecil Horton, Muriel, Willamae, Alice, Mille Symonette, Henry Walkine, Rollie Fynes Jr., Arimitha Curry, Evie Saunders, Geneva, Monica, Donald, Roland Jr., Delvin McIntosh, Fletcher McIntosh and family, Rev. Ronald McIntosh, Edwin McIntosh, Agatha, George, Withfield, Brian Russell, Annie Williams, Nathalie Johnson, Ettamae Burrows, Roy and Harrington McIntosh, Victor McIntosh and family, the McIntosh family, the Symonette family, the Cox family, Howard, Richard and Jen Russell, James and Julia Wells and family; god children Bernadette McIntosh, Maxine Simmons, Janet Saunders, Joel Reckley Jr., and Maguriette Saunders; and many other relatives and friends.

**Benjamin Wesley Roberts**, 67, known as Bunyan, formerly of Man-O-War Cay, died peacefully at Doctors Hospital on February 1st. His funeral was held at Bible Truth Hall in Nassau on February 6th with Bro. Alec Pinder, Bro. Brad Smith, Bro.

Aaron Thompson and Bro. Tom Roberts officiating. Interment was in the Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife Frances June; daughter Christine April Albury; son Paul Wallace Roberts; son-in-law Raymond; daughter-in-law Jennies; grandchildren Kristin, Randall and Rachel Albury and Tyler Roberts; sister Hannah Hall; step-mother Naomi Roberts; brothers-in-law Larry Higgs, Walter Key, Robert Higgs and Oliver Hall; sisters-in-law Arlene Key, Carol Higgs, Gaylene Higgs and Stephanie Treco; nieces Alana Carroll and husband Ian, Lori Higgs Thompson, Carla Darling and husband Shorn, Tammy Thompson and husband Drexon, Donna Higgs and husband Mike, Darcy Albury and husband Tony; nephews Daniel Key, Roger Hall and wife Wendy, Brian Hall, Randy Hall, Stephen Higgs, Ryan Higgs and wife Lisa, Luke Higgs and wife Valine, Amos Higgs and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Cassandra Beatrice Whymms-Rolle**, known as "Cassie or Auntie" 81, of Treasure Cay and formerly of Norman's Cay, Abaco, was held in Nassau on February 7. Interment was in Nassau.

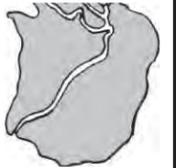
She is survived by her son James Rolle; daughters McKell Laroda and Janet Johnson; sister Deaconess Geneal Gray; aunts Viola Gracie Parker; sons-in-law Rodney

Laroda and Stephen Johnson; daughters-in-law: Alvera and Linda Rolle; adopted daughters Dellareese Lundy, Rochelle Munroe and Laveme Carey; grandchildren Sophie, Anthony, Morgana, Dwayne Rolle and Tara Rolle Bethel, Jaleel and Jael Johnson, and Jade Thompson; great-grandchildren Alexis Rolle and Jio Brown; sisters-in-law Mercyanne Bodie, Rosetta Bodie, Terry Whymms and Natalie Bodie; brothers-in-law Deacon Jeremiah Gray, Benjamin Cornish, and Prince Bodie; nieces Cheribelle Jones, Gloria, Tomicka, Allison, Donna Whymms, Sharon Williams, Charlene Duncombe, Veronique Rolle, Louise Bodie, Marilyn Cornish, Rev. Patricia Williamson, Diane Coradelle, Judyanne and Beverly Bodie, Rosamae Stubbs, Linda, Therserene, Joyce and Virginia Gray, Sheila Pratt Lightbourne, Ernestine Parker and Esther Laing; nephews Shelton, Samuel and Jeremiah Gray, Arthur Jr., Tyrone, Anthony, Fabian, Gregory and Vincent Whymms, Clifford Lightbourne, Kent and Calward Mosley, Junior Dexter, and Prince Bodie, Troy, Eurie and Wellington Maycock; grandnieces Lentie Gray, Denise Forbes, Whitlean Rahming, Jackie, Karen, Bethina, Shaneka

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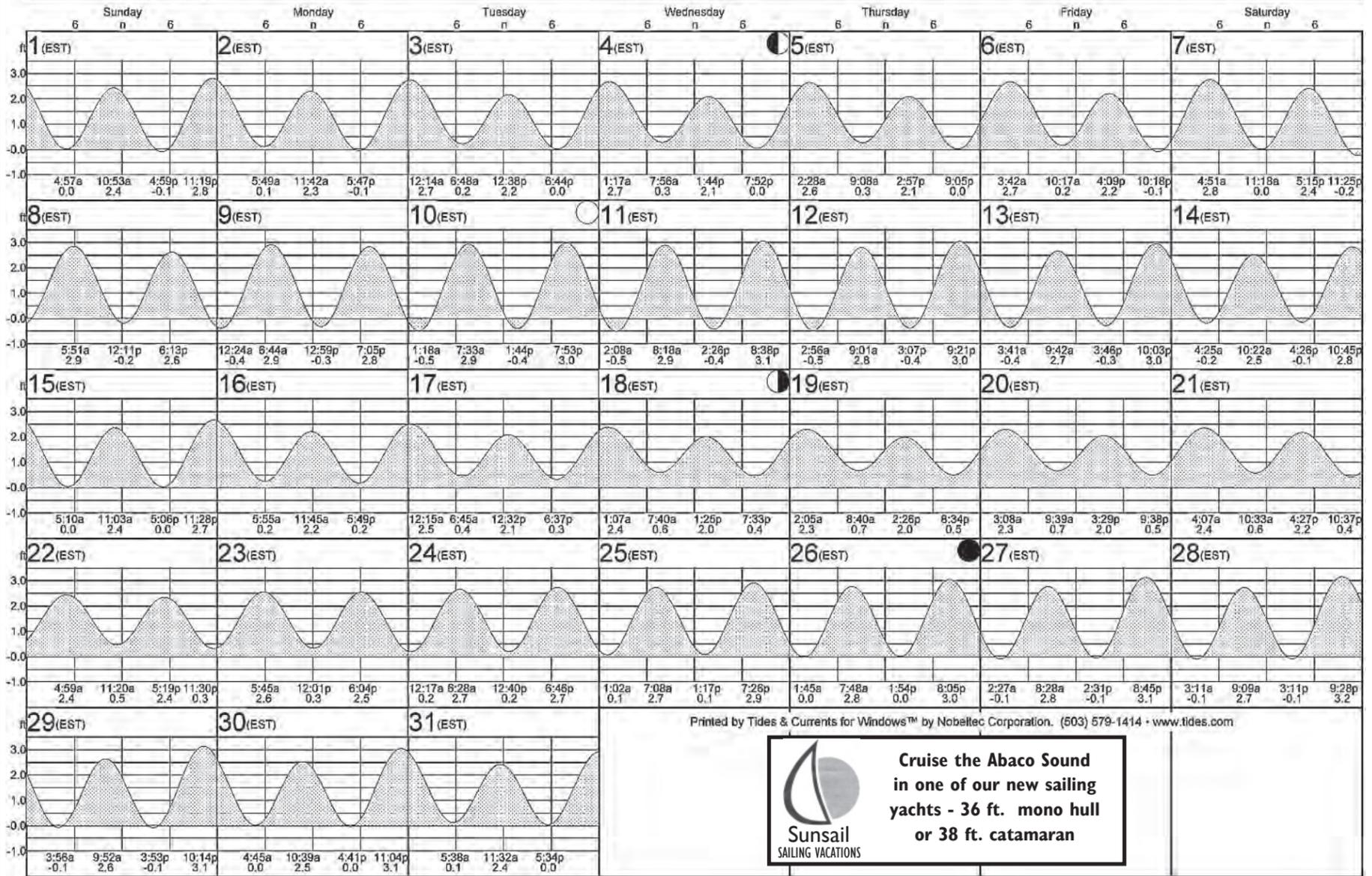
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### Tide - North Bar Channel March 2009

Average Tides  
Mean Range: 2.6 ft  
MHWS 3.1 ft  
Mean Tide: 1.4 ft

Monthly High & Low  
High March 28, 9:28p 3.2 ft  
Low March 11, 2:08a -0.5 ft



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# More Obituaries of Family and Friends

## Obituaries *From Page 21*

and Chinequa Gray, Cindermae Gibson, Brendalee Forbes, Melverne and Angela Cornish, Deaconess Shiralee Campbell, Allison Evans, Tanya, Bobby Anne and Angela Jones, Nathalie, Tonya, Rhonda, Salame and Christian Maycock; grand-nephews Kervin, Sheldon, Nipsej Jones, Ruben, Timothy, Dion Gray, Shelton Jr., Shermin, Mohammand and Jason Gray, Ornell, Eusias and Michael Cornish, Jethro Rahming, Theodore Forbes and Sidney Campbell; great-grandnieces Zandra Gray, Kristal Jones, Shaniece Forbes, Kendra, Shelreka, Shanette, Trevanya, Shanquel and Taylor Jones; great-grandnephews Christopher, Ranaldo, Kervin Jr., Ranado, Shavar, Jethro Jr., and Nicholas Jones, Timothy Jr., Dion Jr., Sean, Shakeno, Shaquinn Campbell, Steven, Kalent, Kieron Gray, Theodore, LaMotte and Jeremy; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Sophia Cajuste Joseph**, 21, formerly of Marsh Harbour, was held on February 7 at the International Gospel Church in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Robin Weatherford officiated assisted by Bro. Kelly Louis-Pierre. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Tech-elet Joseph; daughter Teshliana Joseph; father Talna Cajuste; adopted mother Rose Bethel; stepmother Isemona Saintel; step-father Estenio Joseph; sisters Rene Milien and Nanotte Canton; brothers Kingsley and Wixon Cajuste, Roni and Salvio Mathurin and Felix Cooper; nieces Fantashia and Blana Mathurin; nephews Rashawn Milien and Aleo Cooper; aunts Marceline,

Silianne, Cleante, Mimose, Magalie and Rosema; uncles Wilfred, Nelson and Evison Cajuste; grandaunts Alourdes, An-etude, Macula, Julia, Louise, Idamante and Ermanie Hercules; granduncles Col-berth Louis-Pierre, Bermame, Salmamde and Kenol Louis-Pierre; cousins Sondley, Sam and Magoalie Cajuste, Phara and Mey-dard Elie, Kelly and Junia Louis-Pierre, Gary Auguste, Kettle, Shoana, Lovely, Henry Canton, Adderly, Lorente, Sha-kira, Nicole, Claudette, Maxene, Kerisha, Loudlyn, Kedlyn, Melesha, Junior, Linda, Rosely, Roczana, Wiliame Rokesia, Kettle, Roselie, Gladys, Linose, Joan, Johnny, Henly, Shelly, Crystal, Enese Richburg and Kedisha; sisters-in-law Gina Francios, Shavon Mathurin and Alicia Cooper and many other relatives and friends.

**Perial M. Stuart**, 64, formerly of Grand Cay died on January 22. Her funeral service was held on February 7 in Freeport. Interment was on Grand Bahama.

She is survived by her husband: Hen-ry Stuart; daughters Helen Braynen, An-namae Saunders and Coreen Hart; adopted children Clifton and Pastor Carolyn Cooper, Sherry Forbes, Levaughn Dean, Brenda Robinson, Jerome and Isadora Miller, David and Ellias Miller, Stephen Pratt Jr. and Michael Hart; grandchildren; adopted grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters Loretta Laing, Iva Cooper, Laura Rolle, Louvinia Russell, Virtell Rolle and Delores Pratt; brothers Eric Cephas and Wil-berth Cephas; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Joseph David Williams**, affectionately called "Joey," of Dundas Town was held on February 7 at

the Church of Latterain in Dundas Town. Pastor Alexander Archer officiated and in-terment followed in the Public Cemetery in Dundas Town.

He is survived by his father Berthram Livingstone Williams Sr.; brothers Bert Jr., Tyrone, Larry, Paul, Jacky and Mi-chael Williams; sisters, Willamae Moss, Pastor Eleanor Darville, Michelle and Me-lissa Williams; step-sisters Paula Balfour and Gelita Ingraham; aunts Lucille Evans and Bella Brown; nephews Ryan, Oneal, Okell, Jacksill Jr., Nickali Williams, Teron Bowleg, Jamaal Darville, Dimitri Moss, Renaldo Darville, D'Lamar Gibson, Alfredo and Reno Johnson; nieces Shan-tique Wright, Lasonya Missick, Demitria and Shawni Moss, Racquel, Harmony and Teneshia Williams, Shakissa and Roy-ann Darville, Nadia and Nia Williams, Turkessa Bowleg, Judymae Colebrooke, Vernamae Johnson and Precola Basden; grandnephews Trinad Missick, Cameron and K.J. Williams, Te McDonald, Dimitri Gibson Jr., and Terano Bowleg; grand-nieces Amarrah Missick, Daisy Moss, Damitra Gibson, Barrisha Wright and Treasura Bowleg; sisters-in-law Laverne, Ettame, Alicia, Louise and Chandra Wil-liams; nephews-in-law Barrington Wright and Bruce Missick; and many other rela-tives and friends.

## Citizens *From Page 2*

day. "I am really excited and am on my way to getting my passport," he said. "I have a lot of goals and not having a pass-port was slowing me down. Now I will be able to go off to school to study electrical engineering, and I would also like to pur-sue a basketball career."

Richardson Pata put in his application as soon as he reached the age of 18 years. He was told that the process would take six months but, in fact, it took two and a half years. He said that he already felt Bahamian as he was born here, but that it will make him feel better to have proper documents. Although he has been able to travel outside of The Bahamas on a travel document, he found it very inconvenient having to keep getting a new document and also expensive, each year having to pay for a new visa.

While Agnes Fertil and Alicia Reckley were able to get through their processing within a year, Johnny Decius had to wait four years as he had found getting every-thing together somewhat difficult, espe-cially his parent's information. However, the perseverance of all had paid off and the pride and excitement of each new citizen showed on this thrilling day.

Also present were the Superintendent of Immigration for Abaco, Mr. Hubert Ferguson; Senior Immigration Officer for Abaco, Mr. Jerome Eugene Hutcheson III; other Immigration officers; Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Island Administrator for Central Abaco; Mr. Benjamin Pinder, Ad-ministrator for South Abaco; and members of local government.

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## Hotels and House Rental Agents

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Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise

### Island-wide Abaco Listings

Abaco Vacations + 800-633-9197  
Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529  
Bahamas Vacations + 800-462-2426

### Cherokee

Lee Pinder + 3 hse 366-2053  
Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075

### Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House 30 rm 365-4247  
Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 365-5464  
Green Turtle Club 35 rm 365-4271  
Island Properties + 34 hse 365-4047  
New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161  
Ocean Blue Properties + 34 365-4636  
Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

### Guana Cay

Dive Guana 11 hse 365-5178  
Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137  
Donna Sands + 12 hse 365-5195  
Guana Beach Resort 6 units 365-5133  
Guana Seaside 8 rm 7 cott 365-5106  
Ocean Frontier 519-389-4846  
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762

### Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133  
Club Soleil 6 rm 1 cott 366-0003  
Crystal Villas 7 villas 888-812-2243  
Elbow Cay Prop + 53 hse 366-0035  
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095  
Hope T Hideaways + 63 hse 366-0224  
Hope T Villas + 3 hse 366-0030  
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154  
Sea Gull Cottages + 3 hse 366-0266  
Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065  
Tanny Key + 43 hse 366-0053  
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

### Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

### Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals + 8 hse 365-6048  
Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

### Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158  
Abaco Real Estate + 6 hse 367-2719  
Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460  
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022  
Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980  
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000  
D's Guest House 6 rms 3 367-3980  
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776  
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681  
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600  
Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns) 32 eff 367-0148

### Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

### Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139  
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119  
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

### Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

### Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500  
Island Dreams + 45 hse 365-8507  
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

### Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villa 365-2222

### Web Sites with Abaco Information

<http://www.abaconian.com>  
<http://www.abacoinet.com>  
<http://www.abacoinfo.com>  
<http://www.abacos.com>  
<http://www.go-abacos.com>  
<http://www.oii.net>  
<http://www.bahamas.com>



# Visitors' Guide

## Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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 Area code 242 unless noted otherwise

Emergency Services		
Police - Marsh Harbour		367-2560
The following services are provided by volunteers		
Fire - Marsh Harbour		367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town		367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town		VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay		365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War		365-6911
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16	
Hope Town	366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0446
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops	
Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
• <b>Marsh Harbour Airport to:</b> (effective 22 Dec 08)	
Clinic, Downtown, Regattas	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore, Pelican shore	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$185
• <b>Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:</b>	
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$5
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10
Waiting time X\$20 per hour, X\$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage X\$1.00 each over four, Surf boards X\$4.00 ea.	
• <b>Treasure Cay Airport to:</b> Effective 22 Dec 085	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$70
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$85
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	X\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	X\$18 + \$5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	X\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	X\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	X\$16 + \$5

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 40 minutes	
<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b> • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Hope Town</b> 7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45	
Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30	
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; White Sound</b> Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm	
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Man-O-War</b> 10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30* 4 5:45	
Return 8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* 5	
<b>Marsh H. &gt; Guana Cay</b> (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45*	
Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 5:45	
Fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$15 / open return \$25, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride	
<b>Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport</b> 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30	
<b>T Cay Airport to Green T Cay</b> 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5	
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks	

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay</b> Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT	
<b>T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town</b> - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT	
<b>T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise</b> - Fr \$25 , call for time	

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
<b>Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah.</b> -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm	
<b>McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return</b> Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm	
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information	
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119	
or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	

**The Great Abaco Express** Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours

**Tourism's People-to-People program**  
 Be matched with a local person or family with a similar interest such as Bird watching, Attending church, Foreign language, School class visit, Environmental interest, Marine, Native plants, History, Humane Society, etc. This is not a dating service or an offer for a free meal or lodging but an opportunity to meet someone locally with similar interests. Call Tourism's Doranell Swain at 367-3067 for more information. Email: dswain@bahamas.com

Abaco Attractions	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. ..Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry-	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay
<b>Pocket beaches • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour</b>	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
<b>Miles of beach</b> are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	
<b>Items of interest • Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole &amp; sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole-in- Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067</b>	

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay	Closed
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Bonefish Guides	
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Jody Albury	375-8068
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
David Albury	365-6059

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**Restaurant Guide**  
 Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
 (Based on dinner entree range)

+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$ 367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hibiscus	367-----
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + ..... 367-3796
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + ..... 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + ..... 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ † ..... 366-0065

Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	

Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	366-3139

Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501

Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 265-5175

Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195

Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	

Sandy Point	
Nancy's	
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

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Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
<b>Rentals * Marsh Harbour</b>	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887

Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175

Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town	
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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### Capt. Michael Bethel completed 600th voyage

#### Locally owned Duke of Topsail is longest serving freight boat



The Duke of Topsail docked at the Marsh Harbour port on February 3, marking the 600th trip that Capt. Michael Bethel made on that ship. The 14,000-ton ship was 80 feet longer than the previous freight boat he captained, the Biak, owned and operated by the United Abaco Shipping Company. The company, now known by the name Abaco Shipping, brings freight weekly from Florida and completes its weekly trip with a run to Nassau and back. Capt. Bethel has been captaining the Duke since its arrival on Abaco in 1997.

By Mirella Santillo

Around midday on February 3rd the Duke of Topsail that hauls cargo between West Palm Beach and Abaco docked at Marsh Harbour's port among a cloud of seagulls. This event has been repeated every week for the last eleven plus years. However, this dockage marked the 600th voyage for her Captain, Capt. Michael Bethel.

The Topsail was purchased by Abaco Shipping Company from a Canadian and arrived on Abaco on May 27th, 1997, when she became Capt. Bethel's charge. She was 80 feet longer than the previous vessel he was accustomed to sail, the Biak and weighted 14,000 tons. "It was awkward at the beginning," said Capt. Bethel. "She was a much bigger ship." But nearly 12 years later she has become part of his life.

The roughest trip, reminisced the captain, was sailing back home in 50 knots wind south of Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. Less than a week later, the Duke of Topsail was riding another hurricane - Hurricane Jeanne- in the Abaco Sound with, of course, her captain on board.

Please see **Capt. Bethel** Page 11

### Baker's Bay donates \$100,000 to the BNT

The developers of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Great Guana Cay continued their support for Bahamas National Trust by presenting the organization with a \$100,000 check. The donation by Discovery Land Company is the second installment of a \$600,000 three-year commitment to the organization and the national parks on Abaco.

Dr. Livingston Marshall said when presenting the check, "Although we are all experiencing tough times in this economic downturn, we at Baker's Bay want the BNT to know that we are committed to the organization and the environment."

The grant from Baker's Bay is support-

Please see **Baker's Bay** Page 11

### 15 outstanding BJC students attend Forest Heights Academy



Fifteen of the 30 students on Abaco who had outstanding results on their BJC national exams taken last spring attended Forest Heights Academy. Other high schools with good results were Long Bay School, Abaco Central High School, St. Francis de Sales School, S.C. Bootle High School and Moore's Island All Age School. Forest Heights Academy had six of the seven students who had outstanding results on their BGCSE exams on Abaco. See story on page 2.

Don't miss

**Junior Junkanoo - Feb 20**  
**Senior Junkanoo - Feb 21**  
Downtown Marsh Harbour

### Union officials held meeting for public servants



A team from the Bahamas Public Services Union held a meeting in Marsh Harbour on February 5 to update union members on Abaco of their activities and plans. Mr. John Pinder, President of the Union, is shown here talking with Ms. Gwen Jones and Ms. Nicky Ferguson, who organized the meeting.

By Samantha V. Evans

This was the first time the Bahamas Public Services Union (BPSU) executive team has visited Abaco since they were elected to office. President John Pinder and a team from Nassau and Freeport were on hand on February 5th at the An-

glican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour to update public servants on their concerns and plans and to hear from them. John Curtis, Vice President for the Northern Region, greeted the audience and stated

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# School News

## Education District Honors Top Students

By Samantha V. Evans

*A More Excellent Way* was the theme chosen to honor the top performing students in the Abaco district for the 2007-08 school year. The hardworking committee led by Beatrice Moxey honored those students on January 30th at New Vision Ministries for the second year.

The message for the students was delivered by District Superintendent Lenora Black who told the students that in order for them to be a winner they must think like a winner. She told the students that

they are being recognized today because they did the right thing. She explained that the Department of Education made a decision this year to raise the bar to honor the best of the best from each Abaco school.

She encouraged the students to not only focus on excellence but to remember to build good character because it is just as important as academic performance. Once they do this, they will find that their character will speak for them in their absence. She informed them that the decisions they make, the words they speak, the way they

dress, and the places they frequent will determine the quality of their future. Black explained that excellence has its restrictions as it keeps them walking the straight line. A person of excellence knows that certain standards must be upheld in order for them to obtain and maintain the right level of achievement. In order for them to remain on top, she stated, they must be prepared to make excellence a lifestyle.

Ninety-nine primary school students from fifteen primary schools received trophies and certificates for being students of excellence. Forty-six students from nine high schools also received a trophy and certificate for excellence performance during that school year. The following students were honored from Every Child Counts: Keith Clarke from the primary academic class, Devantio MacIntosh from the middle academic class, Madeline Auguste from high school class upper academic, Garriel Augustine and Myron Sawyer for upper functional classes, and Tyler Pierre and Rivianna Cornish for the middle functional class. The moderators for this event were Keon Daziel from Cooper's Town Primary and Terrannise Taylor from S.C. Bootle High School.

### Top honorees for Grades 3 and 6 GLAT Exams

The following students received the highest scores on their Grade Level Assessment Test (GLAT) national examination for the May 2008: Grade 3 Language Arts top student-Felicia Roberts; Writing Skills Donte Richard and Felicia Roberts;

Mathematics Zarya Rolle. The top grade 6 students on the GLAT national examination: for writing skills Kayleisha Marshall; Chandra Mackey; Marwella Davis; and Jessica Pierre; for science and mathematics Conrad Cornish; and social studies Trevon McKenzie. The top grade three GLAT performer was Felicia Roberts and the top grade 6 GLAT performer was Conrad Cornish.

### Top honorees for the BJC and BGCSE Exams

Thirty students from the Abaco District passed five subjects or more with 5 Bs or above on the Bahamas Junior Certificate of Education national examinations in 2008. Fifteen of them were from Forest Heights Academy, with the others from St. Francis de Sales, Abaco Central High School, Long Bay School, Moore's Island All-Age School and S.C. Bootle High School. The top BJC performers were Pamela Smith and Anneisha Jones. Both students received 5 As, and 2 Bs.

Seven students passed 5 or more BGCSE subjects with Bs or above. These students were Kimberley Murray, Margo Lowe, Candace Malone, Gabrielle Mann, Stephanie Russell, Brittany Symonette, and Antonia Wright. The top BGCSE performer was Antonia Wright who received 5 As, 2 Bs, and 1 C. These top students traveled to Nassau recently to be honored on a national level.



Every Child Counts, a school for special students, recognized those who excelled, some in academic areas and other in functional lessons. These students were recognized at the Abaco-wide assembly held on January 30 at New Vision Ministries. This annual assembly recognizes academic achievements at both government and private schools. ECC provides education for those students who are unable to attend a regular school.

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# More School News

## Catholic schools celebrated 120 years of quality education

**School** *From Page 2*

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The week of the January 25-30th was observed as Catholic Week across The Bahamas. The two Catholic schools on Abaco, St. Francis de Sales and Every Child Counts, began the week of activities with an opening Holy Mass at the Catholic

Church in Marsh Harbour on January 25 which officially launched the celebrations. The theme for the week was *Catholic Schools Light the Way*. The logo designed for the week was unveiled by the principals of the two Catholic schools.

The priest stated that educators should know more than anyone that children have an opportunity to harness their potential

within the educational system. Catholic education has played a major role in making this happen. In Catholic schools they expect their students to use all of their gifts as they will have to give an account for all of their actions one day.

Also on this day Principal Kumar announced that the school is now online so parents can access the website to find out school information, news, activities, blogs, pictures, groups and clubs. The website address is [www.stfrancisabaco.com](http://www.stfrancisabaco.com). This website was created by Mr. Mango, music teacher at the school.

On Tuesday through Friday the Catholic School exhibition was set up for parents, and students to view. For the first two days, the exhibition was displayed at the District Education office and on Thursday and Friday, it was displayed at St. Francis de Sales School. The display gave an in-depth history of Catholic education at St. Francis de Sales and Every Child Counts. The current PTA board at St. Francis along with past

members also prepared a display giving the history of their activities over the past ten years. Chairing this activity was Samantha Duverny and Miriam Fredericks.

On Thursday a basketball game was played between St. Francis and Every Child Counts. The game was exciting and very short with St. Francis winning the game 20:18. On Friday, the final day of the celebrations, a motorcade went through the streets of Abaco, the students wearing jeans and their school t-shirts honking their horns as they passed businesses and homes to let residents know that this was a great day in their history. In the afternoon a mini-concert was held when students from all grade levels danced, sang, read poetry, and performed skits to amuse and entertain each other. Even the teachers got involved singing their revised version of *Party in the Back Yard*.

*Please see School Page 6*



St. Francis de Sales School and Every Child Counts, two Catholic schools on Abaco, joined with schools throughout The Bahamas to celebrate 120 years of providing quality education for Bahamian students. Shown here are Mrs. Lyn Major, Principal of ECC; Fr. Roger, Abaco's Education Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black; Mrs. Kumar, Principal of St. Francis de Sales School; and Mrs. Judy Johnson, a loyal supporter of both schools.



On January 30 teachers, students and others formed a motorcade that drove through Central Abaco in their celebration of 120 years of being actively involved with educating Bahamian students. The motorcade is shown leaving St. Francis de Sales School on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour.



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- #698 2 bedroom/ 2 bath home in private location, awesome view of Sea of Abaco and Hope Town light house. \$650,000

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**"CASUARINA COTTAGE" #1873** 2 bed 1 bath cottage on the canal. \$200,000

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

- #1975 Lots starting from \$25000

- #1795 2 bed 1 bath house with cottage, steps from the beach. Reduced from \$295,000 Now \$235,000

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### CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS

#### 1. CARLETON LANDING

Prestigious Canal Front Development offering Carriage House units in blocks of four plus individual cottages. Both offer docks/ boat slips as well as golf cart or car garages.

Prices start at \$680,000 + 14%

#### 2. NEW LUXURY WATERFRONT CONDOS WITH DOCKS!

**"PINEAPPLE POINT RESORT"** - Luxury gated community - Treasure Cay's newest waterfront development. 2 bed/ 2 bath and 3 bed/ 3 bath condos with availability of private boat slips. Pre-construction price starting at \$529,000 net (plus closing costs). MUST SEE! Great investment opportunity and a great location in Treasure Cay!

#### 3. THE COTTAGES

Now the newest oceanfront development on Treasure Cay beach comprising 10 individual luxury units

Starting at \$900,000 + 12% closing

#### 4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 3 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features

Starting at \$907,500 Plus 14% closing

#### 5. ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay each totalling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/ den

Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio

First floor - open concept living / dining/ kitchen plus master bedroom suite, all ocean views with patio/ balcony

Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view

MLS \$2,075,000 + 7.5% Closing

#### 6. PALM BAY DEVELOPMENT Unit #3

4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath fully furnished Town House with garage and boat slip with 20' beam. Located at Palm Bay Development 2,000 +/- sq. ft. \$907,500 EXC

**Anchorage Estates Multi-family Lots** 128' water front, 22,448 sq. ft. Good investment Price \$474,000 EXC

### MARINER'S COVE

Townhouse condos with on-site tennis, heated pool, office, laundry  
 Marina view, 2 bed/ 1 1/2 bath, fully furnished, never rented, extra features.

MUST SEE FGS \$295,000

Marina view, 1 bed / 1 bath upstairs - good rental potential \$220,150 FGS

Marina view, 2 bed/ 2 bath and unit - fully furnished- storm shutters- good rental potential \$271,500 + 7.5% closing

### MARINA VIEW VILLA

Recently completed delightful villa with great marina view and access. Modern 2 bed/ 2 bath CBS fully furnished home, 1020 sq. ft. plus porches and garden area. Must see to appreciate. FGS \$499,000 EXC

### TEASURE LANDING

Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. Good rental investment EXC. \$514,250 FGS

### ROYAL PALM

Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool 2 bed / 2 bath lower unit marina view. Good rental income EXC \$526,350

2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12 ft. boat slip with 12,000 lb. lift. Never rented. EXC \$655,950 FGS

### TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.

Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home. MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing

### BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.

Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

### ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool Bldg 4 Downstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, boat slip **SOLD** EXC. \$468,000 FGS

### SAND DOLLAR

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

### ROYAL POINCIANA

Ocean Front Condos with on site pool and tennis 3 bed / 3 bath upper unit, fully furnished, beach front, with good rental potential. Priced to sell. \$865,000 + 7.5%

### SANDPIPER BEACH

"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath, fully furnished, CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private king size 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features. MUST SEE. MLS \$1,990,000 + 7.5% Closing

### OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION

Second row beach with direct ocean access. Great view. 2 bed / 2 bath, many special features. MUST SEE EXC. \$485,500 FGS

### GALLEON BAY ESTATES

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL VERY MOTIVATED SELLER EXC \$790,000

"Fish Tales" unique canal front 3 bed / 3 bath home on 2 full lots, 180' waterfront with 118' serviced dock, deep water, great for larger boat. MUST SEE! MLS\$1,725,000 + 7.5%

### LEEWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Trident"/"Turquoise Seas" You cannot be more "on the beach" than in this special home. Offering 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath in the main house with detached garage / bed / bath / attic plus storage. Vast deck oceanside with widow's walk. WOW! MLS \$2,200,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus! Plus! MLS \$755,000 + 7.5% closing

"Surf Shack" This CBS totally renovated two-storey luxury modern home is located on a large corner lot in the prestigious area of Lee ward Beach and Sunrise Point. Both levels include 4 bed / 3 1/2 bath plus above ground pool with wrap around deck. many, many more features, i.e. hurricane shutters and generator. "A definite must see!" \$1,403,600 EXC

### WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage. EXC. \$996,300 FGS

### ROCK POINT

"Pilot House" special unique location with a commanding, enviable view of the Sea of Abaco. Water front home, 2 storey, CBS/ frame. Upstairs master and guest bed, 2 baths, large living/ dining/ open kitchen; lower level 1bed / 1 bath, 2 car garage plus 1 car/boat garage. MLS \$1,160,000 + 7.5% closing

Apartment four-plex, 2 storey CBS building, each level has 2 bedrooms with 2 bed, 1 bath, living/ dining/ kitchen. Great rental investment. MUST SEE! EXC. \$400,000 FGS **SOLD**

### VACANT LOTS AVAILABLE

- Ocean front properties Casuarina Beach/Ocean Blvd. Sand Piper Beach Sunrise Point Beginning at \$1,250,000 FGS
- Canal Front Beginning at \$350,000 FGS
- Rock Point Waterfront, bulkheaded Beginning at \$430,000 FGS
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### ABBREVIATION CODE

EXC - Exclusive listing • FGS - Full gross or all-inclusive price • MLS - Multiple Listing, list price plus buyer's closing

# More School News

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## St. Francis has a new Promethean Board

By Samantha V. Evans

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School can boast of having a Promethean Board to usher their students into the age of technology. The board was purchased by the Catholic Board at the beginning of last term and the high school teachers have been receiving training on how to use the board properly. Some of the students in the

high school have practiced using it as well and have enjoyed it thoroughly. Principal Kumar is very excited about this wonderful gift provided to them and is looking forward to its full use. Additionally, she has requested that the PTA Board assist with the purchase of another board for the primary school and is hoping that it will be available for the new school year.

## Student Places Second in Catholic Spelling Bee

By Samantha V. Evans

The 42nd annual Catholic Archdiocesan Primary School Spelling Bee competition was held in Nassau on January 23rd. Eleven Catholic primary schools in the country took part. St. Francis de Sales School is pleased to announce that two of its students placed in the final four. Yelena Persaud, a 7-year-old student in grade 5, beat out several of her 12-year-old competitors and placed 2nd. Diazhanee Gibson, a grade 6 student, placed 4th. The third participant was Roann Burrows from grade 6. Yelena has qualified to take part in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Competition in Florida later this year. The principal and staff congratulate the stu-

dents and the dedicated coaches, Shannals Johnson and Monique Curry.

## Central Abaco Primary Girls Reading Challenge is launched

For the fourth year in a row, the girls of grades 4-6 of Central Abaco Primary school will get an opportunity to improve their reading and writing skills. The month of February is set aside every year for them to take part in the Girls Reading Challenge. According to the coordinator of the program, Ms. Samantha Evans, the students look forward to these challenges every year. Not only do they get a chance to read exciting books and write their book reports, but they receive great prizes purchased by her and donated by businesses within the community. To date, the students to participate in this program have seen great improvement in their school performance. Some have even improved their reading by a grade level.

The Boys Reading Challenge is held annually in October. The son of the coordinator is one who has improved his reading, writing, handwriting and comprehension skills. This fourth grader, Steven Jones, is now engaging in more thinking and analysis of information as well. This challenge is indeed an asset to the students of Central Abaco Primary who take part in it.

Also held during this month is a competition for the students in grades 1-3 to expose them to reading on a lesser scale. This competition has three parts: drawing, reading and writing which are intended to improve their artistic, writing, reading and thinking skills. Students are asked to draw a picture on poster paper related to a given

theme and to submit it to Ms. Evans at the close of the competition. The top students will receive special prizes and all participants will receive a certificate of participation. The competition for the lower primary school will begin on February 2nd and end on the 13th and the upper primary challenge will span the month of February. The awards day for the challenges will be held on March 23.

## School received two laptops and projectors

By Samantha V. Evans

During the first week of school, Central Abaco Primary School received two laptops and LCD projectors from Commonwealth Bank to assist with the delivery of quality education by teachers to their students. The administrators have designated these laptops to be used by teachers who are computer savvy. Some of the teachers are very thankful and excited about such a generous donation as they have been waiting for such a chance to introduce technology into their classrooms. Their hope is that more businesses will donate such items to the school so that each classroom can have its own laptop and LCD projector. The entire staff of this school thanks Commonwealth Bank for its kind donation.

## Scholarship Opportunities for Students and Teachers

By Samantha V. Evans

Students who are interested in studying in the environmental field have an opportunity to apply for ten scholarships that are available through the Bahamas



These four students of St. Francis de Sales School did very well in a Catholic Spelling Bee in Nassau. Seven-year-old Yelena Persaud, in center front, placed second.

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**Endless Summer #508**, Eastern Shores, 2 story, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 210' water frontage, 80' dock, 6' low water, 9,000 lb. boat lift. Cypress ceiling and interior walls, laundry room, single car garage, carport, 15 KW back-up generator. \$1.695 million



**Triplex #504**, one three-bedroom two-bathroom that is 1950 sq ft on the top floor and 2 Two-bedroom one-bath apartments on the bottom floor, property is 90 x 100 Appraised at \$ 440,000 This month sales price \$434,600



**Green House, Turtle Rocks #525** beautifully built 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath on over 27,000 sq. ft of property  
REDUCED \$199,360



**Great Business Opportunity #506** A restaurant that is ready to go with all the necessary equipment needed to operate this lovely building, has sea views, is on 100'x120' lot.  
REDUCED \$424,000.



**Agape Villa Murphy Town #503** Two free standing structures containing four one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment units that are fully furnished with central air conditioning. Sits on 15,000 sq. ft. Landscaped.  
All units are rented. REDUCED \$227,900 Person purchasing this will have an instant business.



**Three bedroom, two bathroom home, #500** fully furnished, central air conditioning, on 9,000 sq. ft. Landscaped with beautiful trees and lawn. Rented. REDUCED \$148,400



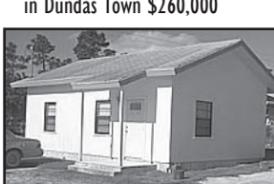
**Sandy Point #510** waterfront 3 bedroom 3 bathroom 2,000 sq. ft. home with sunken living room, TV room, dining room and large kitchen on a lot over 26,000 sq. ft. of land. \$265,000



**Royal Harbour Village three unit townhouse #502** near John Bull in Marsh Harbour, each unit is 1500 sq ft and fully furnished. Located behind John Bull in Marsh Harbour. Great rental income. Sale price \$650,000



**Duplex #0713 & 0715** 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath house in Dundas Town \$260,000



**Three Town House # 0711** 2 bedroom, 1 bath with water view \$320,000

**Great Cistern Estates - Nine lots for sale** in new gated community in Great Cistern, Abaco. Residential only  
Lot A 8,491 sf \$30,000 gross Lot F 11,741 sf \$93,928 gross  
Lot B 11,759 sf \$94,072 gross Lot G 10,868 sf \$86,944 gross  
Lot C 8,800 sf \$70,400 gross Lot H 12,514 sf \$100,112 gross  
Lot D 8,676 sf \$34,700 gross Lot I 10,474 sf \$83,792 gross  
Lot E 12,010 sf \$96,080 gross

**For sale three lots** located on South Lubbers Quarters in the Abaco Ocean Club Estate. Lots number 11, 44, 112. These lots are priced individually. 11,022 sf. \$88,000 gross  
Lot #44 13,307 sf \$98,000 gross Lot # 112 20,485 sf. \$175,000 gross

**For sale 15 acres of land at Baker's Heights** near Leisure Lee off the Treasure Cay Highway. Priced at \$450,000 , this property will go fast. Call today.

**Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay**, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$49,5 00 each

**Two lots for sale located on hillside in Yellowwood** Property adjacent to The Abaco Club on Winding Bay  
Lot# 7 G3 size 12,600 s.f. \$63,000 gross  
Lot # 7 G4 size 12,600 s.f. \$63,000 gross

**Triplex for sale Murphy Town** 2 one-bedroom, one-bath and 1 two-bedroom, one-bath. \$145,000

**6 lots in Marsh Harbour** off Don MacKay Blvd.  
4 lots 10,286.1 sq. ft. \$59,659 each  
2 lots 12,086.1 sq. ft. \$70,099 each

**4 lots in Murphy Town, water view**, across from Abaco Block and Concrete, commercial.  
Sold separately 3 lots \$48,614 each, 1 at \$48,730

**Hillside lot in Yellow Wood** with view of Winding Bay Beach and ocean view, lot size 120 x 90. Gross price \$145,000

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**"Camelot"** # 1234 - Beachfront Estate. New custom designed 3 bed, 4 bath Ocean Blvd home, plus 2 bed, 1 bath guest house. Total 7,793 s/f under roof on 1.5 acre grounds Beachside pool, numerous enhancements. **\$7,849,000.**

**"Argyll House"** # 483 - Elegantly furnished, elegant 4 bed, 5.5 bath, 6,900 s/f Ocean Blvd. estate on 1.6 landscaped acres with 153' beachfront. Includes vehicles & 2 additional residential lots - **REDUCED TO \$3,995,000.**

**"Final Approach"** # 601 - Recently renovated, furnished canal front 2 storey, 5,500 s/f 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 4 car garage **\$2,625,000.**

**"Another World"** # 1007 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home, pool, patio & garage on 1.2 landscaped acres. Excellent rental income history. **\$2,500,000.**

**"Sandpiper"** # 1265 - Ocean Blvd. 3,000 s/f bi-level furnished home on 1.87 acres with 180' sandy beach frontage. Adjacent lot also available. **\$2,357,000.**

**"Trident House"** # 317 - Superb 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath fully furnished, 3,500 s/f beach front home. **NOW \$1,999,000.**

**"Fish Tales"** # 808 - Elegant 3 bed, 3 bath furnished canal front home, 3,430 s/f under roof on 15,493 s/f landscaped parcel. 90' deep water frontage & dock. **\$1,725,000.**

**"Flip Inn" - Windward Beach** # 1008 - 2 bed, 2 bath beach home, plus garage on 2 parcels. Recently refurbished, tastefully furnished. 180' sandy beachfront **\$1,725,000.**

**"Porter Place" - Brigantine Bay** # 868 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3 bath canalfront home, 3,040 s/f under roof, double garage, 165' of dockage, new boat lift. **\$1,495,000.**

**Windward Beach-Beachfront Home** # 1191 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,550 s/f furnished beach home. 200' sandy beachfront, 32,724 s/f landscaped property, separate garage. **\$1,425,000.**

**Palm Bay Harbourfront Home** # 2 # 1071 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath new, 2,077 s/f, unfurnished waterfront home. Private garage, private boat slip with 20' beam. Fantastic panoramic water views **FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$1,035,000.**

**"Laguna" Galleon Bay** # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. **\$985,000.**

**"Sea Cliff"** # 733 - Exquisite Design, Fabulous Location, Water Views, 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level home, 2 car garage on 1 acre elevated property. Elegantly furnished, 150 steps from beach. Excellent rental income history. **\$799,000.**

**"Just Off The Beach"** # 1210 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,244 s/f furnished home on 11,280 s/f parcel. Recently upgraded, well maintained, enclosed yard, close to beach. **\$295,000.**

**"Home, Sweet Home"** # 784 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f furnished home on 13,500 s/f lot, close to beach. Adjoining lot of 14,000 s/f also available **REDUCED TO \$185,000.**

**Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condominiums -Phase 4** # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condos on Treasure Cay Beach. 2,860 s/f under roof, attached garage. 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **\$2,075,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2046** - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5 condo, closest to beach, tasteful contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. **\$1,150,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2020** - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beachfront condo, Stunningly furnished, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$1,035,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2083** - # 1079 - 4 bed, 3 bath ground level Phase 5 tastefully decorated & furnished condo. 1,645 s/f living space, screened lanai overlooking beach & pool. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! NOW \$1,029,000.**

**"Cottages" #8** - # 535 - New 3 bed, 2 bath unfurnished (appliances only) 2,900 s/f bi-level home under roof, 1,300 s/f under air, community pool, sea views **\$899,000.**

**Atlantis Condo 2112** - # 929 - 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal. great water views, includes 2 large boat slips. Beach nearby. **\$865,000.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2201** - # 1175 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f, 2nd level furnished waterfront condo. Recently renovated, well maintained. Includes storage garage & private boat slip/dock. Near beach. **\$460,000.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2202** - # 987 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. "Turn-Key", Near Treasure Cay Beach **\$465,000.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2203** - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach **\$465,000.**

**Beach Villa 507** # 782 - Newly renovated, 2 bed, 2 bath 1,150 s/f villa, plus 592 s/f patios. Tastefully furnished. Many extras. Close to beach, marina, golf course. **\$490,000.**

**Beach Villa 685** - # 958 - Attractive 885 s/f 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa. Community pool, near marina & golf course, 2 minute walk to Treasure Cay Beach **\$399,000.**

**Brigantine Beach Condo** # 369 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath furnished townhouse, ocean views, close to beach, furnished, excellent rental history. **REDUCED TO \$398,000.**

**Beach Villa 703** # 1209 - 2 bed, 2 bath 885 s/f furnished villa close to beach, marina, restaurants & shopping area. Great rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**  
# 1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo. tastefully refurbished. **\$649,000.**

# 454 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, poolside condo **\$295,000.**

# 928 - 2 bed, 1 bath 2 level unit, overlooks harbour **\$249,000.**

# 985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level "turn-key" harbour front end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**

# 655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$249,000.**

# 455 - 1 bed, 1 bath, ground level, poolside **\$185,900.**

**Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd.** # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage, on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. Gorgeous beach & sea views. **\$1,510,000.**

**Beach & Canal Lot Package** #941 - Windward Beach lot with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage **\$1,446,000.**

**Ocean Blvd. Jumbo Sized Beachfront Parcel** # 1266 - Approx. 52,575 s/f parcel (1.20 acres) with 115' sandy beach frontage & 460' depth. Superior building lot. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$1,386,000.**

**Ocean Blvd. Beachfront Parcel** # 1260 - Splendid 44,600 s/f parcel on Treasure Cay Beach, 75' beach frontage, all utilities available. Spectacular sea & beach views. **\$1,350,000.**

**Windward Beach - Beachfront Parcel** # 1283 - Cleared & walled 17,542 s/f parcel with 100' of sandy beach. Splendid Sea of Abaco views. All utilities available. **\$1,024,000.**

**Windward Beach** # 999 - 12,750 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available, great building site. **\$599,950.**

**Brigantine Bay** # 1200 - 13,664 s/f canalfront parcel with 106' of bulkheaded deep water frontage. Includes dock & dolphin pilings, all utilities available. Superb water views. **\$525,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** # 841 - 11,220 s/f cleared canal lot with 80' protected deep water frontage on quiet street. New 40' dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. All utilities available. **\$485,500.**

**Windward Beach** # 817 - Half acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. **\$482,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' bulk head. Cleared, all utilities available. Purchase both & SAVE! **EACH \$422,000.**

**Galleon Bay** # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage, all utilities available. **\$350,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** # 1193 - Choice canal lot of 13,200 s/f with 100' of bulkheaded sea wall. All utilities available. Great water views. Ready to build. **\$347,000.**

**Galleon Bay** # 1208 - Large 20,970 s/f canal parcel with 90'+ deep water dock & dolphin pilings. All utilities available. Fantastic building lot, great water views. **\$299,950.**

**Rock Point Waterfront Parcel** # 783 - 12,200 s/f lot near entrance to Treasure Cay Marina. 90' newly installed sea wall. Cleared, all utilities available. **\$289,000.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

**"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club** # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$769,000.**

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**"Paradise Point"** # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **\$656,000.**

**Beachfront Lot # 7** # 1197 - 24,710 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 126' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

**"seaGlas Cottage"** # 1237 - Charming 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 level furnished beachfront home on private 1.20 acre parcel. 1,800 s/f under roof, plus 900 s/f decks/patios. 100' sandy & iron rock shoreline. Panoramic sea views. **\$949,500.**

**"Turtle's Rock"** # 1062 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000. Very private area. **\$795,000.**

**LEISURE LEE**

**"Double Eagle"** # 757 - Recently renovated 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, 2,500 s/f furnished home on canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' dock. Underground utilities. Near beach **\$776,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

# 1258 - 9,000 s/f canal lot with 87' of water frontage, 160' of lay-along docks & shared recessed boat basin **\$362,000.**

# 823 - 10,708 s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity, Fantastic beach nearby **\$345,000.**

# 886 - 12,828 s/f canal lot, 100' sea wall, 50' dock **\$329,000.**

# 602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall **\$299,500.**

# 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**

# 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed **\$249,500.**

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# More School News

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Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF). BREEF is located in Nassau and has formed an exciting partnership with the Island School/Cape Eleuthera Institute. One aspect of this partnership involves the coordination of the Bahamas Environmental Steward Scholars (BESS) program. This program offers up to 10 scholarships for motivated Bahamian students who are curious about the ocean and conservation.

Students who are awarded scholarships will have an opportunity to learn about the natural environment through first-hand experiences. They will actively participate in the learning process. Students will learn to sea kayak and become scuba certified. They will receive a scholarship to attend the Island School, a six-month internship at the conservation organization, and a scholarship to attend the College of the Bahamas or other school. The deadline for this application is March 1st, 2009. Forms are available at the Friends of the Environment office.

Teachers have an opportunity to attend a conference at the Island School on August 2 through 9 to learn more about marine life and scuba diving. They will explore the geology and geography of Cape Eleuthera, kayak, snorkel, participate in science research and explore sustainable systems. Scholarships are available for interested persons and forms can be collect from Friends of the Environment. The teachers' scholarship is managed by the FRIENDS office. The deadline for application forms is April 3rd, 2009.

**CAPS Promotes Fire Safety Stop, Drop and Roll**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

Central Abaco Primary School lost one of its students in a fire in the Mud during the month of November last year and since then the grade one teacher of this student, Mrs. Seymour-Dawkins, has taken the initiative to teach the students about fire safety. The first session was held during the month of January which involved the entire school. Sgt. Johnson from the Police Department and Danny Sawyer from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department educated the entire school about fire safety.

The students learned about the Stop,

Drop, and Roll steps to protect themselves from sustaining fire damage in the event of a fire. The first thing children should do is STOP - running fans the flame and causes the fire to spread faster. Next, they should SHOUT for help. DROP to the floor and cover their face. ROLL back and forth to put out flames. If they sustain a burn to the body, they should COOL it with cold water.

The students were instructed on what to do to get out of a burning building. The firemen warned the students of potential situations that could result in a fire. Students from each grade level prepared an item related to fire safety.

The school has now committed to prac-

ting regular fire safety drills and held the first one on January 29th. The members of this fire safety committee are Leroy Thompson, Andrea Chu and Mrs. D. Morris. The school made a monetary donation to the volunteer firefighters of Abaco.

**School Health Care Program Continues**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

In an effort to ensure that the student population remains healthy and to alleviate the number of students attending the clinic on a daily basis, the healthcare team at the Marsh Harbour government clinic began its school healthcare program again this year. Presently, the staff attends to all healthcare needs of the students at Central Abaco Primary School and ensures that the grade six students receive appropriate vaccinations for graduation and entry into high school. They screen all grade one students by giving them eye and hearing exams and general physical fitness checkups. Students who are diagnosed as being sick are given medication along with instructions for ingestion. The medication is distributed by the school administrators. The healthcare team visits the school twice weekly.

**Abaco Central High School Teacher of the Year Celebrated on February 6th**

*By Mirella Santillo*

In an assembly of students, teachers and education officials, Ms. Phillipa Farrington was honored as Abaco Central High School's Teacher of the Year. She



Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town is teaching its students about fire safety. This is the result of a young boy from this school losing his life in a fire in the Mud. Fire Officer Johnson with the Royal Bahamas Police Force, center, and Danny Sawyer of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, right, talked with the students about fire safety. During the assembly Leroy Thompson, Senior Master at the school, presented a donation to the Fire Department.

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# More School News

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was supported by an emotional crowd reacting with applause, cheers or tears.

Ms. Farrington, who is Department Head of Social Science, joined Abaco Central High School six years ago, her first appointment after graduating from college. A small, pretty, personable and enthusiastic person, Ms. Farrington immediately won the respect of the students and her colleagues through her personality and her achievements, as was demonstrated in the ceremony that took place at the school on February 6th.

Early in the morning Ms. Farrington left Abaco Central High School with students and other teachers in a four-car motorcade escorted by policemen. The motorcade went through the communities of Central Abaco and returned to an assembly at the school.

Ms. Farrington was acclaimed by principal Vanessa James, serenaded by Mr. Basil Bean and by the school choir, praised by students who read poetry they had composed for her and was lavished with compliments by her Pastor, Mr. Emmitt Archer. Guest speaker, Ms. Simone Bowe, Director of Human Resources at Baker's Bay, spoke of her as "a person of character, one to admire even when she is not on duty."

This address was followed by a presentation of many gifts from teachers and students.



Ms. Phillipa Farrington was chosen as Teacher of the Year by Abaco Central High School. This popular teacher was honoured at an assembly on February 6. The students and staff gave her a leather suitcase that she can use on a trip to the States that they also are giving to her.

**Inter-House Sports Day**  
By Mirella Santillo

Most of the last week in January at Abaco Central High School was dedicated to sports. On January 28th the students who had been chosen by their house mates and teachers practiced for the following day's



Abaco Central High School held its inter-house Sports Day on January 28. The event was organized by Head Coach Vogel Williams.

**Celebrating Excellence**



Congratulations to the Honor Roll students of Moore's Island All Age School. These are the students on the Christmas Term 2008 Honor Roll. Grade 1 - Tia Swain; Grade 2 - Virmeash Davis, Erica Gibson, Temera Hoyte and Jada. Johnson; Grade 3 - Antonia Davis, Deshante Davis, Shaquawn Davis, Rolontae Knowles, Giovanni Rolle and Jaquohn Stuart; Grade 4 - Clivanche Burrows, Christie Davis, Khazeriah McBride, Mikayla Rolle, Kenrie Seymour, Davantee Tate and Ethan Johnson; Grade 5 - Megan Davis, Denijah Huunes, Amber Johnson, Raneisha Knowles and Stevannah Thompson; Grade 6 - Cardinal Gaitor, Stephon Green, Carlekwad Johnson, Charla Hield and Kaylor Simms; Grade 7 - Tishanda Cooper and Markwell Davis; Grade 8 - Rakeisha Knowles, Vanessa McBride, Alicia Ronard, Kendric Davis and Briantino Fox; Grade 9 - Victoria Hield, Shantae Roberts, Dearja Stuart, Garniqua Stuart and Shernique Stuart; Grade 10 - Trevon Green, Cedric Gaitor and Simiette Stuart; Grade 11 - Nedertia Stuart, Santrecia Hield and Mervann Davis; Grade 12 - Judeen Davis, Temika Davis, Geleece Gaitor, Tequila Stewart and Alando Williams.

Field and Track Competition.

As soon as school started on Thursday morning, the Tainos, the Arawaks, the Caribs and the Lucayans assembled at the track while the rest of the students and staff lined along the fence to watch and cheer their favorite athletes who competed in distances ranging from 100m to 5000m with a final 400m 4x4 relay race. The activities

were under the direction of Head Coach Vogel Williams

Students from seventh to twelfth grades participated in the competition with each event divided into age categories, under 15, under 17, under 20 and open, separately for

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Another tradition celebration

Though the numbers were small, it didn't diminish the fun had by all who came to celebrate the 13th year of Valentine's Tea parties held in Cherokee. The table was set with a lovely pristine white damask tablecloth, bright red candles in antique candle holders and a Depression Glass bowl of fresh grapes as well as a fine display of Valentine's Day postcards from a private collection.

The two different teas for the day included a homemade strawberry-lime tea and a unique family-owned tea brought all the way from Sri Lanka by one of Cherokee's second-homeowners. The menu for the day was spotlighted with a platter of tiny teacups and saucers made from chocolate cupcakes and many other beautifully decorated sweets as well a variety of delicious savories.

As in years past there was a door prize of a lovely heart-covered china mug won by Ruth Pinder, one of our guests from Marsh Harbour. There were some new and different games and lots of prizes. The guest list included many who have been coming every year, but also three new guests which we hope enjoyed the time of fellowship, fun and games as well as the food and tea.

### Latest school news

The Primary Student Awards for June 2008 are as follows:

- Grade 1 - Marisa Pratt
- Grade 2 - Brianna Sweeting
- Grade 3 - Donovan Hepburn
- Grade 4 - Tiffany Albury
- Grade 5 - Dre Hepburn

Grade 6 - Terence Albury  
Students of the month for November 2008 were Dre Hepburn and Marisa Pratt. Students of the month for January 2009 were Jessica Weatherford and Marisa Pratt. The children's Rock-a-thon will take place on February 19th and the students are now in the process of obtaining their sponsors. It will consist of six hours for Grades 3 through 6 and three hours for Grades 1 and 2.

February is Parents Month, but the activities have not yet been announced.

The Cherokee Primary Newsletter for the period January through April 2009 is now out and includes birthday dates, the calendar for the various grade Spelling Bees. The Spelling Bee for Grade 5 has already been held and Cherokee Primary was represented by Jessica Weatherford and Tiffany Albury. They both tried very hard but, alas, no trophy. Ms. Lowe encourages the parents to help the children study their words.

The Newsletter includes some very important dates that the children should remember for up-coming events and activities. It reminded the students to make their plans for the bi-annual talent competition with the theme of *Go on a journey* - Read!

Parents and friends are invited to attend the special assemblies each month. The next one will be on February 24th with the theme *Responsibility*. In March they will be held on the 9th and the 23rd and the theme will be *Respect*. You are reminded that the assemblies begin at 8:50 a.m. on these mornings and you are invited to come and join us.

The new PTA President is Timothy Sands along with a new PTA Committee

and we wish them well. Even though she has not had a child in the school for many years, since 1986 Peggy Albury has served as president, treasurer and all around troubleshooter for Cherokee Sound All Age School and now Cherokee Primary School. She did an outstanding job and her services were very much appreciated. Only once in a great while does such a dedicated civic-minded person come along, and Peggy is definitely one of those talented and helpful persons. So, thank you, Peggy, from not only the students and the school but for the many things you do for the whole community of Cherokee Sound for the many years of unselfish service you have given to all of us.

## Honey production at Pepper Pot Farm

By Mirella Santillo

Nearly 10 years after Hurricane Floyd, the destroyed vegetation has long regrown,

most of the structures it demolished have been rebuilt, most of the devastation it caused soon forgotten. A less visible and insidious damage was the disappearance of certain insects, among them the beneficial honey bees which, according to some farmers and residents, were not seen for years after the storm struck the island.

But slowly they returned. One can now see them early mornings buzzing away on shepherd's needles and flowering weeds. In the last few months, swarms were seen too close to residences and shops and had to be destroyed. Farmers, however, are happy with their presence and usually keep a couple of hives around their farms as the bees play an important role in the pollination of most vegetables and fruits.

Mr. Mel Wells, the owner of Pepper Pot Farm, a vegetable farm in the Cherokee area, was given a couple of hives sev-

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Mel Wells of Pepper Pot Farm is suited up to tend to his beehives. He has gone into producing honey along with growing vegetables at his farm in South Abaco.

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# South Abaco News

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eral months ago by Mr. Patrick Stewart of Lubbers Quarters. This gave him the idea to take his chance in a new venture: honey harvesting. Soon the bees swarmed and he acquired more hives, his new business was born. Since then, the bees have swarmed many more times and there are now 35 hives on the farm. You can find Pepper Pot Farm Honey on the shelves of the supermarket and in some specialty shops. The honey produced at Pepper Pot

Farm is pure, raw, unfiltered honey. The only process involved before pouring it in glass jars is the removal of wax particles left from the honey comb.

Covered in a protection suit, Mr. Wells posed among some of his hives around which thousands of bees were in constant motion, flying back and forth from the hives to the fields, unconcerned by his presence or mine.

A product thousand of years old, honey has suffered ups and downs over the centuries as a food and cosmetic item. It was

considered a medicinal remedy by ancient Greeks and Egyptian Queen Cleopatra was supposed to have bathed regularly in goat milk and honey to keep her skin healthy. Honey was the only sweetener used by westerners until it was supplanted by cane sugar in the eighteenth century. Honey has enjoyed a renewed popularity in recent years as a body care ingredient used in soaps, shampoos and moisturizing creams and is praised again for its medicinal properties. Not to forget the delicious addition it provides in foods, teas and other beverages.

A short distance from the hives, rows of peppers displayed huge yellow and purple fruit. Further away, separated by cabbages and lettuce, a field of tomatoes was nearly ready to be harvested.

Pepper Pot Farm caters to the individual consumers rather than to resellers and throughout the day people come to buy vegetables picked fresh from the fields while they wait. Besides honey and several varieties of tomatoes, cabbages and peppers, one can also find pumpkins, cucumbers, onions, green beans and bananas.

Always the entrepreneur, Mr. Wells explained that he wants to experiment with summer plants and said he is still learning about beekeeping and the possible use of honey by-products.

**Baker's Bay** *From Page 1*

ing the establishment of a BNT office on Abaco as well as a full-time warden. The grant has also provided the BNT with the opportunity to partner with Friends of the Environment and schools in North and South Abaco to establish three Discovery Clubs on Abaco. Discovery Club is an after school club that combines environmental education with fun learning techniques designed to take young people out of the classroom and into the different eco-systems in The Bahamas.

"The BNT is truly grateful to corporate supporters like Baker's Bay, who place a high value on the environment and the work of the Trust," said Glenn Bannister, president of the BNT.

The Bahamas National Trust is the mandated manager of 25 national parks and protected areas in The Bahamas. Abaco is home to five national parks: Abaco National Park, Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park, Tilloo Cay Reserve, Black Sound Cay Reserve and Walker's Cay National Park.

**Casuarina trees were removed**



In keeping with their plan to remove invasive species, a group of approximately ten people from Friends of the Environment assisted by people from the community of Crossing Rocks worked hard to manually remove most of the casuarina trees from both sides of the road between Crossing Rocks and Schooner Bay. Not all of the trees were able to be removed as some were on private property. After removal, the trees were transported to the landfill at Crossing Rocks where they were properly disposed of. The removal of these invasive trees which do not belong here has opened up a very nice view through the creek system to the sea and has also allowed room for the growth of more native plants.

**Capt. Bethel** *From Page 1*

Capt. Bethel, a native of Cherokee Sound, said he has spent most of his life sailing, ever since he was a boy. He has been employed for 22 years with Abaco United Shipping Company and is not even thinking of retiring any time soon.

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# Community meetings discussed Snake Cay protected area

By Jennifer Hudson

Several concerned members of the small community of Casuarina Point attended a meeting held in the Fire House on January 12 to discuss the Snake Cay park proposal. Moderating the meeting were Olivia Patterson, Programme Coordinator for the Friends of the Environment, and Kristin Williams, Executive Director. Also present was David Knowles, Park Warden for the Bahamas National Trust.

The meeting began with an overview of the proposal which Ms. Patterson is preparing for government requesting that the Snake Cay area be preserved as a national park. The idea of this is to protect the area from large scale development such as condominiums or high rises and to preserve it as a park for people to use. The park will be for recreational use, and persons will still be able to do all the things they do there now such as conching, fishing, kayaking, boating and picnicking. "We need to protect the habitats and the mangroves," emphasised Ms. Patterson. "We cannot do nothing and expect it to stay the way it is now; we must take action."

Meetings have already been held regarding this proposal in Marsh Harbour and Cherokee Sound and, following discussions, the proposal is growing in length. The reason for the meeting at Casuarina Point was to make residents of the area aware that any adverse activity at Snake Cay will affect the coast as far as Casuarina Point. There is a system of blue holes, all interconnected between Snake Cay, Cherokee Creek, Bight of Old Robinson up to Rocky Point at the western end of Casuarina Point. If dredging were to take place at Snake Cay, the silting could travel all the way to Rocky Point. Focus is being placed on the mangrove creek systems.

Following her explanation of the proposal, Ms. Paterson asked for opinions from those present. A few questions were raised, but everyone showed that they are very much in favour of this proposal as they all want the area left just as it is for future generations. "National park status is the best mechanism to keep the area as it is," stated Ms. Patterson, who went on to explain that if the proposal is approved by Cabinet, all government will be doing is granting the

land. Friends will come back to the people to get their input to work up the management plans for the park. "One of the general concerns about the Snake Cay Park is that it would become a no-take zone, but

that is not so," assured Ms. Paterson.

It is hoped that the proposal to protect a network of mangrove creeks can then be fine tuned and presented to the government by the end of February.

## Snake Cay was topic of Marsh Harbour meeting

Jennifer Hudson

A further meeting to discuss the East Abaco Creeks National Park Proposal was held at the FRIENDS' Education Centre on January 28 as a joint venture between the Friends of the Environment and The Bahamas National Trust. Many such community meetings have been held in various settlements over the past several months, and this was most likely the last meeting which will be held in Marsh Harbour as the proposal is now in its final stages before its presentation to government. Ms. Olivia Patterson, Programme Coordinator for FRIENDS, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make themselves available to the community and to answer questions about the creeks and the proposal. "We want to give the public as much opportunity as possible to comment as it is our goal to make sure that the intentions of the proposal are clear," she stated. "The main reason for the proposal is for the protection of creek areas from large scale development. We are thinking long term for the protection of the mangroves and sea grass beds which are important for the protection of the species we eat so this has caused action."

Ms. Patterson explained the process which the proposal will have to go through

before it is passed. Firstly, the draft proposal will be written from suggestions received at meetings. This will be revised by The Bahamas National Trust (BNT), then sent to the Prime Minister for him to review before being sent on to Cabinet. The proposal will then go to Lands and Surveys, then back to the Prime Minister for his final approval. "This means that it will likely be in government hands for a very long time and the process could take years," she warned.

"Abaco is moving ahead very quickly and we must look ahead and take action while we can and preserve what we have while we still have it," declared Ms. Patterson. "Once this area has been designated as a national park, then the Bahamas National Trust will be the body which will manage it. Laws will help govern how it is managed and the community will have a big input into protecting its natural resources."

"Anyone owning private land within the park's boundaries will have to get any permits through the BNT. They cannot be entirely stopped from building but would have to abide by some restrictions. All of the private land owners have been contact-

Please see **Snake Cay** Page 14



Residents of Casuarina Point were very interested in the presentation made by Friends of the Environment and Bahamas National Trust concerning the preservation of the Angel Cays creek system from Snake Cay down to Casuarina Point. The proposal would make the area a national park but would allow the public to use it as it does now. The residents were in favor of protecting the area as were residents of Cherokee Sound, Little Harbour and Central Abaco communities.

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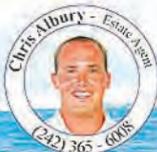
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**"Sonn Light"**

Green Turtle Cay  
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- 4,977 s.f. Residence  
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**NEW**



**"Cotton House"**

Green Turtle Cay  
New Plymouth  
- Commercial - Upper level  
Apartment Residence  
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- 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks  
- Land 2,462 s.f. - Near  
- Public Dock in Harbour.  
- Harbour Views  
- Rental History - Income  
#GTH1120 - \$400,000.

**NEW PRICE**



**"Sunsplash"**

Man-O-War Cay  
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.  
- 1,921 s.f. Residence.  
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- 400 s.f. Guest Cabin  
- 172' Ocean Beach Front  
- 1.189 Acres  
- Beautifully Landscaped  
- Semi-Private Dock  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.



**"Marina Villa #4"**

Green Turtle Cay  
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
- 1,455 sq.ft. Luxury Villa  
- Covered Screened Porches  
- Land - 7,554 sq.ft.  
- Deeded Dock - Boat Lift  
- Golf Cart Garage  
- Complete Renovation 2007  
- Tastefully Decorated  
- Auxiliary Generator  
- No Expense Spared  
GTH1098 - \$995,000.

**NEW PRICE**



**"Bonnie Dune"**

Man-O-War Cay  
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
- 660 s.f. Residence.  
- 240 s.f. Studio  
- Dock House  
- Land - Sea-to-Sea  
- 36,775 s.f. - .8442 Acre  
- 100' Ocean Beach Front  
- Private Dock On Creek  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.

**NEW**



**"Birdsacre"**

Man-O-War Cay -  
Settlement  
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath  
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Settlement  
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- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.  
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- Beautifully Landscaped  
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- Equipped.  
#MWH1020 - \$592,500.

**NEW PRICE**



**"Paw-Paw Patch"**

Man-O-War Cay -  
- 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.  
- 1,200 s.f. Residence.  
- 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box  
- Sleeps 4.  
- 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f.  
- 17 KW Aux. Generator  
- Beautifully Landscaped  
- Furnished  
#MWH1024 - \$499,000.

**NEW PRICE**



**"Bountifully Blessed"**

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- 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath  
- 800 s.f. residence  
- 3.75 Acre, sea to sea  
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- 170' of dock  
- Swimming Pool  
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#TLH1086 - \$1,350,000.



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- Verandahs & Balconies.  
- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.  
- Swimming Pool  
- 30 KW Auxiliary Gen.  
- Boat Slip.  
#MHH1084 - \$2,700,000.

**NEW PRICE**



**"Blessing House"**

Scotland Cay  
- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
- 1600 s.f. of residence  
- 785 s.f. wrap around porch  
- 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land  
- 180 degree views  
- 250' to the Atlantic Beach  
- 240 s.f. garage  
- 28,000 gallon cistern  
- Fully furnished  
- Runway & Dock access  
#SCH1093 - \$799,000.

## VACANT LAND VACANT LAND

**GREAT GUANA CAY**

- "BLUE LAGOON" - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - 1/- 15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees. #GGV1087 - \$940,000.
- "WIND N' SEA" - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - GGV1112 - \$850,000.
- "AERIE" - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - \$850,000.
- "CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Vegetation, #GGV1006 - \$790,000.
- "SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 136' prime waterfront - 0.557 Acres - Containing 24,292 s.f. - Shared dock access - Superb elevation - Fabulous Views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. 8' depth at MLW at shoreline. A private dock can be built on the property. GGV1118 - \$624,500.
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- "PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 - \$625,000.
- "COCO BAY VIEW" - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - \$291,000.
- "COCO BAY BREEZE" - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 - \$167,500.
- "CASUARINA" - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bitu Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - \$112,500.

**LYNYARD CAY**

- "LYNYARD PALMS" - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - 1/- 134' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime Building Site - Build private dock - Well established Coconut trees - Views of Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. #LCV1090 - \$274,000.

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- "GRAND BOIS" - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWH1081 - \$695,000.

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- "SUMMERPLACE" - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 - \$395,000.

**MARSH HARBOUR**

- GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A - # 6A - 9,243 sq.ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq.ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A - #MWH1102 \$970,000. # 7A - #MWH1103 \$1,455,000. # 6A & # 7A - \$2,182,000.
- GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49 - # 48 - 7,548 sq.ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq.ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48 - #MWH1100 \$667,000. - # 49 - #MWH1101 \$667,000.

**SAND BANKS**

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**SCOTLAND CAY**

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# Protecting the creeks of East Abaco: A national park proposal

*Provided by Friends of the Environment*

Friends of the Environment and The Bahamas National Trust are partnering with the community to put forth a proposal to the government to make Snake Cay creeks (Angel Cays), Bight of Old Robinson and Cherokee Sound a national park. The proposal has been written and developed through many stages of community consultation. Details of the proposal are outlined below:

**What the document proposes:**

That the government designate Crown and Treasury lands in the Snake Cay creeks, Bight of Old Robinson and Cherokee Sound as a national park to protect the habitat from large scale commercial development. It also proposes that the area be left open for cultural fishing, recreation and eco-tourism.

**Why make this area a national park?**

- Bahamians and visitors have been using these areas for generations and want their descendants to be able to enjoy the same experiences.
- We realize that if we want to keep the area "as it is," that we can no longer stand idly by. The community has to be proactive in taking steps towards conservation for Abaco's future.
- Eighty percent of our seafood grows up in mangrove nurseries like the ones found in these creeks. By protecting them we are protecting our livelihood.
- Our environment is the greatest source of attraction to visitors of The Bahamas.
- Making this area a national park it is the best way to ensure its long term protection and makes the granting of the land more likely.

The Bahamas National Trust was established by the government for this purpose.

**What benefits will the community receive if the park is approved?**

- The piece of mind that the land will not be reclaimed for other purposes in the future and will be conserved for future Bahamians.
- The consistency of management by a legislated organization, The Bahamas National Trust, which is dedicated to management and enforcement of national park rules and regulations.

**What are the next steps?**

- The proposal is submitted to government for discussion.
- If approved, the Bahamas National Trust and Friends of the Environment will return to the community to begin discussions on developing a management plan. That is the document that will detail park use, regulations and enforcement. The community will be involved in many discussion groups that will form the management plan - as was done for the Abaco National Park.

**What will be different if a national park is approved for this area?**

- Private land owners within the park will still be able to put structures on their property but will have to make applications through the Bahamas National Trust to ensure that there will be no severe impacts on the creek habitat.
- Plans will be made for increased enforcement in the form of a Bahamas Na-

tional Trust Park Warden. In addition, enforcement measures will be made more accountable.

- The community will have the option

to suggest management guidelines for the park area.

- The community will still be allowed to fish, boat and conch in the area.

**Snake Cay**

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ed. It has not been fully decided whether to include the land at Duck Cay; we still have to verify this with the owners," stated Ms. Patterson. "If the park is approved, then the community can suggest guidelines for rules and bylaws to form a Management Plan. We are trying to make the boundaries easily indefinable by boat."

In addition to the community meetings to educate everyone about the proposal, there have been a series of stakeholder meetings with focus discussions each Wednesday at noon during the month of February which were attended by bone fishermen, tour operators real estate representatives and businessmen to form plans.

Ms. Patterson was asked to give a summary of the community views from the other areas where meetings had previously been held.

Cherokee felt that it had been a wake-up call since what had happened with Winding Bay. They realized the need to protect the creeks and were very favorable towards it as long as they will still be allowed to fish there. They suggested expanding the area for protection as far as Casuarina Point.

Casuarina Point residents agreed with the proposal and the boundaries.

Little Harbour was absolutely in favour of a protected area.

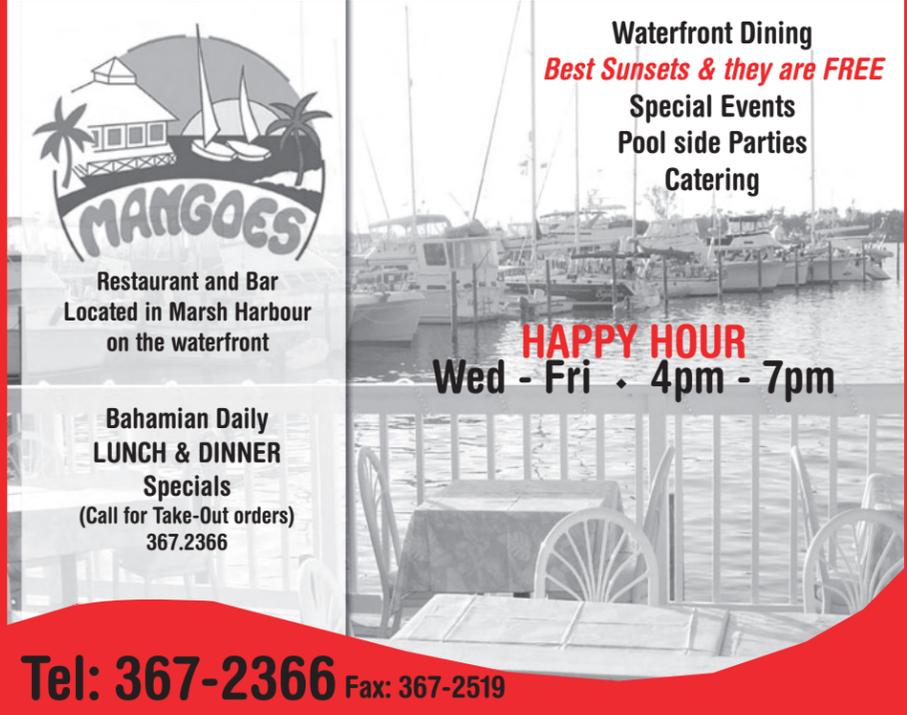
At the conclusion of the Marsh Harbour meeting, the question of enforcement was raised and a plan to include a road for reinforcement with look out points was discussed.

"The BNT is mandated to manage the parks and do a good job of enforcement," it was stated.

The matter of the new Bahamas Electricity Corporation plant which is planned for Wilson City was brought up with people expressing their concern. But David Knowles, Park Warden for the BNT, assured the group that if the Snake Cay area does become a national park, then BEC will be under more pressure from BNT to be efficient.

Once this proposal has been finalized, it will be published and posted in public places for people to read.

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## Sudoku puzzle - No math required

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The answer is on page 21.

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

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# Club News

## RMHYC Chili Cook-off

By Rita Reis Wiczorek, Rear Commodore

On January 13th Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club members gathered at the Marquee at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour for the annual Chili Cook-Off. The event was well attended by members and guests. The chairpersons for the party were Charlie and Rose Dowling. It was a repeat performance for the two of them and the most successful January event since the Chili Cook-Off became the standard for the January social. Their assistant co-chairpersons were Roberta Brandt, Terry Flial, Kathy Fenn and Kathy Sales.

There were 29 male chefs with appropriate hats and aprons serving pots of their homemade chili. Peter Ross coordinated recruiting some of the chefs from Marsh Harbour. Chili was classified according to the following categories: unusual, mild, medium and hot. The judges for the event were Milt Sales, Bob Williams, Andrew Sweeting representing the resort and Chris Higgs, dock master at the resort.

The winners of the Chili Cook-Off were announced by Charlie Dowling, who presented certificates to the judges for their hard work. The winners were David Baureris - most unusual chili; Terry Ziegler - mild chili; Bill Gravelle from Guana Cay - medium chili; and Jack McLaughlin - hot chili. The prizes were donated by the resort. Terry Ziegler won the Over-All Chili

category. He will take Peggy to a Sunday lunch at the resort.

Kathy Sales organized the sale of regalia before the party started and reported that her crew was able to sell over \$1,350 of items with the club logo. The men's and women's t-shirts and polo shirts were hot items. There are still items left to sell at the next event in February.

At 5 p.m. the bar was opened to the partygoers. Paul Graham and his crew did an outstanding job. Members always enjoy wine and mixed drinks when they get together for friendship and visiting each other in the Marquee.

The Abaco Beach Resort set up for the event, provided the sides and the desserts. Members stayed until the food was gone and the bar closed.

## Sea Spray Resort and Marina Rendezvous

Rita Wiczorek, Rear Commodore

Bob and Judy Williams, the RMHYC Port Captains for Abaco, planned a two-night rendezvous at Sea Spray Resort that turned out to be a wonderful party filled with lots of dinner parties, a white elephant exchange, cocktail parties, water exercises and dancing under the stars. It was supposed to be a two-day affair but some members extended their stay to include the 29th of January. The Sea Spray Resort and Marina was almost filled with boats from the Club.

As many boats had already arrived Friday afternoon, the official parties began with an impromptu lunch at the Abaco Inn. Members enjoyed this unscheduled time to get together, visit with old friends and to

establish new friendships.

Friday evening began with a cocktail party on the docks at Sea Spray followed by a wonderful dinner party at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. RMHYC members came from marinas around Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War Cay. Several Club residents from homes also joined the group. The menu was terrific as well as the service and the colorful table decorations. A beautiful chocolate birthday cake was served at the end of the meal. The Sea of Abaco was flat during the day but an expected front came through as the evening party ended in Hope Town.

Saturday morning the wrapped goodies arrived for the White Elephant Exchange. This event caused a lot of laughter and a good time was had by all the participants. Bob Williams was the first to pick a package as he had picked number one in the exchange. Two of the most popular items were a lacey bra and a water gun. It was great to see men 'fight' for the bra and the women wondered what they would do with a water gun. Fortunately, little five-year-old Johnny helped them out and wanted the water gun.

Saturday evening began with drinks pool-side at Sea Spray followed by a wonderful sit down dinner in their Boat House Restaurant. Junior's band entertained and Chaz sang for the Club. From all the pictures I have seen, it certainly looks like everyone enjoyed 'cutting-up-the-rug' under the stars.

Sunday morning brunch was made by

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Many boaters in Central Abaco enjoyed the annual Chili Cook-off organized by the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club. It was held in the Marquee at Abaco Beach Resort with 29 male chefs making their favorite chili. Shown here are some of the party-goers who live ashore in Marsh Harbour.

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# Local Government at Work



## Cent. Abaco Dist. Council 28 Jan 2009

Minor maintenance at the two public schools, Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School, continues to be a problem that has not been resolved satisfactorily by Council although it keeps trying. Classroom fluorescent lights remain out of service for weeks at a time.

Council members had been advised that the Department of Education was responsible for daily routine maintenance while Council would be responsible for painting and larger maintenance work. Effort will be made to get a school handyman to take care of routine maintenance. The two schools house about 1,200 students plus faculty and support staff.

Cable Bahamas was again faulted for not maintaining an office on Abaco and not being able to handle and resolve complaints locally.

It appears that funding for small capital projects in Marsh Harbour and Murphy Town has been approved for items submitted a month earlier. Both towns requested funding for modest projects in keeping with government's mandate. With government revenues down, members would like to see the money before they get too

excited. Dundas Town was not allocated any funding although they had requested a substantial sum for a large project. The Dundas Town Council members were quite vocal in their disappointment at being left out and felt that central government was quite disrespectful of the township.

Dundas Town members asked if a basketball court could be built at Central Abaco Primary School as the 700 children there have no playground and spend their recess in the school parking lot. They also asked if the vacant dump site could be reassigned to be a Dundas Town responsibility. Neither inquiries were answered.

Council members want more cooperation from the traffic section of the police department concerning uncovered trucks carrying trash. The six or seven miles to the new landfill is constantly littered with debris from uncovered trucks. Members noted that as the volume of trash headed to the new landfill increases, methods must be undertaken to reduce or eliminate roadside littering from vehicles transporting trash.

## Murphy Town Committee 2 Feb 09

By Mirella Santillo

The garbage problems at Great Cistern and Bahama Coral Isle were again discussed as well as the removal of the derelict vehicles that has not been completed yet. It was mentioned that Mr. Paul Mills' gar-

bage truck was still not fixed and that Mr. Trevor Mills picked up for him last month. The garbage bin on the Great Cistern Road which had been overflowing regularly for the past two months was again brought up and discussed at length with the committee agreeing that a larger bin from Bahamas Waste should replace it. The existing one will be added to the one at Bahama Coral Isle to hopefully take care of the problem there.

It was agreed to wait until June when Mr. Mills contract expires to renegotiate with him for the extra bins. Chairman Renardo Curry mentioned that he had agreed to extend to Mr. Mills a maximum of \$500 monthly fuel allowance to be paid directly to Texaco, since the distance to the dump had increased. Mr. Cephas Cooper asked that it be noted in the minutes.

To address the problem of disposing of large household items, it was agreed that a large dumpster would come once a month to Murphy Town so people could dispose of household items at that time instead of throwing them randomly around the neighborhoods. The date will be posted on the bulletin board and announced on the radio.

Capt. Cyril Roker with the Port Authority has agreed to have lights installed at the South Side dock area after receiving three quotes. Water & Sewerage has been con-

tacted to install a water connection on Forest Drive for watering the plants.

The contracts were discussed and it appeared that Mr. Emmett Bootle will stay on as the road verge maintenance contractor; others are to be hired when needed.

Thirty-three thousand dollars has been allocated to Murphy Town for small capital projects. Mr. Cooper urged the committee members to have a separate meeting as soon as possible to agree on the capital expenditure. He reminded them of the economic situation and to budget their expenses for the most pressing issues.

He mentioned the government's possible extension plan for Murphy Town and told them to be aware of the land tenure when planning for the Memorial Park and the Community Center. He advised them to develop a scope of work and put various projects to tender. He reminded the Chairman that the recurrent budget for the year 2009-10 had to be completed and sent to Council by the end of February.

Each Committee member present was charged to deal with a specific scope of work. Cubell Davis will look into sidewalks, Sonith Lockart agreed to take charge of the beautification of streets corners, Bradley Swain was asked to contact

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the Ministry of Works to find out if it could assist with the bathrooms at South Side, Renardo Curry promised to do the scope of work for the boat ramp and Glen McDonald was put in charge of the Memorial Wall next to the playground.

**Dundas Town Committee** 3 Feb 09

By Samantha V. Evans

On a cold evening the elected Town Committee members for Dundas Town met to discuss the business of their community and to plan for the new budget year. Chairman Cay Mills spoke about the concerns in Central Pines that they are lacking some vital services. Since the community is expanding, more services will be needed. He stated that the new budget should reflect these changes. He thanked the committee members who assisted with the cleanup of the area already, but he sees the need for a contract to be given for the extensive upkeep of the area. He spoke of the building contractors who leave their debris unsecured, resulting in it being blown in

the streets and onto the property of other persons.

At their last meeting the Committee spoke of its desire to meet with Mr. McIntosh, the Housing officer for Abaco. Administrator Cephas Cooper confirmed that this meeting was granted, and he will meet with them on a day and at a time given. The Committee requested that Mr. Cooper attend this meeting as well.

Mr. Cooper explained the procedure for submitting the budget for the new fiscal year that will start on July 1, stating that the budget must be in to the Council by the end of February. At this time the Council will combine all budgets together, then send the document to the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Zvargio Laing, by the end of March. Mr. Cooper gave them a breakdown of their expenditure for the past year and a half. Once they did that, he told them that they have to figure out and submit their expenditure for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

The following items were added to the new budget: extending the garbage collection to include Central Pines I and the new

subdivision Phase II, increase the cleaning contract for Ocean View and Brown's Bay bathrooms due to increased usage and to include cleaning supplies, upkeep of parks, all cemeteries including Central Pines graveyard and all public grounds, increase payment for Settlement Road because of the excellent work being done, beautify dual carriage way in Central Pines and expand cleaning of side streets in that community, hurricane preparation and regulating the salary of the secretary to bring it on stream will all others.

Mr. Cooper discussed the reason their capital project was denied stating that they need to find smaller projects to submit that will provide for better usage of the \$83,000 funds they will receive at the end of February. Once their projects have been approved, the committee will hold a town meeting to inform the residents of their

plans and to give them an update on what they have been doing in the community. The Committee has many plans for their community but will have to leave some of them for next year due to strict budget restraints.

**Marsh Harb. Town Committee** 4 Feb 09

Town committees all over Abaco are preparing their recurrent budgets for submission to their relevant councils. These are in turn incorporated into the councils' proposed budgets for submission to Nassau. The results of this exercise are generally not known until July which begins the new fiscal year.

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Marsh Harbour and Spring City both put in for substantial increases due to the rapid growth of these two towns. Residential garbage collection is a main expense for

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both towns. Spring City is looking to increase its house population by 100 or more families this year due to the government's low-cost house initiative now underway there.

Similar growth is seen in Marsh Harbour's Sweeting's Village by individuals. Trash removal for the Mud and Peas settlements in Marsh Harbour is being scheduled

for more frequent removal and is added to the monthly expenses.

Committee members noted that Goom-bay Park on the waterfront will revert to Port management with its expansion. The vendor stalls will be relocated to the new BAIC market and craft site beside the Anglican church in Marsh Harbour.

After extensive discussions, it was decided to supply two rolls of bathroom tissue each day to the rest rooms at Crossing Beach.

Refuse debris blowing off trucks going to the landfill is causing serious littering on the highway between Marsh Harbour and the landfill. A contract will be let to keep this road clean, but members want more enforcement from the police to those causing the problem. Members concluded that the solution lies in enforcing methods to keep the trash from blowing off the trucks rather than hiring more men to keep the roads clean. The dump contractor is responsible for cleaning the section of Snake Cay road leading to the landfill entrance. The contractor's ability to manage the landfill properly was questioned as mem-

bers were not confident that the different types of trash were being disposed of properly at the site.

Owing to the population boom expected for Spring City this spring and summer, it was suggested that central government consider making this settlement a separate township within the Central Abaco Council with its own budget and areas of responsibility.

Committee members were of the opinion that the house assignments for the new houses in Spring City are not being assigned equitably with some houses going to persons now owning houses elsewhere. Administrator Cephias Cooper suggested that the Committee invite the housing manager to come to a meeting and explain the situation as it may not be as they believe.

Committee members asked when the junction will be paved at the Union Jack Dock on Front Street. It has been torn up for some time causing the side road to be closed. This caused the garbage bin used by boaters to be overflowing as the garbage truck cannot access the bin.

## Immigration Minister met with Council members



Minister of State for Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney, center, met with members of the Central Abaco District Council on January 30. He was accompanied by Mr. Jack Thompson, center right, newly appointed Director of Immigration.

After presiding over a short ceremony giving citizenship to six persons, the Minister of State of Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney, met with several members of the Central Abaco District Council to discuss issues related to his ministry. This meeting was on January 30.

Mr. McCartney, accompanied by Mr. Jack Thompson, Director of Immigration, made notes of the concerns and promised to look into the various concerns.

Issues included Americans working at jobs which could be done by Bahamians. In several instances, specific names to be investigated were given to the Minister.

A major Abaco problem relates to the ever expanding Mud, Pigeon Peas and Sand Banks Haitian settlements. Mr. McCartney promised to look into these issues with his department and discuss them with other government agencies.

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# Youth Activities

## Junior Achiever's Update

By Mirella Santillo

The Junior Achievers' program has enjoyed especially great popularity this year with over 80 students enrolled and has increased by one new group sponsored

by Mangoes Restaurant named Mangoes Tropical Expressions comprising close to 30 members. BTC's VIBE, BEC's Click and Water & Sewerage's H2 Optimum Enterprises are still going strongly with the program, each company showing an increased student enrollment.

During the first few months in opera-

tion, all four JA companies manufactured art and craft products that they sold at the Christmas Festival. Mangoes Tropical Expressions made the most revenues by selling cotton candy. The week before Christmas its members also held a bake sale that was very successful.

Tropical Expressions celebrated its return to business with a Glow in the Dark party that took place on January 24th at Mangoes Restaurant. The function was a fund raiser for the company and a dinner of chicken and macaroni prepared by Mangoes sold for \$10 including soft drinks. The party was reserved for only JA members, their families and advisors. Music was provided by DJ Renaldo Darville and the evening included dancing and, of course, sparklers and glow-in-the-dark paraphernalia. Besides making money for their company, the kids had a lot of fun.

The Water & Sewerage-sponsored company had its fun night on February 6th while BEC's CLICK enjoyed a movie afternoon at St John's Parish Hall on February 7th. BTC's VIBE was also having a social gathering for its members on that same day.

On a more serious note, the JA Speech Competition sponsored by Toastmasters International took place on January 31st at Friendship Tabernacle with 12 students from the four companies participating. Dr. Richard Dorsett from Freeport; Ms. Dominique McCartney, Vice Principal at Abaco Central High School; and Ms. Kalesha Gibbs were the judges. The function was moderated by Ms. Shelly Austin.

All the students did a great job of pre-

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Two local organizations, BTC and Fidelity Bank Ltd, supported the local Junior Achievers' Speech Contest that took place on January 31st by donating merchandise for the winners and money for the award plaques. Mrs. Patrice Williams, Senior Associate for Customer Service with BTC, presented Mr. Ishmael Morley, Youth Coordinator for Abaco, with a Samsung SGH- C506 and several phone cards. Mrs. Victoria Albury, Manager of Fidelity Bank Ltd, handed him a check to cover the expenses of the trophies. Twelve students participated in the speech contest. The winner, Ms Vincea Coakley will represent Abaco in Nassau for the Bahamas JA finals.

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## Five students join Foreign Language Cadet Programme

By Michelle Mikula

After careful consideration and evaluation of test scores, five students from Abaco were accepted into the Ministry of Tourism's Foreign Language Cadet Programme for the 2009 year.

This year the programme will welcome Cadets Shannon Paul of Abaco Central High School, Shaquille Jones of Abaco Central High School, Chamon McIntosh of Forest Heights Academy, Stephanie Sweeting of Forest Heights Academy and Joy Archer of St. Francis de Sales. They earned their position into the programme by scoring the highest on the Foreign Language Cadet Programme Qualifying Examination.

Sitting the two-part Qualifying Examination were 20 students from both public and private schools in Abaco who were tested on their Spanish skills. By beating out their counterparts, the Cadets will be immersed in activities that will further enhance their Spanish speaking abilities through the Foreign Language Cadet Three Phase Programme that will be carried out by the programme's coordinator, Millie Dawkins.

The Three Phase Programme consists of the following:

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The Ministry of Tourism's goal for this programme is to generate a sustainable cadre of bi-lingual, young professionals to service our tourism industry. The programme is open exclusively to grade 11 students and is designed as an incentive programme to reward students who are diligent in the study of Spanish.

To receive further information on the Foreign Language Cadet Programme, contact the Abaco Tourist Office and speak with Millie Dawkins, the Programme Coordinator, at 367-3067.

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senting the subject *Celebrating Excellence - Embracing the Destiny that Awaits*, but some applied the criteria that were requested and impressed the judges more than others. Three female students emerged winners from the group. Vinceia Coakley with CLICK placed first; Amy Mackey, the Junior Tourism Minister for Abaco with H2 Optimum Enterprises, placed second; and in third position from Tropical Expressions came Danishka Morley. The first place winner will participate in the final competition that will be held in Nassau on the weekend of February 27th.

### Union

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that the purpose of this meeting was to gather information and to give requested information to their members.

He stated that Abaco is the fastest growing area in The Bahamas but people sometimes take this for granted. There are many adverse things going on in The Bahamas today.

The BPSU plans to host departmental seminars for members so that the relationship between them and their employers can be improved. Mr. Curtis would like to see a new culture of trade unionism created in this country. Abaco is a part of the Northern Bahamas so its relationship with the BPSU needs to be further developed so that they can better serve the membership.

The Prime Minister has the responsibility for the Public Service. Mr. Curtis was so pleased when Mr. Ingraham announced a year and a half ago that a campaign to improve the service being offered by the public service agencies would be launched. Mr. Curtis encouraged public servants to serve with integrity. They must realize that when the public is unhappy with their service, they will make adverse reports that will affect the employment of everyone in that department.

President Pinder addressed the members stating that they have a membership of 87 public servants on Abaco. He stated that a compensation study was conducted to review the positions of public servants, and their findings were submitted to the government. As a result of this study, a decision was made to establish a unit at the Public Service Commission to oversee the implementation of the results of the study. No dollar value has been put on the jobs as yet. This review of quasi-agency salaries will help them see if persons in private agencies are paid more than public servants and why.

Mr. Pinder told them that they will re-

ceive their increments in June of this year. Those person who received good scores on their appraisals will receive double increments. He reminded them to follow the three Ps on the job: presence, punctuality, and performance. He told them that government jobs are not secure anymore. If the government ever decides to downsize, those persons who are always late, absent or ineffective will be the first ones to go. He reminded them of the hotel cutbacks stating that many of those persons who were let go had problems in these three areas.

Mr. Pinder stated that the government plans to make Customs and Immigration officers shift workers. The overtime they receive helps to offset their low salaries so before the changes are made, their salaries have to be regulated with that of other uniform officers. Finally, he would like for Abaco to participate in their 50th Anniversary celebrations which will begin on June 13th. Many activities are planned for Nassau and Freeport and he would like to see those events duplicated here.

The motto of the Bahamas Public Services Union, Reasoning Together Accomplishes, is taken very seriously by the members. The Union has a membership of 7,000 active members, but they would like to see more public servants take advantage of the benefits offered. Besides negotiating the best salaries and benefits for members, the union can assist persons who have been disenfranchised for the span of their career and are now non-pensionable. The Union can also protect their job security and negotiate for fair pay across departments.

The other members of the executive team who were present included S. J. Miller, Steven Douglas, Zen Rolle, Mr. Cox and Wilson Gray. Mr. Pinder thanked the local representatives Gwen Jones and Nicky Ferguson for arranging this meeting. Refreshments were served following the meeting.



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400-999 lbs	\$5.00
1000 and over	\$10.00 per ton

Persons are required to collect pay vouchers from the DEHS office in the Auskell Building in Marsh Harbour, Monday - Friday 9 am - 2 pm, before disposing of garbage, as no monies would be collected at the landfill.

Companies requiring charge accounts are to make a request at the office in Marsh Harbour before these accounts can be activated.

Effective Thursday, February 5, 2009 no person with garbage in excess of 399 lbs would be allowed to dispose of garbage without presenting a pay voucher.

**Copies of rates can be collected at the DEHS office.**

**Business license is required to activate charge accounts**

# BAIC Chairman Encourages Souvenir Artisans

As part of its Take back our souvenir industry policy, Bahama Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) has trained about 1,000 artisans throughout the islands. Artisans utilize native materials to create bags, hats, mats, jewelry, tableware and other useful items.

BAIC Executive Chairman Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, commented that there was a time when the production of Bahamian straw, sisal, coconut, shell craft and other items was an industry. He recalled that Bahamian crafts were exported to as



MP Edison Key

far away as Europe. Many prominent persons received a university education and lived comfortable lifestyles as a result of income from Bahamian straw and souvenir craft, he said. "But things have apparently

become so good for us," said Mr Key, "that it became easier for us to import souvenirs for the millions of tourists who come here. As a result a once lucrative industry, Bahamian souvenir production, has been allowed to almost die along the way. The tourists say they do not want that cheap imported stuff we have been passing off on them. They say they want authentic Bahamian-made memorabilia. We want to recreate an industry so that we can tap into the many millions of dollars we use to unnecessarily import souvenirs for our tourists," he said.

BAIC has held many classes on Abaco including classes on straw work, shell craft and coconut craft.

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all the ladies in the group. It was quite a spread; the food and the drinks were terrific. Bob and Judy did a wonderful job planning this event. It takes a tremendous amount of energy to make a rendezvous a success, and they certainly outdid themselves.

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Answer to previous puzzle

## Virginia Russell retires after 27 years with government



Ms. Virginia Russell was honoured with a retirement party after working for government for 27 years. She is shown here with Renardo Curry, Ross Thompson and Cubell Davis who are presenting her with a plaque.

Beginning in 1982 as a janitress at the Marsh Harbour airport with Civil Aviation, Ms. Virginia Russell transferred into different departments with her last assignment in the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour.

A retirement party was held in the Marsh Harbour Court Room by the Administrator's staff and Local Government staff. A

buffet was prepared for Ms. Russell and the guests. She was showered with gifts and compliments.

Ms. Vergie, as she is known, was born in Fox Town in 1933, moved with her family to Pine Ridge on Grand Bahama, then to Spring City in 1959 when the pulpwood operation came to Abaco.

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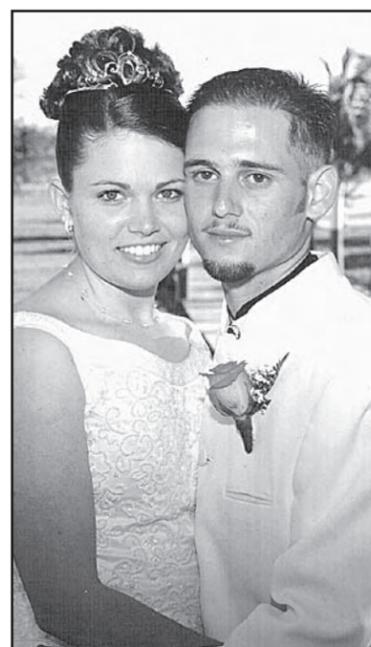
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boys and girls.

No record was broken, but some good "times" were achieved, although not good enough for national standards, according to Coach Patrice Charles. When the competition ended, the Lucayans won with 795.5 points, but the Arawaks placed second with 691 points. The Tainos moved to third position with 642 points. The Caribs ended in fourth place with 619.5.

Some athletes to notice were Simon Senat, who won the 400m, and Johnny Walker, who placed second. In the 800m Johnny Walker came first and Simon Senat placed second. Simon also ran the 5000m which he won. The 1500m was won by Kitlett Henry, another promising young man.

In the under 20 girls' events, Nyisha Tilus distinguished herself by winning several races, the 400m, the 800m, the 1500m and the 3000m, quite an achievement. The 100m was won by Janae Stuart ahead of Deirdre Odeus.

The inter-house Sports Day was the first qualifying step towards national qualifying. The second step will be when Abaco Central participates in the inter-schools Sports Day which is to take place later in February. Mr. Charles as well as several other teachers assisted Mr. Williams during the event.

## Rangers's Program is active on Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

Until the school year 2008-09, no students seemed interested in participating in the Ranger Program which was presented to them at the beginning of each school year. Not any more. In October 2008 30 students from Abaco Central High School, mostly females, and 30 students from S.C. Bootle High School, mostly males, joined the program. They have been instructed since then by Able Seaman Akeem Saunders and Able Seaman Crainston Taylor.

Abaco Central High Schools students meet every Thursday, after class and SC Bootle students on Tuesdays. Occasionally when more training is needed, there are Saturday meetings.

The students are being trained to be installed as Rangers in March during a formal ceremony which will be attended by the Prime Minister. In the meantime, the trainees are taught discipline, dedication and determination. They take part in physical exercises, the last of these a hike from Treasure Cay to Cooper's Town which took place on January 23rd in spite of a cold front that descended over Abaco that weekend.

The group from Abaco Central was transported to Treasure Cay where they were met by their Cooper's Town coun-

terparts. There they set camp in the bush overnight and hiked to Cooper's Town in the early hours of Saturday morning. The group of 60 was transported back to Cooper's Town where they were to take part in an exercise of Man Overboard rescue operation. That exercise, however, did not take place because of the weather and was replaced by a theory lesson and nautical knots practice.

According to Able Seaman Saunders, the students were very excited about the camping trip during which they tested their physical abilities and learnt how to cope in nature without the help of modern life amenities.

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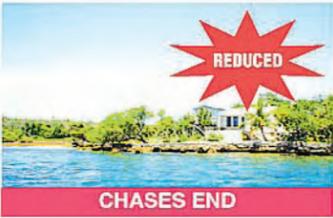
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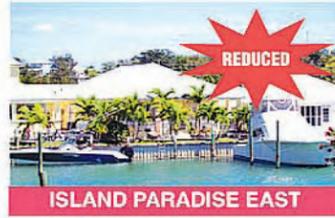
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- ELBOW CAY:** 15,000 sq. ft. lot with 75 ft. of beach. **\$299,000. PS10618**
- TILLOO CAY:** 16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a private island community. Near the community dock. Electricity available. **\$150,000. PS10630**
- CENTRAL ABACO:** 5 acre beachfront tract between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations and utilities. **\$650,000. AS10756**
- REDUCED! WALKING STICK WAY:** 23,358 sq. ft. hilltop lot with access to luxury amenities and views across the Abaco Club. **\$1,695,000. AS10647**
- MARNIE'S LANDING, ELBOW CAY:** Half acre building sites in a private waterfront community with electricity, dock slip, and beach access. **\$595,000. PS10659**
- TREASURE CAY:** 8 acre parcel on Basin Harbour Cay. **\$249,000. PS10700**
- MARSH HARBOUR:** 9,750 sq. ft. sea view lot in gated Sunrise Bay. All amenities nearby. **\$249,900. AS11026**
- LUBBERS QUARTERS:** 10,489 sq. ft. homesite in the Abaco Ocean Club. Near the community dock. **\$77,000. AS10969**
- BAKER'S HEIGHTS:** 41.6 acre sea view tract. **\$1,040,000. AB5178**
- THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY:** Superb 1+ acre beachfront, oceanfront, and golf course estate lots. **Starting at \$1,900,000**
- GUANA CAY:** 6,811 sq. ft. sea and oceanview lot within the Shipwreck Subdivision. Nearby the new community dock and beaches. **\$125,000. AS10891**
- TREASURE CAY:** 15 acre estate with elevations to 70 ft. and 630 ft. on the Sea of Abaco. **Reduced to \$710,000 for a limited time only. AS10886**
- DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES:** Collection of homesites within a beachfront community. Hilltop lots starting at \$150,000. Waterfront lots starting at \$395,000. Beachfront lots starting at \$595,000.
- LUBBERS QUARTERS:** Two adjacent sea view lots totaling 28,317 sq. ft. with private dock slip in the Abaco Ocean Club. **\$245,500. PS10664**

### BEST OPPORTUNITIES



**SeaSalt, ELBOW CAY**  
This newly built, 1,600 sq. ft. residence featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, occupies an ample 5,595 sq. ft. homesite with panoramic ocean views.  
**\$649,000. PS10640**



**Aunt Pat's Bay, ELBOW CAY**  
14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 ft. elevations and amazing views. Community dockage. Nearby Tahiti Beach and Hope Town.  
**\$364,000. PS10661**



**GREAT ABACO CLUB**  
Rare opportunity to own this 7,630 sq. ft. canal-front lot in this gated community. Nearby amenities include pool, tennis courts, and beach.  
**\$260,000. AS10731**

### FEATURED RENTAL

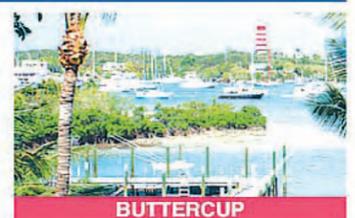


**Island Paradise West GREAT ABACO CLUB, MARSH HARBOUR**  
This 4 bedroom, 4 bath vacation home sleeps 10 persons comfortably. Amenities include boat dockage for boats to 55 ft. and a shared pool.  
**\$3,500/week. Ref. AR10569**



**ISLAND PARADISE WEST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
4 bedroom, 4 bath canalfront home with dock pier, brand new decor, and a spacious covered back porch.  
**\$810,000. Ref. AS10917**



**BUTTERCUP**

**ELBOW CAY**  
3 bedroom, 3 bath hilltop cottage with a private 140 ft. dock. Ideal family home or vacation getaway.  
**\$2,395,000. Ref. PS10662**

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