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Clean-up begins at Hole-in-the-Wall

Buildings needing major renovations look to private assistance

By Mirella Santillo

On March 14th the Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse and adjacent buildings were the site of a general clean-up sponsored by the South Abaco District Council, the Abaco Club at Winding Bay, the Ministry of Tourism and Keep Abaco Beautiful. The lighthouse was built in 1836 and has been in continuous use through to the present time. It was automated in 1995.

The idea to restore the lighthouse and the adjacent buildings once occupied by lighthouse keepers was the brain-child of South Abaco's Chief Councillor Preston Roberts, who shared his concept with Ms. Wynsome Ferguson and Ms. Hall at the Ministry of Tourism. Ms. Hall contacted Mr. Floyd Swain at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay, immediately enrolling the Club's support.

All these persons bought into Mr. Roberts' vision of restoring the buildings, mak-

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About 70 people turned out to begin a clean-up of the Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse site. The debris that they collected filled a large dumpster. The effort was hampered by a poor road that the trucks had to use to carry the trash to where the dumpster was located. Their goal is to restore the buildings and make the area a tourist attraction. The kerosene-lamp mechanism was operational until 1995 when the government automated it. The Abaco Club has volunteered to restore one of the lighthouse keeper's houses. It is hoped that other interested groups will come forward to assist in restoring the other buildings.

Meeting in South Abaco discussed area future

By Jennifer Hudson

A standing room only crowd turned out for a town meeting at the J.A. Pinder School in Sandy Point on March 6. The goal of the meeting was to enlighten people as to what will be happening in South Abaco and to invite the "major players" to speak. "South Abaco could become a tourism destination in itself," it was stated. Persons were eager to hear of these planned developments which will have an impact on the Southern district of Abaco and, while interested in the plans which

were mentioned, some were disappointed to find that the Valencia Group, a company which intends a dramatic development in South Abaco, did not show up to give a presentation.

Mr. Brian Tanberg, speaking on behalf of American Bridge, stated that further development on Gorda Cay is planned for Gorda Cay but not of the same magnitude as the first project. Mr. Tanberg is Vice

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Housing Minister gives keys to new homeowner



The Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, left, took pleasure in presenting keys to a new homeowner in Spring City on March 11. He is shown here giving keys to Ms. Ivy Davis for one of the low cost homes in Spring City. It is a three-bedroom one-bath home, one of a total of 100 that government is constructing in that community. Two families have recently moved in and four others are in process of moving to their new homes. On the right is Mr. Melvin Seymour, Acting Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Housing.

Weekend at Nippers featured the Barefoot Man



The Barefoot Man, actually George Nowak, an entertainer from the Cayman Islands, presents a concert annually at Nippers. This year this very popular concert was extended into a three-day event that was very well attended. The new format turned out to be very well accepted as the crowds were more reasonably sized. He was accompanied by the duo of Sea N' Sea shown with him here, also from the Cayman Islands.

By Robert Wilson

It turned out to be a pleasant surprise for all, as the date for the beach-side Barefoot Man concert was changed. Traditionally held on a Sunday, Nipper's owner, Johnny Roberts, decided to calm things down a bit due to what had become an overwhelming sea of party revelers. According to Johnny, "This year we

decided to offer a variety of talent, and spreading the fun over the entire weekend made sense. There is something for everyone."

The other Guana Cay businesses were ready. Milo's fruit stand appeared fresh-

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ing the place a destination center where visitors could learn about the area's history and enjoy the awesome natural surroundings which include the famous hole-in-the-wall rock formation as well as the arid but plentiful vegetation, the many sea birds and marine mammals. In his mind Mr. Roberts sees local vendors displaying arts and crafts items and local foods under tents for the visitors who had come to spend the day while tour operators give guided visits.

Approximately 70 people answered the call for the clean-up campaign. They were enrolled in Central Abaco by Ms. Bernadette Hall with the Ministry of Tourism and Keep Abaco Beautiful and by Mr. Floyd Swain with the Abaco Club at Winding Bay in the South. A group of Interact Club members joined the group.

Thirty-five from the Winding Bay resort

including executives as well as employees with family members met early that Saturday morning with people from the other areas to help remove all the debris and trash that had accumulated over the years. Ms. Dianne Claridge, who had once used the premises for her marine mammal research center, was there; the National Park Warden, Mr. David Knowles, lent his help to the project and one of the last lighthouse keepers, Mr. Richard Cunningham, was also among the volunteers.

A large dumpster was placed by Bahamas Waste Ltd at the junction of Soldier Road and the road leading from the "Y." Some volunteers carried trash down to the bottom of the hill while people with trucks made trips back and forth to the dumpster with discarded items such as old furniture, mattresses, pieces of wood, engines, pipes, trash left by those visiting the site. Gloves were supplied by Keep Abaco Beautiful,

drinks and water were donated by local food stores while lunch was provided by the Abaco Club. Volunteers came in all ages from under 10 to over 60 and all worked hard. Their efforts were worth it. By lunch time the sea grapes along the path to the ocean had been cut back making for

an easy walk to the shore, and each building was reasonably clean. Well into the afternoon trucks still were carrying debris to the bin which by then was nearly full.

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This shows one of the lighthouse keepers' houses in the typical octagonal design with major roof damage and the roofed porch completely missing. The other building is a storehouse. Hurricanes, neglect+ and vandalism have left the site in very bad shape.



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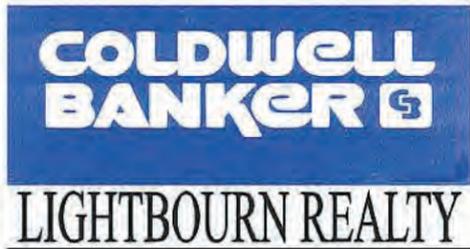
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Crowd expected to hear from developers

Meeting

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President of Halcrow, the company which is undertaking the engineering work for American Bridge. He gave a product overview of the expansions to be made to the facilities on Gorda Cay to accommodate bigger ships which will be coming. This is expected to take one year to complete and work will begin in May. Various new features will include a floating water slide on a barge, a new kitchen and ten new massage cabanas on the adult beach. The marina will be expanded with additional slips with a breakwater to protect the marina. Repairs will be made to the existing breakwater by restacking the boulders and new paving and other additional minor improvements will be made.

Mr. Tanberg said that there will be minimal

impact to the environment as his company understands the need to protect the environment. The company will be cleaning up beach areas and has an emergency oil spill containment plan. "This will have a financial impact on the community as we will be employing between 40 and 50 Bahamians in traditional construction trades such as carpenters, labourers and power drivers as well as sub-contractors," he stated. A member of the audience thanked American Bridge for employing and training people from Sandy Point.

Ministry of Tourism Representative, Ms. Bernadette Hall, spoke on the Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse community partnership project stating that the Keep Abaco Beautiful affiliation is being utilized in partnership with the Friends of the Environment to beautify the area. Ms. Hall gave a short

history of the lighthouse which was built in 1836 and renovated in 1925. Until 1995 it was kerosene operated and is currently solar powered. This lighthouse is an important navigational tool for ships traveling the Atlantic Ocean through the Northeast Providence Channel to and from Freeport. The area has, over the years, fallen into disrepair and much garbage has been left by picnickers. "On March 14 we plan to start cleaning up the debris and do some light landscaping," stated Ms. Hall. "We also want to raise awareness. We have many partners and want to make all Abaco aware of this landmark. Another goal is to educate about litter reduction and waste prevention. In future we would like to meet with stakeholders and develop a restoration plan. Another goal is to develop a sustainable economic approach for Abaco including museums, bird watching and other tours. Visitors are looking for something to

do; 74 percent of them are repeat visitors, and they need something different."

Mr. Edison Key, Parliamentary Representative for South Abaco and Chairman of BAIC, brought remarks saying that he was pleased about the Disney project and the boost it would give and that they have his full support. He told the representatives from American Bridge that he hopes a ferry will start bringing people to Sandy Point from Gorda Cay. "If this had been done since the first arrival of Disney, then Sandy Point would be booming by now. As it is now, these visitors do not ever know they are on Abaco. We want to move the South forward; it can be a tourism stronghold," he stated. Mr. Key expressed his pleasure at the plans for the restoration of the lighthouse and suggested that the old Sandy Point clinic could be converted into a library for the community.



The double room was packed at the J.A. Pinder School for a Town Meeting to hear about plans for developing tourism in South Abaco. American Bridge, improving the cruise ship destination on Gorda Cay, was the only developer to attend. It was hoped that the Valencia Group, that has extensive plans for developments, would make a presentation.

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Barefoot Man entertains with Caribbean calypso

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ly painted, the bakery had re-opened, the drug store was well stocked with Guana Cay merchandise and the boat slips at the new Guana Hideaways Marina were filling up well before the day of the concert.

Over on Fisher's Bay beach, Grabbers had a party weekend of its own planned featuring the island music of the Florida-based CocoLoco. One of the owners commented, "Our rooms have been sold out for months, and with our fabulous beach and pool bar, well, it's going to be fun." As it turned out, if you were not at Nippers, you were at Grabbers.

Albury's Ferry, Froggie's Out Island Adventures and Dive Abaco provided transportation for those traveling from

Marsh Harbour and the other cays while those staying over the weekend either rented a house or room, anchored out in the bay or secured a slip at Guana Hideaways or Orchid Bay marinas.

Stone McEwan and Thunder warmed up the crowd at Nippers. Because it was Friday, overcrowding was not an issue. Despite a cool breeze, Nippers welcomed what appeared to be a "busy Sunday" number of patrons and at most times there was dancing room to spare. The lines were small, and there were ample opportunities for those wishing to secure autographs or have pictures taken with "the Man himself," as he socialized between sets.

The Barefoot Man, accompanied by Sea N' B, provided the day's featured entertainment, offering his traditional calypso-style music with his unique and cleverly

disguised Bahamian twist. The Cayman Islands trio, who are featured regularly at the Reef Resort on Grand Cayman, received accolades for many of their standards, especially those from his latest CD, Barefoot's Bahama Best and Time Flies When Your Having Rum, where the title song was written by Grammy award winner Paul Overstreet.

Earle La Pierre, a Trinidadian now living on Cayman, amazed those gathered with a variety of his steel pan arrangements. La Pierre is a widely acclaimed teacher and steel drum musician throughout Canada and the Caribbean.

On Saturday evening, an "unplugged" concert for a limited gathering of hard-core fans was held featuring the Barefoot Man, Sea N' B and Earle La Pierre. Those hav-

ing reservations to the more up-close and personal evening enjoyed a more formal dining experience, and they were further entertained with a magic show by the Great Zambini and a comedian from the Jokers Wild Comedy Club in Nassau.

Nippers' weekend concluded on Sunday with Stone McEwan, and Fire and the Goat Peppers from Marsh Harbour providing entertainment.

"It was the best concert ever," commented Dave Bluto, a visiting boater from North Carolina. "There was plenty of room, and everyone was having a fun time," he added.

Throughout the weekend, others gave the concert a five-star rating and hoped that a similar schedule would be followed in the future.



The Barefoot Man is a very popular musician who sings calypso songs about Abaco. His concerts produce overflow crowds at Nippers each year. This year's main concert was on Friday night instead of Sunday and he then performed again on Saturday night to a dinner crowd. This gave the crowd a chance to hear local musicians at the Sunday pig roast.

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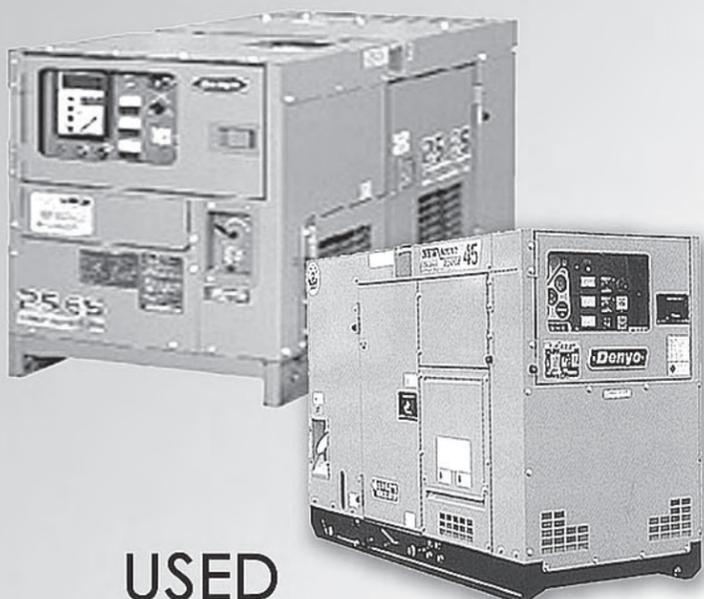
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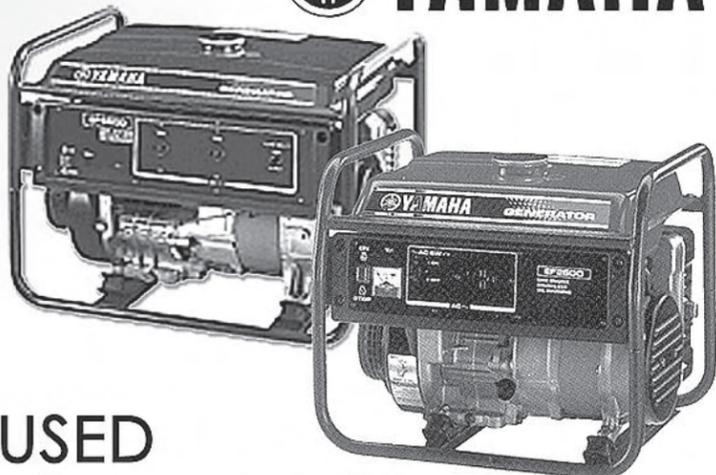
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The Editor Says . . . **Perserving our heritage**



Dave Ralph

Abaco's icon, the lighthouse in Hope Town, is extensively used in advertising and promotional material. Photos of this monument standing over the Hope Town settlement and harbour convey images of a quaint and rustic life in a maritime setting.

When it was built in 1864, the Imperial Lighthouse Service in London had no idea of the role it would play in establishing the island's identity or contributing to our economy 146 years later. Although known as the Hope Town Lighthouse, the correct name is the Elbow Reef Light Station.

Twenty-seven years earlier in 1836, the Abaco Light Station was constructed on the southern tip of Abaco. The name was changed to Hole-in-the-Wall Light Station in 1934.

The Hole-in-the-Wall station was serviced from 1836 through 1965 at six-month intervals by ships which brought food, kerosene and other supplies. Transferring freight from the supply ship to shore at Hole-in-the-Wall was an arduous and dangerous operation. Two light keepers and their families lived a Spartan life on site.

In 1965, Edison Key of Seabreeze Construction Company pushed a road through the forest connecting the station to the southern most road used by the Owens-Illinois logging operation. This allowed supplies to come on the mailboat to Marsh Harbour and then be delivered to the station by truck.

For 30 more years the light station was manned by two keepers and their families. Then in a cost-cutting measure in 1995, the kerosene light and its Fresnel lenses were dismantled and replaced by a solar-powered light. The term "silent sentinel," often given to lighthouses, took on a new meaning as the station became truly silent with the departure of the keepers.

The keepers' residences, which are believed to date to the early 1900s, have suffered the ravages of several hurricanes and have been allowed to deteriorate by neglect. Vandals and souvenir hunters have taken their toll.

Two minor efforts have been made in recent years to restore the buildings. The Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey organi-

zation headed by Dianne Claridge used the facility for its marine studies and attempted to obtain a lease for using the buildings. That group made some repairs. More recently, Colin Rees tried without notable success to raise interest in protecting the site and resurrecting the buildings. He often made the two-hour trip to the site with a crew and made improvements to the road and other aspects of the site.

The road from Marsh Harbour to the "Y" junction is about 45 miles of good pavement and takes under an hour to drive. The next 15 miles can take an hour or more to drive. It is an acceptable drive although not a fast road. The final half mile has been the worst with bushes scraping vehicle sides. Although passable, rocks on this last distance will scrape the undersides of many passenger cars.

Now a new initiative has begun under the leadership of Preston Roberts, Chief Councillor of South Abaco. He is looking for innovative ways to promote and increase tourism for the benefit of South Abaco. He quickly realized that the lighthouse was an underused resource and set about to capitalize on this.

Mr. Roberts and the Abaco Tourism Office have enlisted Winding Bay, Friends of the Environment, Keep Abaco Beautiful, the South Abaco District Council and other corporate and civic groups to clean up the site, remove the trash and improve the road. The first work-group of 70 persons spent March 14 working there.

The lighthouse is outside the boundaries of the Abaco National Park but close enough to be of interest to those entrusted

with the care and operation of the park. Ultimately, the Bahamas government will have to be consulted as it is the owner of the tower and the buildings. However, it is obvious that they have no interest in the site or the buildings other than keeping the light operational in the top of the tower.

The Abaco Club at Winding Bay has recently said that it will renovate one of the residences. This would allow the next logical step of having someone live there as a warden, caretaker, guide, watchman or whatever. How this might be financed or who might be enticed to live there remains to be seen.

The point is that the first step has been taken, and it will be important to maintain the interest and momentum to further this restoration. Persons with ideas or wanting to assist in this work are urged to contact any of these groups mentioned earlier: Mr. Preston Roberts, Friends of the Environment, The Abaco Club at Winding Bay or Tourism in Marsh Harbour. The next planned work day will be April 25 and they welcome volunteers.

If he were still alive, Mr. Rees would be pleased to see the site restored. His early photographs of this beacon can be seen in many businesses in Marsh Harbour. Perhaps this monument will regain its rightful place in Abaco's heritage and become one of our must-see attractions.

Many elements of Abaco's heritage are waiting for recognition, accessibility and promotion. There are five or more sawmill sites of which Wilson City is the best known. It has the largest number of foundations and remnants of industrial debris.

It is easily accessible by the recently bulldozed road BEC constructed for its anticipated Bunker C fuel depot on the coast. In the rush to access the coastal site, we understand that the BEC bulldozer destroyed some of the original remnants of the 1910 sawmill era.

The Abaco coppice and pine forest hold many secrets, some of which are known to a few hardy souls that explore these hidden treasures. A pineapple processing facility from the early 1800s was recently excavated on Green Turtle Cay. Remnants of a sisal mill remain south of Blackwood. Elements of other sisal mills remain on Guana Cay and Hope Town.

Little Abaco has the ruins of a sisal plantation with walls standing beside a huge blue hole. It is about an hour's walk through the woods to reach it.

The recent crocodile and tortoise skeletons discovered in one of Abaco's blue holes has brought Abaco much attention by the scientific community.

All of these historical and archaeological sites should be appreciated and maintained. We need to take pride in Abaco's heritage and learn more of our past. The work at Hole-in-the-Wall is a great project that will hopefully encourage the interest and preservation of other sites, not as exciting and alluring but important also. Our children need to learn about the past and realize that the past is part of us. The physical reminders along with stories need to be protected for posterity. Besides enriching our lives, historical sites can be a draw for many of our visitors who want to see glimpses of the past of Abaco.

Letters to the Editor

Crime is escalating on Abaco

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your recent article in the Guardian about stolen boats in Abaco which was reported to you by Michael Albury.

Assistant Commissioner Hulan Hanna is misinformed and dead wrong about crime in Abaco. Crime is out of control here and the police cannot keep it under control.

I suggest you get a copy of the Police Crime Report which is published every two weeks in The Abaconian Newspaper in Marsh Harbour. The last issue of the Abaconian (February 15, 2009) has 33 incidents of crime reported which included three stolen boats.

Since that date an attempt was made to steal my boat and they did make off with a GPS and XM Radio from my boat. A boat docked two slips over from my boat was stolen the Saturday before and another

boat stolen from Sugar Loaf Cay on Sunday night. Just this past weekend a tourist renting a home in the Abaco Beach Resort confronted a man attempting to steal his boat. The Marsh Harbour Boat Yard has had three boats stolen recently from their marina and now have to have nightly security guards. I'm sure you can get a full report of stolen boats or attempted thefts from the Abaco Police Station.

Hulan Hanna's comments are outrageous. Abaco has a "big" crime problem and there are not enough police officers or resources to keep pace with the crime. The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Police need to know how serious the problem is in Abaco. If this crime wave is not stopped now it will get worse which will be devastating to our economy.

Thank you for your time.

Bill Thompson

We need the Crime Report

Dear Editor,

Please add me to the list of people who are distressed that the Police will no longer give the Abaconian information for the Police Report. If they feel it reflects negatively on them, then perhaps we could also have a column to praise the police for crimes solved. Unfortunately, crime is increasing in Abaco and by being aware of what is going on we can better protect our neighbourhoods.

Joy Chaplin

Abaco student is outstanding

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to report that Ms. Shaquria Adderley, a graduate student at Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA, is the first (primary) author on a scientific paper that will be published in the American Journal of Physiology in the next month

or two. She is co-author on four additional manuscripts that are already published in scientific journals, but this most recent publication is primarily her individual accomplishment. Ms. Adderley is in training in pharmacology and physiology, and this publication represents a significant advancement in her field of study. She is anticipated to earn a PhD degree within the next year.



Shaquria Adderley

I thought that this news might be of interest to your readers since Ms. Adderley is from Abaco and her family resides there at this time. She is a student in my laboratory and is a major asset to our group.

Sincerely,
Randy S. Sprague, MD
Professor
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A message from one of our engineers

Dear Abaconians,

Firstly, I would just like to apologize for the letter I put in the last paper. Sometimes it's best to just shut up and let the truth speak for itself. Anyways, I am willing to forgive and forget the matter.

Secondly, I would like to mention some concerns regarding building control on Abaco.

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More Letters to the Editor

Letters *From Page 8*

In The Bahamas, as in any civilized country, before construction of a building takes place, the law requires one to have a building permit. After a building permit is issued, the owner is required to request, at certain stages of construction, an inspection from the Ministry of Works. Note, it is the owner's responsibility, not the Ministry of Works, to ensure that required inspections are requested and carried out. Once the structure is completed and all required inspections have taken place, the owner can request an occupancy certificate which he/she can take to BEC and get hooked up. The occupancy certificate is essentially our office stating that all required inspections on the building have been carried out and that the building is safe for its intended occupancy.

We have been finding that many owners are requesting occupancy certificates and some or all of the required inspections have not been carried out. This puts our office in a difficult position because we are being asked to sign off on a building that we do not have full knowledge of.

For example, how do we know that all of the required reinforcing steel has been placed in a concrete beam if we did not inspect it prior to the concrete being placed? In some of these cases if there is some question about the integrity of a building and to absolve us of liability should a problem develop in the future, we may be find it necessary to have the owner provide a structural engineer's report stating that the building meets the requirements of the Bahamas Building Code.

The Ministry of Works Building Control staff is here to provide service for the benefit of owners and the public. So I would just encourage everyone who is building on Abaco to please ensure that all inspections are carried out.

Finally, the Ministry of Works does not charge any fees for carrying out our regular duties. If anyone purporting to be an employee of the Ministry of Works requests a fee or a bribe, please contact me directly. Please note that if you have committed an honest mistake, it's best to deal with it through the proper channels and not try and get off the hook by paying a bribe. This only undermines the whole building control process. In most cases we will give

you a reasonable solution to correct any errors or omissions you've made. Remember, the Bible says, "Your sin will find you out," so do the right thing.

John Schaefer
Abaco Area Engineer

An open letter to Patrick Bethel

Does anyone ever thank you, Patrick, I wonder. Well, I want to. I have experienced your good deeds for many years now, ever since we lived in Freeport and were employed and had a steady income and were able to assist in your "Concerned Citizen's Group."

I'm only guessing, but I believe you do more than just write eulogies. You arrange housing, hospital beds, wheel chairs, care givers and often everyday food, doctors' bills and monthly utility bills to be paid. You are truly a Guardian Angel who is there when someone, anyone, is in need.

I am not her family, but Ms. Annis Sawyer was a friend of mine, and I appreciate what you did for her, what you have done for so many. Persons I never knew, but old friends who needed a Patrick Bethel. I also know you didn't do it alone, your arms reached out and reined in others who wanted to help you in your quest to help others, real concerned citizens. Please know that you, and they, are appreciated. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, a heart that has been touched by your kindness, a kindness that has touched so many, not only in Cherokee but beyond.

A Friend

Missing the point on keeping the visitors coming

Dear Editor,

Abaconian writer J. Lockhart appeared to echo Abaconian writer J. Hudson in calling for more entertainment and activities as a way to attract more tourism and strengthen the economy of Abaco "through this recession."

Lockhart rightly noted that Abaco "has a unique product with the majority of its visitors being second homeowners and boaters." To focus on attracting Nassau/Miami Beach type visitors and let them slam down drinks while local entertainers turn up the music and make noise into the late hours is overlooking one important observation: Most of the second homeowners and boat-

ers visit Abaco because of the serenity that these cays offer.

In addition to visiting the boaters and homeowners which surround restaurant row in Marsh Harbour, Lockhart and members of the Tourist Bureau should travel to the out islands to gain further insight as to why boaters and second homeowners return year after year and why they continue to recommend others to enjoy such a "unique product." Though there may be a small minority who say otherwise, I am a betting man and I say that the majority enjoy the beauty and serenity and would move on and/or sell out if Little Harbour, Hope Town, New Plymouth and the settlement at Guana danced and drank into the wee hours.

Also, the Abaconian and Tourist Bureau should campaign for lessening the customs tax on maintenance items for visiting boat owners and homeowners. Until this year, if we needed a part to replace a defective part, we could replace it with one we had back in the States. Now, customs is being charged to impose a 45 percent duty on each item. This doesn't seem to be an at-

tractive way to deal with tourism.

One other item, I am offended by J. Hudson's statement that implied that boaters do not make a major contribution to the economy of the area. I have stayed at the same marina and visited all the cays on Abaco every year for nine years. I have joined with many boaters in trying to become a welcomed visitor/citizen and enjoy the "unique product" that Abaco has to offer.

John Jensen

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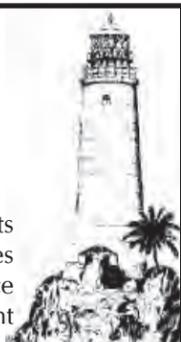
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Central Abaco News

Port reclaims Charlie Boo Corner

By Mirella Santillo

The pink and tan houses still remaining at Charlie Boo Corner are not going to stand there much longer. Neither are the cute little shacks where vendors displayed their wares at the various functions that were held at what was once called The Goombay Park.

The Assistant-Deputy Port Controller, Capt. Cyril Roker, stated that government has bought the land back and that eviction notices have been given. Quite a few structures have already been bulldozed and

the few remaining ones are supposedly on land in litigation as the owners claim that they have not been paid for the land. Capt. Roker suggested that people who still had claims should contact the Office of the Prime Minister directly.

The office of the Ministry of Works was one of the first to move out and has relocated in the building next to Abaco Pizza. Mrs. Yvonne Key, who had been the vision behind Goombay Park as an entertainment destination, mentioned that the colorful little huts will be moved in the near future to the property across from the BEC office in Marsh Harbour that will become a Farmers Market.

Capt. Roker is hoping that by mid-June the three acres at the Port will be completely vacated and fenced in to accommodate the many containers that arrive each day to Marsh Harbour. The plan is to level the grounds, install lighting and cameras for the area to become a secure facility for the people interested in leasing the land for container storage.

North Abaco Historical Foundation

By Mirella Santillo

On March 5th Dr. Keith Tinker, Direc-

tor of the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, and one of his assistants, Ms. Ruth Forbes, met with a group of North Abaco people interested in renovating an old building for a Heritage Center. The Prime Minister had already been informed of the project and of the proposed property, a government building located on the border between Dundas Town and Murphy Town, and requested that the group become legally formed before any further consideration could be given.

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Housing Minister tours Central Pines Estates



While the Hon. Kenneth Russell was on Abaco on March 11 to give keys to new homeowners in Spring City, he visited Central Pines Estates where he found work being done on a foundation on property not completely authorized. The prospective buyer had a Letter of Intent but had not processed the necessary papers to secure the land. Work has been stopped until the buyer has his paperwork in order. Shown here are Canishka with Radio Abaco; Melvin Seymour, Acting Permanent Secretary with Housing; Kevin McIntosh, Housing office on Abaco; and, hidden from view, Mr. Russell.

Abaco Markets' Cost Right Closes



Cost Right wholesale grocery store in Marsh Harbour is closing. These people are waiting to be let in to buy items at reduced prices. Cost Right was owned by Abaco Markets, a company started by four Marsh Harbour businessmen. They successfully operated grocery concerns at four locations, Abaco Markets, Golden Harvest, Sawyer's Market and Abaco Wholesale. The group sold out to investors in Nassau. Cost Right was the last of their stores on Abaco.

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The visit of the two representatives was aimed at instructing the residents on the legal aspects of the venture and helping them form a steering committee that would oversee the diffusion of information about the project to the public and enroll people interested in participating while the legal incorporation was underway.

Ms. Forbes informed the group that a similar project had been undertaken very successfully in Rock Sound, Eleuthera, and explained the various steps to be taken.

Dr. Tinker suggested that a steering committee be formed immediately among the people present and that any action tak-

en from that day on be properly recorded.

Six members were nominated to administer the committee until a proper Executive Board is formed at the time of legal incorporation. The Office of the Prime Minister will be informed of the formation of the Steering Committee through Administrator Cephas Cooper, a step that should facilitate the grant of land for the Heritage Center.

At a subsequent meeting on March 16th the Steering Committee decided on a name for the organization, the North Abaco Historical Foundation, and the heritage center which will be called Dun-Mur Heritage Center.

A series of meetings is scheduled to

take place within the next two months in the communities involved and a public announcement will be made on Radio Abaco. Letters will be sent to various churches to inform the public of the project.

Reusable gallon bottles at Northrock Water

By Mirella Santillo

Four years ago the owners of the Northrock Water company, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, being environmentally conscious, tried to introduce a reusable one gallon water bottle in an effort to reduce the huge number of disposable bottles ending in the landfill. The concept had not yet made an impression among the water drinking locals. The popular size of reusable water containers were and still are the five gallons bottles.

Since then, awakened by organizations

such as Friends of the Environment and Keep Abaco Beautiful, an environmental awareness has developed and recycling or re-using is becoming more and more the things to do.

Why use the non-disposable gallon water bottles? The first answer is to reduce trash and pollutants which is a major consideration. However, there are a few hidden benefits. The material which these bottles are made from is supposedly less toxic than the disposable plastic. The gallon size is easier for children to use and because of its smaller size, it is less likely that the bottle will be used to store liquids other than water.

Mrs. Simmons described the process by which bottles are cleaned to ensure their sterility. Once returned, the bottles are

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A group of residents of Dundas Town and Murphy Town met with Dr. Keith Tinker, Director of the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, to form a Steering Committee to work toward opening a heritage center. The group is interested in using the old government building between the two towns that was originally a jail and later a library. Dr. Tinker is standing at the back.



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Further Research at Sawmill Sink

By Jennifer Hudson

The Blue Hole at Sawmill Sink in South Abaco was first discovered six years ago and periodic explorations still take place there as it is an excellent site for research into what life was like on Abaco thousands of years ago. A group of seven graduate students from the University of Florida spent six days on Abaco from March 9-15 and much of their time was spent researching material from Sawmill Sink. On March 9 they attended a dive at this site along with their professor, Dr. David Steadman, Chairman of the Florida Museum of Natural History and Curator of Ornithology as part of their Island Biogeography course.

Accompanying them was Mrs. Nancy Albury, local representative for the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation of The Bahamas. Mr. Brian Kakuk, professional diver and owner of Bahamas Underground, spent one hour diving in the blue hole from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to recover fossils for the students to research. Students from the marine biology class at Abaco Central High School and students from S.C. Bootle High School were at Sawmill Sink on March 9 to observe. Students from Forest Heights Academy were expected to go on another dive trip on March 13.

"This site has a lot of meaning for The Bahamas as it makes it possible to reconstruct what the environment was like in more pristine days," stated Dr. Steadman. "We can use the evidence gained from the fossils to make life healthier in the future, and it gives goals to keep the environment more healthy."

"The idea of the dive today is to get a bone or two from as many crocodiles as possible to try and figure out the food web. At one time the whole island was covered with tortoises which are extinct now, and we think that the crocodiles ate the tortoises. We think that the crocodiles were more part of the terrestrial food web rather than aquatic as there was no opportunity for survival in water since there is no fresh water on Abaco such as streams or rivers, only blue holes and we are hoping that today we will be able to answer some of our

questions. We think that crocodiles were the main predators on land and that 12,000 to 15,000 years ago the place was probably crawling with crocodiles and tortoises. Today we are hoping to get a lot of bones to radiocarbon date. We will look at the carbon and nitrogen isotopes in the bones and piece the information together."

At exactly two o'clock bubbles began to appear on the surface of the blue hole signifying that diver Kakuk had begun decompression for his ascent back to the surface. Although only 30 feet in depth at the centre, there are branches of the blue hole which reach depths of 120 feet. There was a hushed, expectant silence for the next 15 minutes as the bubbles moved from the far side of the blue hole to the nearside where the diver would emerge, everyone anxious to see what fossil treasures would be brought to the surface. At 2:15 p.m. diver Kakuk emerged and handed two blue plastic containers to the waiting students who were thrilled to see a large assortment of bones inside.

Mr. Kakuk was excited to have found two more crocodiles during this dive, thus bringing the total number of crocodiles discovered at Sawmill Sink to date to 54. Many tortoises and birds have also already been tagged. Once tagged, they are identified with a supporting photograph. "These photographs are very important for comparison as we can keep track of the degradation," stated Nancy Albury, who added, "We leave the fossils down there unless we want to do tests on them as that is the best environment for preservation."

PhD student Alex Hastings the person who will be doing most of the testing on the fossil bones, was very excited when he saw what had been brought up to work on. "The different isotopes in different weights

can tell about different environments, and we will be looking at tropic levels," he stated. Alex has the distinction of having discovered one of the largest snake fossils ever in Columbia. A professor specializing in that field helped him research the bone, and it was discovered that the snake, which was related to the boa and anaconda but much larger, would have been 42 feet in length which is longer than a school bus and two to three feet wide. The vertebrae were estimated to be about 60 million years old, the time period just after the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Professor Steadman was pleased at the condition of the bones brought up from the depths of Sawmill Sink that day stat-



Nancy Albury, local representative for the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, talks with Dr. David Steadman of the Florida Museum of Natural History and Curator of Ornithology who took a class to Sawmill Sink to retrieve additional skeletons from the Blue Hole.

ing, "They look in great shape and are well preserved." The bones will now undergo a few weeks of pre-treatment on Abaco and will then go to the University of Florida for the results.

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Hole-in-the-Wall could be a tourist attraction

Clean Up

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Four buildings besides the lighthouse itself, all in need of extensive repairs, are part of the lighthouse complex, and the idea is to have local businesses and foreign investors agree to each restore a building. The Abaco Club at Winding Bay has already committed to adopt one building and Mr. Swain hopes that other corporate entities will follow suite.

One of the major restoration efforts is the road leading to that remote area of South Abaco. When one drives carefully avoiding potholes and snapping branches, it takes close to one and one-half hours to cover the 11 miles to the lighthouse. The problems was taken to the MP for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key, who, according to Mr. Roberts, promised to give his support to the project by having Central Government take care of the road repairs.

Another clean-up and assessment trip to Hole-in-the-Wall is planned for April 25th. Ms. Hall is counting on as many volunteers to show up on that day.

Hole In The Wall Clean-Up A Student's Perspective

Faneisha Archer

Grade 10 Forest Heights Academy

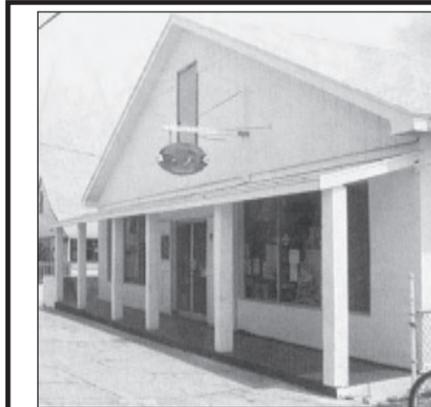
Saturday, March 14, started with a long journey to Hole in the Wall in South Abaco. We met at the Abaco Neem parking lot very early in the morning with a team of six students accompanied by teachers, the Ministry of Tourism, Friends of the Environment, the Bahamas National Trust warden, local government officials and other volunteers.

Mrs. Glender Knowles carried us by bus as far as the turn off for Hole in the Wall. Then we transferred to trucks for the bumpy, rocky, hour-long ride to the lighthouse. Once we arrived, the day was spent cleaning up the houses that were destroyed by Hurricane Floyd. The pathways down to the point were also cleaned and reopened. Around the lighthouse itself we weeded and cleaned up garbage.

At the end of the day we had a short time for sightseeing before the long ride back home.



A group of about 70 people hauled debris of all kinds from the buildings at the Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse. The derelict buildings have been vacant since 1995 when the light was automated. The trash had to be carried by hand to the parking area where trucks were waiting to take it out to a very bad track road where a dumpster was located.



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Education held faith-based Leaders Workshop

By Mirella Santillo

The Department of Education organized a workshop on March 12 for the people who have the greater reach in the communities: church leaders. The workshop was to deal with the growing ills of our society perceived through symptoms such as raising crime, rising sexually-transmitted diseases such as AIDS among teenagers and a receding economy,

Mrs. Sandy Edwards, Education Officer and coordinator for the seminar, had 25 church representatives in attendance representing 12 churches from all over the island. Speakers representing the areas of concern addressed the church representatives with explanations, suggestions and advise that they could in turn disperse to their congregation.

During the morning session Mr. Ken-

neth Romer, District of Education Officer, defined leadership skills and reminded the pastors of their responsibilities as group leaders. He talked about decision-making and how successful leaders approach all tasks from the perspective of how individuals' needs can be met in the process.

Mrs. Zoe Hepburn with First Caribbean Bank talked about budgeting and saving. Bahamians tend to spend a lot to buy their kids things they do not necessarily need. They have to learn to save and to teach kids they cannot have everything they want, she admonished. She suggested to save a few dollars every week to collect a more substantive sum at the end of the year or when

needed. Learn how to re-use and recycle, she advised.

After the lunch break, Insp. Edric Poitier's presentation on crime prevention strategies followed Mrs. Lenora Black's remarks on why the seminar had been planned. As educators, she said, the task they face is not just a teaching process but the building of a nation.

Mrs. Edwards took the stand last to present statistics on the extent of AIDS in The Bahamas and to suggest prevention technics. She was especially concerned with the rise of that disease among very young people and suggested to re-enforce chaperoning during adolescent gatherings or outings.



Church leaders were invited to attend a faith-based Leadership Workshop organized by the Ministry of Education to address some of the ills that are facing our society today. Shown here is Kenneth Romer, an Education officer, discussing leadership.



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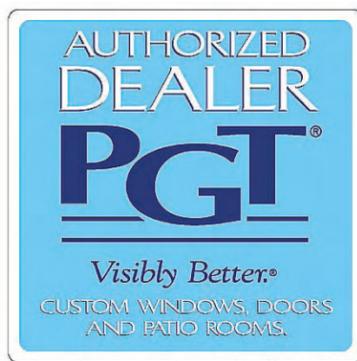
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Tourism will offer two training programmes

By Michelle Mikula
Abaco Tourism Office

In an effort to expand the skill level of the Abaco community, the Abaco Tourist Office has arranged to host two training programmes that will take place over the next two months.

The programmes include Bahamahost and a Tour Guide Training Workshop, which are being coordinated through Dushinka Roberts, who is responsible for the Training and Education Department at the Abaco Tourist Office. Enlisted to facilitate the two separate training programmes are staff of the Ministry of Tourism in Nassau and other specialty lecturers.

The Tour Guide Training Workshop will be the first of the two and will commence on April 20th over a one-week period at the Abaco Tourist Office Training Center. This has a registration fee of \$50. This will be the first time that this workshop is being offered on Abaco with the expected outcome of participants becoming properly trained and certified as professional Tour Guides.

Persons participating in this workshop will be trained in areas such as general knowledge, setting the scene on a tour, ap-

pearance, outlining a tour, effective commentary, correct techniques for answering questions, guiding a specific site and other training modules that will allow them to facilitate tours that are well organized and very informative.

The workshop will be followed by Abaco's 30th session of Bahamahost that will begin on May 4th extending over a four-week period at the Abaco Tourist Office Training Center. The Ministry of Tourism introduced this program back in 1978 to properly train Bahamians who are employed within the hospitality industry.

The programme incorporates lectures on history, geography, civics, economics, culture, flora, fauna, places of interests, the value of tourism to The Bahamas, how the country is marketed and promoted and other topics that will improve participants' delivery of service to our visitors. The program requires a \$75 enrollment fee and a passing grade of 75 percent for successfully completing the course.

The Abaco Tourist Office currently has application forms available for both programmes and is encouraging persons to enroll as soon as possible.

Scrubs will introduce Abaco worldwide



Some of the crew of the television show Scrubs are shown here with staff of the Abaco Tourism office. The episodes filmed in Hope Town will be aired in April.

By Michelle Mikula

Millions will become familiar with the people and the island of Abaco when they tune into the ABC network on April 8 and 15 to watch one of their favourite television shows, Scrubs.

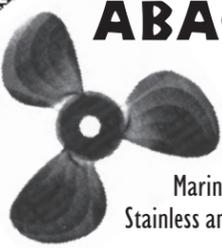
Last June the cast and crew of Scrubs traveled to Abaco for a week to shoot a destination wedding scene in the settlement of Hope Town. The shoot included much of Hope Town's beauty and charm as backdrops as well as the acting talent of some of the local people in a few of their scenes.

In an effort to generate further interest

in the show and on Abaco, the Ministry of Tourism has partnered with other industry partners to package a Scrubs Vacation Giveaway. The Giveaway is being promoted on Bahamas.com and is inclusive of accommodation, air, meals and on-island transportation on Abaco for two.

Arrangements are being made to host a viewing of the first episode on April 8 at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge in Hope Town with one of the cast members as the special guest.

Abaco islanders are reminded to save the dates either April 7 and 14 or April 8 and 15. We were not able to verify which dates.



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Reef Ball raised money for Friends

By Jennifer Hudson

The 9th Annual Reef Ball, organized by the Friends of the Environment as a fund raiser for their education programme, was held on March 7 in the pavilion of the Abaco Beach Resort. Guests began the evening by mingling while enjoying tasty hors d'oeuvres and watching a demonstration by Alexander Maillis II on how to prepare lionfish for eating. Samples were passed around for people to savor. A buffet dinner was served with many food selections and carvery stations. Subculture, a live band from Nassau, provided entertainment for the evening with selections of lively Bahamian music and golden oldies. The pavilion was beautifully decorated in a marine theme with fish adorning the walls and Junkanoo undersea-themed centrepieces made by students of Forest Heights Academy. Colourful fish, carved by Jo-Ann and Peter Bradley of the Conch Pearl Gallery

and painted by local artists, were available for purchase to raise funds to sponsor educational programmes.

Other fund raising activities included a silent auction of collectibles, fine wine, eco-friendly trips, art work, dinners, services and hotel stays and a live auction with many more excellent items including a sailing trip on the William H. Albury, an aerial tour of Abaco and all inclusive trips to Argentina and Chile. The item which raised the most, however, was the half day fishing trip with the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, which raised the sum of \$6,000.

During the evening, three awards were presented to persons for their exemplary contributions to the preservation of the environment. Honourees were

- Heather and Andrew Prosa of the Hope Town Coffee House for being environmentally conscious in their business and prac-

ting a sustainable lifestyle. The Hope Town Coffee House recycles or composts everything possible and all their food service items are biodegradable. They have planted non-invasive plants all around the property and have set up their gray water drainage to water all the plants.

- Joy Chaplin for her contribution to education. Mrs. Chaplin has been instrumental in the Discovery Club after school environmental programme since its inception and runs the session for the 10 - 13 year old Guardians every week. She is always willing to volunteer her knowledge and time to assist with the Friends educational programmes.

- Pete's Pub for its forward thinking and energy independence. It has made a transition from a diesel-powered generator to a fully supportive solar power system which is a model for others to follow.

The Reef Ball was very well attended and ticket sales surpassed those of last year. "It was really great to see how many people turned out to support us and we are



Friends of the Environment held its annual fund raising Reef Ball on March 7 at Abaco Beach Resort. This year the auction attracted much attention. Shown here are Channa and Robert Albury, owners of Wood You in Marsh Harbour, showing interest in an item.



The Reef Ball, an annual event to raise funds for Friends of the Environment, was pleased with the response to this year's event. More people than last year supported the organization by attending, enjoying a buffet dinner as well as participating in a silent and a live auction. Lively music was provided by Subculture, a band from Nassau.

very grateful for this tremendous support from the community," said Friends Executive Director, Kristin Williams.

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A tribute to Bill Hertz

By Sidney Eline, III,
Bill Hertz' Grandson

Abaco has lost one of its greatest treasures. Bill Hertz, "Uncle Bill" to most, died on March 15, 2009.

I have many fond memories of my grandfather. My family and many others have been so blessed over the years by Bill's humor and his kind, giving spirit.

It was this kind of spirit that came out during our last trip to Treasure Cay over Christmas 2006. Our family had never been away from Kentucky over Christmas. Bill was so excited about spending that time with my wife and me and his four great-grand children. He couldn't wait to get on his old Santa suit for the last time.

Bill spent every Christmas for over 30 years getting dressed up as Santa and traveling around Treasure Cay to visit as many less fortunate kids to bring Christmas cheer to them. He made sure he collected enough money during the year from donations to buy hundreds of candy stockings to give out. This was the last time Santa Bill would make his rounds.

The morning started by meeting with Bill's faithful boat captain. We loaded Bill into the small boat and headed towards the marina. Bill took his usual position at the stern standing so he could see everything going on.

Pulling into the marina that morning was special. There were kids and adults lined up on the docks waiting for his arrival.

We helped Bill up the ladder and guided him over to his special chair. Bill was quickly surrounded by the happy mob. One at a time they sat on his knee, kids and adults, and he especially welcomed the la-

dies. I knew he was tired and hot but he never complained. He just smiled and gave out the gifts.

Once the crowd thinned out, it was time to load Santa into his sleigh to visit several poor areas around Treasure Cay. There was one problem, his driver with a pick up truck did not show. He volunteered me to load the candy in his car and be his driver. We squeezed into his small 1988 Toyota packed full of candy boxes and headed out on the journey.

I looked over at this 86-year old man on the brink of exhaustion wearing a hot Santa suit in 80 plus degree weather and thought how does he do it. I can't remember how many stops we made, but it took most of the day. The most memorable was our last stop. We went out to visit the old citrus farm.

It seemed like hours driving down that old dirt road filled with pot holes big enough to swallow our small car. It did not matter to Bill how long it took, he couldn't wait to get there and neither could the kids once they spotted our car.

I felt like we landed an alien spaceship in the middle of the farm. Kids and adults came running out from every little house and shanty. Most of the kids barely had ample clothing on let alone any Christmas gifts.

It was one of those moments in life that you never forget. The looks on those faces are still frozen in my mind. Bill



Bill Hertz

was on the passenger side leaning against the car from the weight of the kids pushing towards him. He was handing out the candy bags faster than we could get them out of the boxes.

I was on the driver's side doing the same thing. The kids could not get enough. Bill was so tired he had to get in the car and hand out the candy through the window.

It didn't take long for the candy to run out. We had nothing left for them so Bill got back out of the car and just started giving out hugs to whoever would come up. We got back in the car and headed back home. Bill was exhausted. We stopped for a drink at a gas station on the way back. While sitting outside on a bench, several passersby stopped and Bill entertained a few more children.

I took him home, helped him get that hot, sweaty suit off for the last time. He got a big glass of water and collapsed in his favorite recliner. With Daisy, his dog by his side, he quickly fell asleep.

Bill gave everything he had that day, and I am so thankful I got to spend that time with him.

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Tough Call - Hope Town's Heritage Day

By Larry Smith

In 1976 the late American writer Alex Haley won a Pulitzer prize for *Roots*, a historical novel said to have been based on his family history, starting with an African named Kunta Kinte who was kidnaped into slavery.

The book was adapted into a sensational TV mini-series that played endlessly on ZNS whenever election time rolled around. And while it later transpired that Haley's specific genealogical claims did not pan out, in the end that did not matter - they were generically true.

Although critics condemned the book as fraudulent, Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr put it this way: "Roots is a work of the imagination rather than strict historical scholarship. It was an important event because it captured everyone's imagination."

Tough Call could produce a similarly fanciful account that would be just as accurate in its own way - an idea that took shape this past weekend while attending Hope Town's Heritage Day. This annual fair staged by the local museum celebrates the settlement's founding by a Loyalist

widow named Wyannie Malone, who came to Abaco some 10 years before Kunta Kinte was supposed to have arrived in America.

Little is known about Wyannie's ancestors although a massive hardcover genealogy "bible" documents her descendants (including me) in excruciating detail. But Bahamian Peter Roberts, an archivist at Georgia State University who specialises in these things, provided a glimpse of the way backward in a Heritage Day lecture he presented in Hope Town last Saturday.

For the past few years Prof. Roberts has been promoting the Bahamas DNA Project, a genetic database that tracks the roots of those Bahamians who submit their DNA for testing by a genealogy lab. So far, Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Slavic, Berber, Abyssinian and West African origins have been identified for Bahamian participants.

One result shows that a direct Bahamian descendant of Wyannie Malone is a perfect DNA match with an American Malone who traces his genealogy to Virginia, with origins in Ireland. This Malone's family history says they came to America

by way of The Bahamas, but that an ancestor named Daniel was born in Westmeath, Ireland, in 1642 and was "in the colonies" by 1665.

In other words, the Bahamian Malones may have originally left the 'auld sod' for Eleuthera, then moved to Virginia and on to South Carolina, before leaving from Charleston in 1785 to settle in Abaco. As an aside, Wyannie's husband, Benjamin, fought for the British in the War of Independence, and their descendants were strict Protestants. So clearly, they were not Irish patriots.

There were many non-Malones present at the recent Heritage Day celebrations, and Prof. Roberts had lots of interesting snippets of information about some of them. For example, genetic testing shows that the Bahamian Lowes do not trace their lineage to the British Isles as most of us would suspect. Instead, they have a Portuguese background and are probably related to Sephardic Jews who were expelled from Iberia in the 15th century.

Since 2004 the Bahamas DNA Project has tested hundreds of people, most of them with an Abaco or Key West back-

ground. But this represents only about a third of the 195 surnames found in the Bahamas, and black Bahamian families are grossly under-represented, Prof. Roberts told an avid audience in the Hope Town library. And before you ask, no trace of Lucayan ancestry has yet been found - not even among Long Islanders.

"The DNA results so far show that we Bahamians are all closely related and have a shared heritage," Prof. Roberts said, adding that "If a black person marries into a white family, there will be no visible trace of that after only six generations - and vice versa."

The "Roots-like" suggestion that the Malones may have arrived on Eleuthera before settling on Abaco was supported to a degree by Florida archaeologist Bob Carr, who also gave a talk at the Heritage Day event. Carr has been investigating Bahamian sites since at least 1986, when he helped confirm the discovery of Carleton, Abaco's original loyalist settlement located near present-day Treasure Cay.

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Geneology was explored at Heritage Day

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For the past several years Carr has been digging up Preachers Cave at North Eleuthera, a geological feature which he describes as “the Plymouth Rock of The Bahamas,” and which contains Lucayan, European and African cultural remains.

“The Eleutherean Adventurers never came to The Bahamas,” he told the Hope Town audience. “They were the investors back in London who were hoping to find precious metals and valuable hardwoods in the islands. About 70 people arrived on Eleuthera from Bermuda in 1648, but we have never found the list of names. We do know that within two years there were 150 people living near Preachers Cave, including free blacks and some slaves.”

After a 1656 slave conspiracy in Bermuda led by a free black named William Force, some of the plotters were banished to The Bahamas, which Carr referred to as “the first Australia.” Many white Bermudians were also exiled to the Bahamas, and DNA evidence has confirmed that descendants of these first settlers now live in nearby Spanish Wells. Others ended up in Harbour Island, Nassau and possibly Abaco, Carr said.

Preachers Cave has been an archaeological site since 1992 and has yielded important information about Bahamian history. It was originally a Lucayan cemetery, and among the five Indian burials that have been found is one of a chief or shaman, together with the bones of a sacrificial victim who was beheaded with hands and feet tied. Charcoal found at the site has been radiocarbon-dated to the 8th century.

When the first Europeans settlers were shipwrecked off Eleuthera in 1648, they also used the cave for shelter and for religious services, clearing away all the Lucayan bones they could find, according to Carr. “The legend of the first church is true - the pulpit rock is there with a notch for the Bible, along with two crude chairs cut into the rock.”

There are five Puritan graves in the cave, including two bodies in coffins, one of which was a very old man who was likely to have been a leader. Interestingly, one of the skeletons was a dwarf and DNA studies have confirmed the existence of Laron Syndrome, a growth hormone deficiency found among Jews and Arabs. Several inhabitants of Spanish Wells today have this genetic syndrome and the Preachers Cave dwarf was probably their ancestor.

Bob Carr was Dade County’s first archaeologist and is renowned as the discoverer of the Miami Circle on Brickell Point - an 800-year-old Tequesta Indian ceremonial site. He is a co-founder and director of the Miami-based Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, which handled the Preachers Cave dig, and has worked with the Florida Division of Historic Resources and the US National Park Service.

One thing that came out of Tough Call’s Heritage Day visit to Hope Town is that visitors need more cultural experiences than they are getting in The Bahamas. Some of the wealthier Family Island settlements like Hope Town, New Plymouth, Spanish Wells and Rock Sound have small museums run by volunteers, but most Bahamian communities pay scant attention to heritage matters, and historic preservation is not on their agenda.

Yet according to Carr, there is much more interest in history and heritage than in playing on the beach. “In Florida, heritage is a very important part of our tourism sector that generates more money from visitors.”

Preachers Cave is the perfect example of a heritage site that can form part of a world class educational tour if properly preserved

and presented. The 1836-vintage Hole-in-the Wall lighthouse in South Abaco is another good example. And before going to Hope Town I attended a town meeting at Sandy Point where this very subject came up.

At the meeting, engineers from American Bridge were discussing more dredging at Disney’s Castaway Cay just offshore. Formerly known as Gorda Cay, this tiny island within sight of the relatively unprosperous village of Sandy Point is a destination for three Disney cruise ships a week, each loaded with 2300 passengers. The improvements that are expected to begin in May will allow the cay to service larger ships bringing 4,000 passengers each. Yet none of these visitors ever sets foot on Abaco.

But just a short drive from Sandy Point is the Abaco National Park, a natural wonderland surrounding a spectacular bluff that is the site of the historic Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse. At the town meeting, Bernadette Hall of Abaco’s Tourism office announced a project to clean up and restore the lighthouse property. Although functioning now on solar power, the lighthouse

and its associated Victorian-era buildings are all in an embarrassing state of disrepair and the entire stunning site is littered with trash and rusting relics.

Heritage tourism is officially defined as “traveling to experience the places, artifacts, and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present.” And with more people than ever seeking to combine their recreational experiences with educational growth, heritage tourism can be a powerful economic engine for creating jobs and producing higher tax revenues.

But as South Abaco’s Chief Councillor, Preston Roberts, told me, “If we want to benefit from the tourists that Disney brings, we have to go to them with a product, and we don’t have one yet.”

Macaroni and cheese is fine as far as it goes, but you can only eat so much of it. Heritage tourism involves a lot more than that, and it can be so much more fulfilling to those who provide it - by protecting the environmental and historical features that form the basis for our tourist economy.

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Pirates' Ball brought out the costumes and talent

By Rita Reis Wieczorek
Rear Commodore

On March 10th the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club members and guests gathered at Abaco Beach Resort for its annual Pirates' Ball with cocktails, dinner, dancing and entertainment. The evening began with an open bar with hearty grog (you had to be careful because grog can sneak-up on you) and other great drinks. Members arrived in costumes that some had made while others had brought them on their boats or took them from their closets at home. Wigs were a great accessory for several women - we had blonde, black, red and green hair!

Some ladies had great jewelry with skulls and cross bones, tattoos, black pouches with pirate décor and lots of wench outfits.



Which one of these is the real Mary Reed? All these women competed for that title at the Pirates' Ball held by the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club on March 10. The gala event was held at Abaco Beach Resort and is an event that the club members look forward to.

Men not to be outdone wore boots, belts daggers, swords, and eye patches, parrots attached to their shoulders, black wigs, moustaches and beards.

There were also about eight children dressed as pirates who handed out beads at the door of the tent and gave out scurvy prevention (slices of limes) to members. The children were really cute and had a wonderful time before grandparents and parents had to put them to bed. The party began at 5pm and lasted until midnight when the "die hearts" walked on the beach and howled at the full moon.

The chairpersons for the party were Mike and Pat Beneville and Joan and Jim Elliott. They were assisted by Sue Graham who worked with the resort to make the event special for everyone.

Our chairperson organized the wonderful decorations, dinner and entertainment. Mike and Jim made the table centerpieces - wood Treasure Chests filled by the ladies with sand, shells, sea glass and beads topped with red and black balloons. The entrance was decorated with pirate dum-

mies with rum bottles and a fishing net from the sea. Frank Gavin took the lead with the entrance decorations and he even wore a wrap skirt with his pirate shirt. Many of the decorations were custom made by Carolyn Wilson, who brought things from her boat that you could never imagine. The bar was handled by Steve O'Brien and his crew of assistants. Music for the evening was provided by Ray Vallerie, the Club DJ.

Entertainment was provided by RMHYC members.

Commodore Fenn was the Master of Ceremonies for the party. Dock 4 started off the show with a ditty, Yo Ho, Yo Ho, A Pirates Life for Me. Henry Jamrozinski followed with a song A Pirate at 50 by Jimmy Buffett. Dock 7 performed a ditty written by their group which was followed by Bette Bauereis singing a tune from the Three Penny Opera. Robert and Caro-

lyn wrote and sang a song that they had written as a spoof on several members of the Club. The last act was Wilma Thornton roller skating to music in her pirates costume. The entertainment was greatly appreciated



Pirates attending the Pirates' Ball hosted by the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club found the food to be of their liking.

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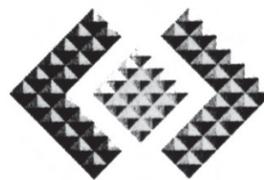
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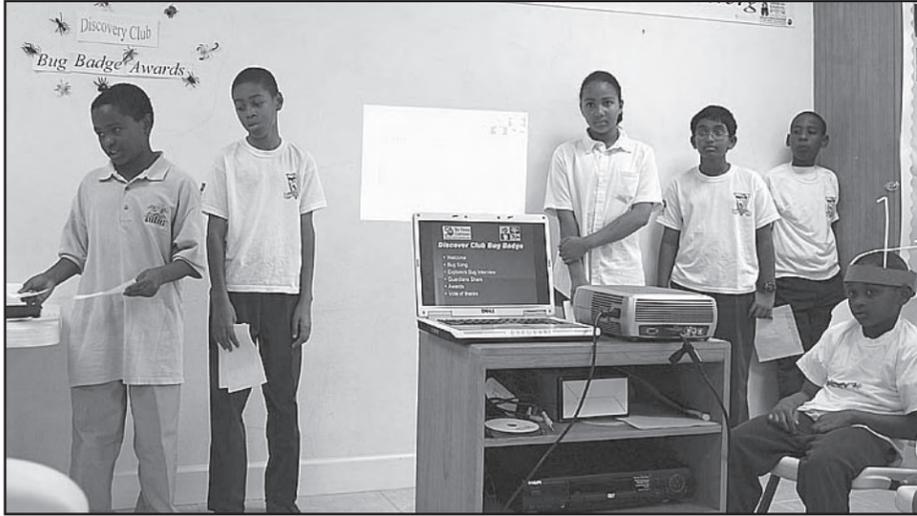
By Jennifer Hudson

Twenty young Discovery Club members recently earned Bug Badges. They were presented with their badges and certificates by Mr. David Knowles, Park Warden for The Bahamas National Trust, during an awards ceremony at the Friends of the Environment office on February 27.

The Discovery Club is part of a Bahamas National Trust programme in which students participate after school to learn about the environment and earn a variety of badges. It is divided into two categories according to age. The Explorers are aged 6-9 years and the Guardians are aged 10-13 years. For the past six weeks they have

all been working on their Bug Badges and have learned many important facts such as how to differentiate between the insect families. Activities included creating ant farms, looking for various bugs in the pine forest and watching videos.

Eight of the Explorers dressed as insects including millipedes, cockroaches, ants and a butterfly for the awards ceremony in costumes they had made in a previous session. They were interviewed on what they had learned during the course and the Guardians presented an overview showcasing their knowledge. The Discovery Clubbers will now begin learning about reptiles and amphibians for their Herpetology Badge.



The youth of Central Abaco and North Abaco have the opportunity to join the Discovery Clubs, a program of the Bahamas National Trust. The young people are grouped by age, 6 to 9 years and 10-13 years, and club activities are geared to teach about our environment. This group recently received their Bug Badges in Central Abaco.

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Viewpoint . . . Small islands - big trash problems

By Olivia Patterson

Space is limited. Given that we live on an island this is a concept that we are all familiar with. Personal space, parking spaces, space for buildings and functions, space "fah ma tings." Something that we do not often think about is space for our waste. Once an item has been used to its fullest extent where does it go?

Up until now, most communities on Abaco have been using "dumps" as collection sites for our trash. Last year, a landfill was constructed on mainland Abaco to help sort and control trash. Unfortunately, dumps and landfills are restricted plots of land - we have limited space. Logistically, waste management on islands is very difficult. Communities are separated by large distances, some trash has to travel overseas to the landfill, facilities don't exist to process items that could be re-used or recycled, and budgets are inadequate.

Our environment and our well being suffer as a result of it. Many products that we place in our dumps or landfills will not disappear. Examples: Styrofoam and plastic are here forever. They may degrade into smaller pieces, but they will never go away. It can take on the order of hundreds of years for plastic to degrade. So if you drop a plastic bottle on the street, it could still be visible 300-400 years later! Our ancestors must have realized this and decided that the dumps should be burned to reduce the trash piles; however, as we have found out, this is not the best solution. Burning releases toxic chemicals into the air and soil that can affect our drinking water, our health and the health of the environment. We need to mitigate this problem. So what do we do?

There are actually some simple things

that we can all do to help.

- **Re-use and Re-purpose:** First, before you throw something away, stop and think. "Have I used this item to its full potential? There are many items that we use which can be re-used and re-purposed: glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and bags, cardboard boxes, newspapers, and bubble wrap. Mulching gives great returns on yard debris.

- **Reduce:** Collapse and crush cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, plastic jugs and the like to reduce the volume of trash in our landfill. Buy items with less packing material (buying in bulk helps with this).

- **Recycle:** Even though facilities aren't available on the island, persons are collecting recyclables to send on to Nassau and the United States. Aluminum cans and some glass bottles (Kalik, Heineken, Vita-malt, Guinness and Sands) can be recycled. Also, scrap metals, car and boat batteries and appliances. There is a recycling depot for aluminum cans in Marsh Harbour located on the empty lot next to Every Child Counts School. Call Friends of the Environment for more info.

- **Re-gift:** If there's something that you simply do not want any more, don't throw it away. Donate it to an organization that can use it or sell it to raise funds.

- **Make smart decisions:** As consumers, we have a choice in the items we buy. Choose items with as little packaging as possible. Use green bags to avoid generating the need for more plastic bags. Avoid Styrofoam and plastic containers and support businesses that use biodegradable materials.

Due to the conservation movement, many biodegradable materials have become available on the international market.

For example, take-out containers made from sugarcane pulp, cutlery made from cornstarch and "plastic" cups made from corn. These items all function just as well as the plastic and Styrofoam products that we are used to, and they break down in an environmentally friendly manner. Some Abaco businesses have adopted these items, but the cost difference between the biodegradables and the toxic non-biodegradable products is too great to allow everyone to buy them on a regular basis. However, if the duty were lifted on the biodegradables, then the prices would be comparable.

Are you sitting in your living room right now? Or your office? Think about the number of restaurants in your community and the number of take-out lunches that they sell everyday. It wouldn't take long to fill up your room with the discarded Styrofoam containers, would it?

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Mesile Michel**, 68, affectionately called "Man Nes" of Marsh Harbour was held on March 21 at the International Gospel Mission Church in Marsh Harbour. Bishop Roland Swain officiated assisted by Rev. Sitoir Pasterain and Bishop Renaud Francois. Interment was in the public cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

She is survived by her daughters Mose-lie, Marise and Lumenia; sons Jean Rolet and Stepheson; brothers Medicam, Hen-rikes, Joel, Wilson, Elitama, Aritis and Nesker; sisters Elianise, Lea, Meres and Chalema; grandchildren Jeanette, Vincent, Billy, Gina, Anischka, Alexandra, Alex-ander, Junia Miselene, Kenson, Rony, Be-landa, Aldoph, Peterson, Handely, Louis Marie, Jourdina, Sendie, Geph, Saradena, Kedlin, Malesha, Loudlin and Jennyfa; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Gay Elrose Bootle**, 54, of Murphy Town was held on March 22nd at the Marsh Harbour Sev-

enth Day Adventist Church. Pastor Patrick Tyrill officiated assisted by Pastor Errol Tinker, Pastor Lawrence Arnett and Min. Marvin Mills. Interment was in the public cemetery in Murphy Town.

She is survived by her husband Wil-but Bootle; sons Nathan Sr. and Marvin Bootle; daughters Emily Davis, Lawanda, Latoya, Loretta and Lasonia Bootle; grand-children Nathan Jr., Timothy Jr., Tashaun, Lynden, Lynario, Tammy, Faith, Gaysha, Tianna and Makaya; son-in-law Timothy Davis, Sr.; daughters-in-law Tamika and Sophie Bootle; sisters Violet Smith, Judy Curry and Brenda Cooper; adopted sister Edna Kemp; brother Michael Levarity; sisters-in-law Marguarie Levarity, Monica Adderley, Minalee Bodie, Mildred, Ernestine, Natasha, Raquel, Sandy and Racquel Bootle and Keva McKinney; brothers-in-law: Rodney, Hilly, Emitte, Lester, Johna-than and Rocklyn Bootle, Basil McKinney, Charles Bodie, Michael Levarity; Hubert

Smith and Joe Curry; uncles Alphonso McIntosh, George Reckley and Stafford Cooper and Noel Bootle; aunts Carnetta Bootle and Barbara Reckley; nieces and nephews Don and Jonna Bootle, Samantha and Quincy Jones, Shavez, Richia, Rodney Jr., Lavargo, Hilly Jr., Natasha, Emma-nique, Azarial, Shaquille, Durrell, Johna-than, Jr., DeCarlo, Rocklyn, Jr., Alexis,

Deneze, Kelia, Basia, Kendra, Katalyn, Basil, Jr., Brian, Kirk, Willis, Dennis, Ron, Cindy, Thomas, Trevor, Michael, Anthony, Jr., Julie and Al, Jermaine and Monique, Jasmine, Jigeria, Misty, Phyl-icia and Ashley; god children Jackie, Rose Johnson, Terry Saunders, Phillipa Penn and Bradley Swain; and many other rela-tives and friends.

Tea Party plans to step back in time

By Michelle Mikula

Let's Go Back is the theme Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town has selected for its 3rd Annual Lenten Tea Party that is slated for April 18, 2009. This local affair begins with afternoon tea on the church lawn in Murphy Town at 6 p.m. followed by story telling, recitations, praise dancing and sampling of native bite size delights. Those hosting the Lenten Tea Party will all be adorned in the traditional dress of the peasant ladies of the 18th century making it an even more authentic experience for the locals and our visitors.

Partnering with Zion Baptist Cathedral is the Abaco Tourist Office that has been

forming relationships with organizations to host annual Tea Parties on Abaco through the Ministry of Tourism's People to People Program. Doranell Swain, who heads the People to People Program in the Abaco Tourist Office is pleased with the relationships that have been formed thus far that have allowed visitors and the people of Abaco to partake in Bahamian practices such as becoming familiar with our bush teas, our local pastries and other cultural expressions.

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Students performed for National Arts competition

By Jennifer Hudson

"You have the distinction of being the very first participants in the entire Bahamas for this year's E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival," Keve Cartwright, a senior Cultural Affairs Officer and Festival Coordinator, told the 24 young students of the Central Abaco Primary School choir on the morning of March 9. This marked the beginning of the 50th year of the National Arts Festival which, in 2004, became the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival in honour of the man who had promoted cultural arts throughout his life.

The Central Abaco Primary School choir, made up of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6, sang two selections. Although a little nervous for their first song, the en-

joyment with which they sang *Kookaburra* with hand actions was obvious. The choral and instrumental judge, Mrs. Audrey Dean Wright, encouraged the children telling them that they did a good job but that there is always room for improvement. She gave some very helpful tips on pitch, phrasing and diction and even gave them a little training in improving tonal quality. "The adjudicator's remarks are aimed at building you up and encouraging you not just to criticize," explained festival organizer Ms. Cartwright.

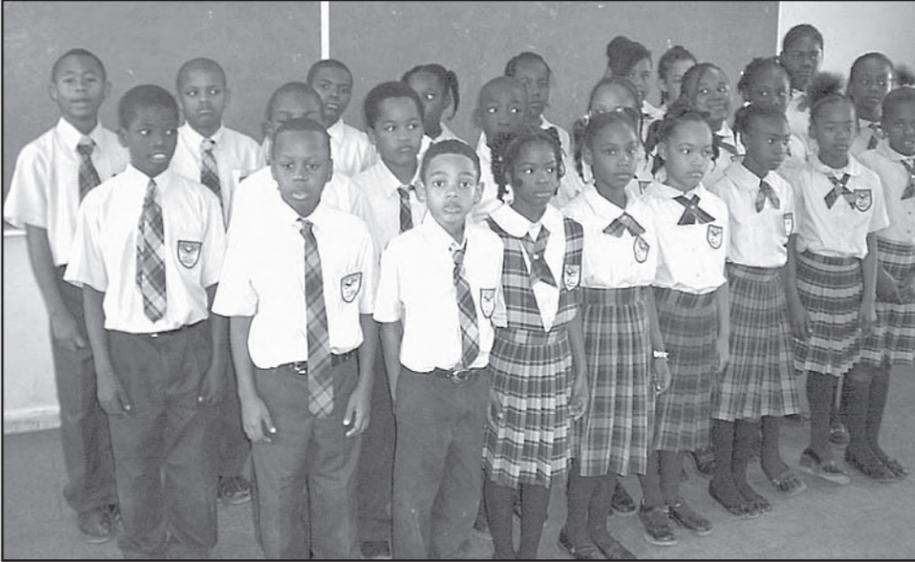
Since there was only one entry from the Central Abaco Primary School, the team of adjudicators moved on to the St. Francis de Sales School where several students were nervously waiting to perform in the

individual verse speaking and dramatized characterization categories. James Catalyn, drama judge, awarded a wide range of marks to the participants, encouraging them to project fully and make sure they always fully understand their pieces. He was particularly impressed with Grade 9 student, Cutell Charlton for her excellent dramatization of *The Lie*, awarding her 90 marks which put her in the top honours category.

Later that day the adjudicators were scheduled for a visit to Man-O-War Cay for a piano solo followed by instrumental performances at Wesley College the following day. They were scheduled to travel the length of the island, adjudicating at schools in Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks, Abaco Central High School, S.C. Bootle High School and Amy Roberts on Green Turtle Cay before the close of their third and final day here. All four adjudicators, who included Lekeisha Bostwick for dance and Ellery Deveaux for arts and crafts as well as Audrey Dean Wright and James Catalyn, are past winners in the National

Arts Festival.

Since this is a national festival, entrants will be participating on all of the islands of The Bahamas and the adjudicators will tour the country until the end of May selecting the best talent in music, drama and the visual arts. Ms. Cartwright said that this year's festival is bigger than ever. "There are already more entrants from the Family Islands than ever before, and we will not only be visiting the major islands but also all the little cays in between such as Black Point and Farmer's Cay." She explained that there will be a lot of competition since they will be competing with everyone in the whole country who enters the same class. No one will know who the winners are until the end of the entire adjudications in May. After beginning their tour on Abaco, the adjudicators were to be judging in Nassau and Grand Bahama before beginning their tour of all of the other Family Islands ending with Long Island on May 26. The national winners will share their talents in Nassau during Independence concerts.



This choir of the Central Abaco Primary School was the first participant in the annual E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival. Four adjudicators traveled throughout Abaco visiting most of the schools judging the talents of those who competed. The winners nation-wide will be announced in May. The adjudicators give advice and suggestions to help the students give an even better performance.

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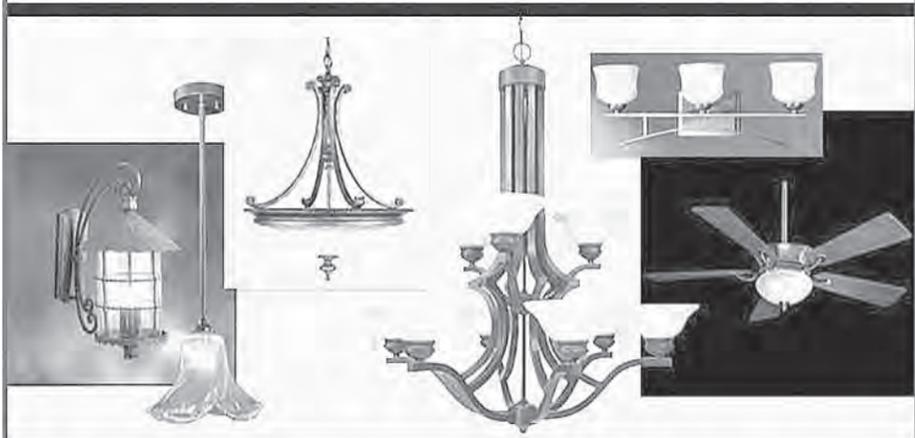
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Great Guana Cay
- 12.5 Acre Estate
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
- 1,760 s.f. Residence
- Covered & Open Decks
- 593' of Ocean Beach
- 664' on Sea of Abaco
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Private Boat Basin
#GGH1096 - **\$4,950,000.**

NEW



"Split Coconut"

Great Guana Cay Orchid Bay
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
- 1840 s.f. Residence.
- 955 s.f. Porches & Decks
- Land - 74' Sea of Abaco
- 11,016 s.f. - 0.25 Acres
- Auxiliary Generator
- Private Dock
- Fabulous Views
#GGH1123 - **\$1,160,000.**

NEW



"Entre Deux Mers"

Man-O-War Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 2,664 s.f. Residence.
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 838 s.f. Guest House
- Land - Sea-to-Sea
= 43,800 s.f. - 1.1 Acres
- 98' Ocean Beach Front
- Private Dock On Creek
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1116 - **\$3,750,000.**

ELBOW CAY
• **"SUBLIME"** - 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath - 2,200 s.f. Residence - 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks - Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour - Great Harbour Views - Good Rental History #HTH1104 - **\$1,150,000.**
GREAT GUANA CAY
• **"SEA-TO-BAY"** - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 - **\$9,995,000.**
• **"SANDCASTLE"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - **\$375,000.**



"Beach House"

Great Guana Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Baths.
- 768 s.f. Residence
- 336 s.f. Open Deck.
- Central Air
- Beachfront
- Central, Convenient Location
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Fully Furnished
#GHH1108 - **\$699,000.**



"Coconut Grove Cottage"

Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,030 s.f. Residence
- 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck
- 0.877 Acres
- 82' Ocean Frontage
- Semi-Private Dock.,
- Superb Ocean Views
#MWH1076 - **\$1,550,000.**



"Garden Walk"

Great Guana Cay
- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
- 2,212 s.f. Residence
- 848 s.f. Covered Decks.
- Land - 9,700 s.f.
- 2 Central A/C Units
- Storage, Generator Shed
- 12 KW Aux. Generator
- Income Producing
- Ocean View
#GGH1105 - **\$491,000.**

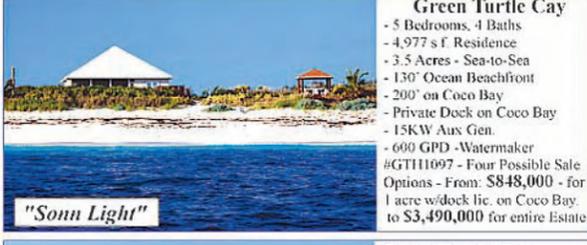
NEW



"John Lowe House - circa 1866"

Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 2,170 s.f. Residence
- 285 s.f. Covered Porches
- Land - 3,480 s.f. - Near Public Dock in Harbour.
- Historic - Gingerbread
- Harbour Views
#GTH1119 - **\$450,000.**

GREAT GUANA CAY
• **"Art Café & Bakery"** - Settlement - Commercial - at Main Public Dock - Best Location in town - 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg. - 400 s.f. Cov. Veranda - Commercial Grade Kitchen - Land- 96'x84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GHH11109 - **\$867,500.**
• **"JUNKANOO SPLASH"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,150 s.f. Residence - 760 s.f. Covered Porch - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 490 s.f. Apartment - Workshop - Great Views - Near Settlement #GGH1015 - **\$550,000.**



"Sonn Light"

Green Turtle Cay
- 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,977 s.f. Residence
- 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea
- 130' Ocean Beachfront
- 200' on Coco Bay
- Private Dock on Coco Bay
- 15KW Aux. Gen.
- 600 GPD - Watermaker
#GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: **\$848,000** - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to **\$3,490,000** for entire Estate

NEW



"Cotton House"

Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth
- Commercial - Upper level Apartment Residence
- 2,158 s.f. Building
- 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks
- Land 2,462 s.f. - Near Public Dock in Harbour.
- Harbour Views
- Rental History - Income
#GTH1120 - **\$400,000.**

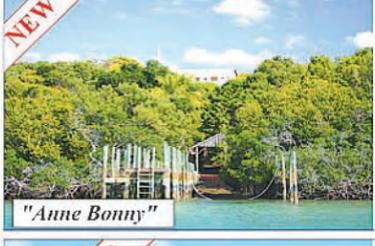
MAN-O-WAR CAY
• **"HARBOUR LIGHT"** - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1,824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock, Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - **\$2,200,000.**
• **"VIKING"** - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
• **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - **\$1,200,000.**
• **"BONNIE DUNE"** - 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 - **UNDER CONTRACT**



"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



"Anne Bonny"

Man-O-War Cay
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths
- 1,536 s.f. Residence.
- 500 s.f. Porches & Decks
- Land - ± 53,740 s.f.
= 1.23 Hillside Acres
- 180' Harbour Frontage
- Private Dock on harbour
- Great elevation
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1115 - **\$1,600,000.**

TILLOO CAY
• **"BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED"** - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England cottage #TLH1086 - **NEW PRICE - \$1,350,000.**

NEW PRICE



"Buttonwood"

Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
- 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,240 s.f. Residence.
- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.
- Hillside for great Ocean Views.
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Fully Furnished & Equipped.
#MWH1020 - **\$592,500.**

NEW PRICE



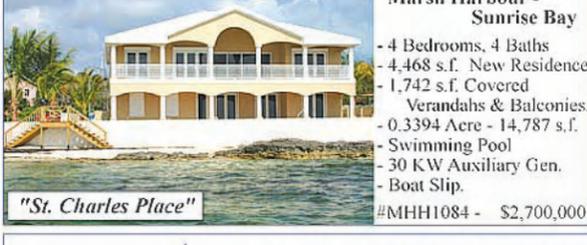
"Sunsplash"

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



"Summer Camp"

Scotland Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- Bunkroom
- 1,300 s.f. Residence.
- 1 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 224 s.f. Guest Cottage
- "Playhouse" with bar
- 1.82 Acres - 300' of Ocean Beach Front
- Fabulous Views
#SCH1094 - **\$1,950,000.**



"St. Charles Place"

Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay
- 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,468 s.f. New Residence.
- 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies.
- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.
- Swimming Pool
- 30 KW Auxiliary Gen.
- Boat Slip.
#MHH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**

NEW



"Birdsacre"

Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- Sleeping Loft
- 410 s.f. Cottage
- 0.217 Acre - 9,452 s.f.
- 160 s.f. Shed - Workshop
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Fully Furnished & Equipped.
#MWH1114 - **\$340,500**

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 - **NEW LISTING - \$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 - **NEW LISTING - \$624,500.**
• **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - .0152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - **\$375,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY
• **"CONCHED OUT"** - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10'-32' elevations - 360' views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - **\$546,000. - \$3,000,000.**
• **"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 Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - **\$112,500.**
LYNYARD CAY
• **"LYNYARD PALMS"** - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - +/- 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. #MWV1081 - **NEW PRICE - \$595,000.**

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. #MWV1082 - **NEW PRICE - \$325,000.**
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-#MHV1102 **\$970,000.** # 7A - #MHV1103 **\$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-#MHV1100 **\$667,000.** - #49-#MHV1101 **\$667,000.**
SCOTLAND CAY
• **"141 Hillside Developer Parcels"** - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available **NEW LISTING** - Priced from: **\$170,000 - \$438,000**
"Block Q - Parcel # 1" - Fabulous one-half acre building site - 25,658 sq.ft. - 0.5890 Acre - 172.61' on Sea of Abaco - Hillside - great elevations and superb views of the Sea of Abaco - Shoreline protected by small cay. #SCV1117 - **NEW LISTING - \$485,000.**



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SECTION B



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Pathfinders auction raises scholarship money

Over 100 students have been assisted in eight years



Abaco Pathfinders hosted its annual auction and party to assist Abaco students with their education. Michael Albury, President of Abaco Pathfinders, hosted the annual event that raises money to assist students with college and vocational school funding. The event features both a silent auction and a live auction. Some of the applicants are shown on either side of the podium.

By Jenifer Hudson

Many generous people, eager to help send deserving students away to further their education at college, gathered in the marquee at the Abaco Beach Resort on March 14 for a fund raising auction night sponsored by Abaco Pathfinders. The silent auction began at 6 p.m. and, whilst browsing the items which had been donated, the patrons enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. More than 100 items had been generously donated by businesses, individuals and service companies. These items included antiques, furniture, artwork, jewelry, garden supplies and decor, nautical artifacts, airline tickets, health and beauty packages, gift certificates and dinners. At 7:30 p.m. the closing time for the silent

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S.C. Bootle's Open House showcased student work



The students of S.C. Bootle High School were proud of their accomplishments as they hosted parents and friends at an Open House on March 13. The special event began with an assembly that included a competition between school houses. The main part of the event was the display of work from every department in the school. The students showed great talent and skill in their work. Some of them are pictured here with a display of breads creatively formed to represent sea creatures.

By Vernique Russell

Principal Huel Moss and his staff hosted another Open House, an exciting exhibition that featured the work and talent of the students at S.C. Bootle High School on March 13. Every department showcased what takes place in the classroom and work that has been drawn, constructed, sewed or cooked by the students. The Open House gave those attending the opportunity to enjoy the inter-house competition. To launch the day's activities,

an opening ceremony was conducted by the school's head boy and girl. Mr. Moss brought brief remark and officially declared the exhibition opened. There were exciting games of Jeopardy that were played between the in-house teams. Competitors were asked questions in math and science in the first round and English and general knowledge in the

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Wyannie Malone Museum held Heritage Day at Hope Town

By Jennifer Hudson

The residents of Hope Town held their annual Heritage Day on March 7. This year their theme was All of we is one family and the focus was on genealogy, featuring their ongoing efforts in genealogical discovery and ancestral heritage.

Professor Peter Roberts, a Bahamian who serves on the faculty of Georgia State

University, gave a talk on Genetic Genealogy and the early results of the Bahamas DNA Project which he heads in Nassau. "This project is for anyone with direct male or female ancestry from The Bahamas and participation will benefit genealogy as well as Bahamian family historical

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Carnival attracts young and old



The carnival opened in Dundas Town on March 13 with 25 rides and attractions. It is set up on the property of Central Abaco Primary School on Forest Drive. Some of the popular rides are back as well as a couple of new rides including the Mega Drop Tower. This picture was taken when it had just opened on a windy afternoon. It will be on Abaco until April 4.

Green Turtle Cays' Island Roots Festival - May 1-3

The sixth annual Island Roots Heritage Festival will be celebrated on Green Turtle Cay on April 30 to May 3 with the theme Celebrate T'ings Bahamian. The Festival celebrates and showcases our Bahamian Heritage and Culture. It promises to be

a fun-filled weekend featuring Bahamian entertainers, The Royal Bahamas Defense Force Marching and Dance Bands, Junk-anoo, arts and crafts, genealogy, Bahamian food and lots of socializing with old and new friends.

Calendar for Coastal Awareness Month

- April 2nd & 3rd - Union Jack Beautification
- April 6th - Marine Environment Seminar
- April 18th - Community clean up trash-a-thon
- April 22nd - Small Hotel Environmental Workshop
- April 24th - Earth Day Science Fair
- April 25th - Community clean up trash-a-thon

Sojer Day in Man-O-War

April 4 • Beginning 10 a.m

Pathfinders' funds support students away at school

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As the auction approached, people anxiously hovered over their selected items hoping to get their signature in just in time to make sure that the piece they had been eyeing would become theirs to take home.

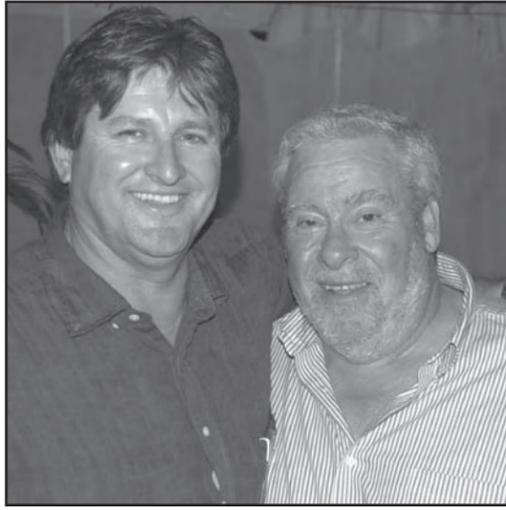
The live auction, which began at 8 p.m. is always a spirited affair, and each year it is amazing to watch auctioneer, Jim Blumberg, at work. His dedication to the cause is obvious as he entices people to part with as much money as he can possibly get out of them for this worthy cause. He does it in such a gentle, good-natured and entertaining but determined way that is an art to behold. Mr. Blumberg and the committee know that every extra bit of money that is bid "will go directly to granting an additional scholarship, thus providing another opportunity for success to a young person on Abaco," and it is for that reason that he and the directors work so very hard.

There were some very good deals to be had and some of the high ticket items included a bareboat charter on a four-cabin catamaran, a dove hunting trip to Argentina and luxury accommodations in Atlanta, Utah, Cape Cod, Niagara on the Lake and Graycliff Hotel, Nassau, as well as at several establishments around Abaco. Other valuable prizes included airline tickets, Albury's Ferry passes, activities at Baker's Bay and Winding Bay, jewelry, sculpture, artwork and one year's tuition at Forest Heights Academy.

In previous years a video presentation has been shown of scholarship recipients, but this year instead there was a parade of some of the current applicants. These hopeful students paraded proudly onto the platform and Pathfinders President, Michael

Albury, said that it was a very emotional moment for him seeing them all gathered there with him onstage. The very first student to receive a Pathfinders scholarship in 2001 was Madeline Joseph. This young lady came to the podium to speak but not as Ms. Madeline Joseph, she came as Dr. Madeline Joseph. Thanks to a Pathfinders scholarship she is now a fully qualified physician. She had an interesting story to tell of how she had wakened one night as a young girl in a cockroach-infested shack with her mother and brother and said to herself that she wanted to be a doctor. Not even able to speak English, she could not be accepted at that time into the Hope Town school but many came to her assistance, helping her learn many skills that eventually enabled her to enter the Hope Town Primary School. She then went on to Abaco Central High School, College of The Bahamas, Florida Memorial College and finally to the University of the West Indies to pursue her doctor's training. Last year she completed her internship at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau and so at last, after many years of hard work, her dream of becoming a physician has come true. She thanked the Pathfinders for all the help they have given her in making it possible for her to complete her medical studies.

So far 100 students have been able to attend both academic and vocational colleges on Pathfinders scholarships over the past eight years and in the fall of this year the 104th student will begin school. Results are dramatic as evidenced not only by the wonderful testimony of Dr. Joseph but also



Michael Albury, President of Abaco Pathfinders, is shown with Mr. Jim Blumberg, right, the person responsible for creating Abaco Pathfinders and the auctioneer who can coax and cajole the audience, convincing them that the items he is auctioning are exactly what they wanted. He is the person who has made Pathfinders successful.

the many letters that were posted on a bulletin board at the auction. Recipients who are already (or are soon to become) architects, physical therapists, nurses, business and political science majors have written letters of grateful appreciation to the Pathfinders committee thanking them for their assistance in making it possible for them to follow their career choices and achieve their goals.

Mrs. Leazona Richard, Pathfinders' Administrator, deemed the evening a success in terms of the wonderful support they received from businesses, artists and artisans and the number of persons who turned out. But the overall result fell prey to the troubled economy of these times. "Unfortunately, Pathfinders will not be able to give as many scholarships this year as in the past but at least we will be able to do something," said Mrs. Richard. "This year we have more applicants than ever. Fifty-five students have applied as against a normal yearly average of about 30. The very tough process of selection is set to begin very soon, and we will stretch the funds as far as we possibly can," she vowed.

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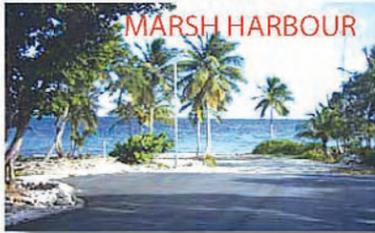
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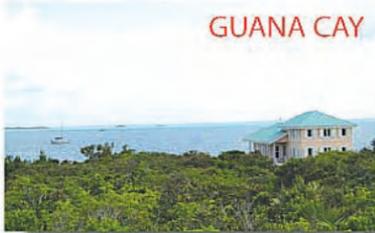
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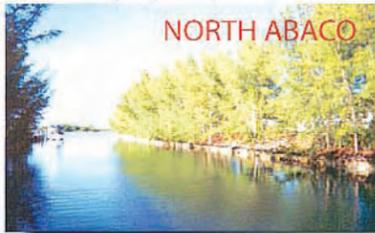
Dolphin Beach Estates
Lot 93A/92B \$169,000



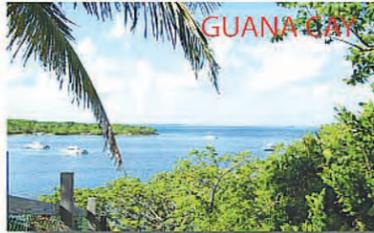
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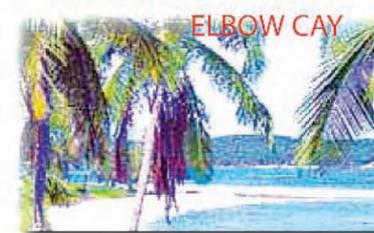
Pelican Shores Harbour
\$1,225,000



Leisure Lee
Lot# 20 \$34,800



Guana Cay Waterfront
Lot# 28 \$299,000



Dorros Cove - Elbow Cay
Lot# 37 \$457,000



Long Beach Lot# 412, #413, 414 \$80,000

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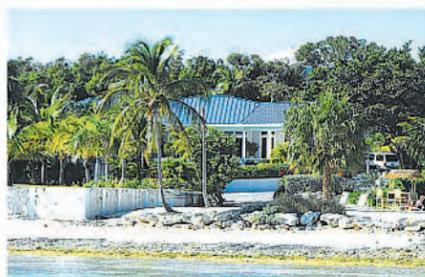
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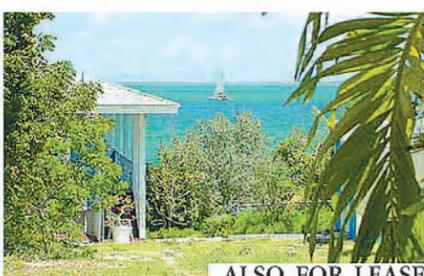
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Heritage

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research,” stated Professor Roberts. “The objective of the DNA project is to support traditional genealogy in matching individuals or families who share direct male or female ancestry and to trace their origins in Africa, Europe and North America.” Professor Roberts demonstrated how the testing works and the science of matching up results and showed pages of his own family ancestors that he has discovered. He encourages people interested in their family tree to get a DNA test which is simply done with a purchased kit and anyone interested can contact Professor Roberts at peterbay@yahoo.com.

Archaeologist Robert Carr, Executive

Director of Archaeological and Historical Conservancy Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the investigation and preservation of archaeological and historical sites in both Florida and The Bahamas, gave an interesting talk on some of his findings.

Mr. Carr has done much work in The Bahamas over the past 20 years and focused his talk mainly on Preacher’s Cave in North Eleuthera which he described as “The Plymouth Rock of The Bahamas” giving some fascinating insights into our buried heritage. A group of settlers desiring religious freedom were shipwrecked off Eleuthera and survived in a cave in the northern part to Eleuthera in the mid-1900s. “Preacher’s Cave became a haven for William Sayles and his band of storm-weary

adventurers who were shipwrecked off Eleuthera after leaving Bermuda.

It is estimated that 150 people eventually lived in the cave and there were several black slaves with them. Water destroys but this cave is dry and so is well preserved,” stated Mr. Carr, who went on to describe the

remains of several Lucayans found in the cave as well as hundreds of pottery shards, tools made from shells and sacred artifacts. “Anything that was once alive can be radiocarbon dated,” explained Mr. Carr. “We have found samples of shells, corn on the cob and charcoal dating back to the 600s and 700s. We have also found the original pulpit rock and two pews cut into the rock showing that this was used as a church.”

Turning his attention to Abaco, Mr. Carr mentioned the excavations he had been doing here last December looking at the first pineapple cannery on Abaco. “We have found evidence of how the cannery was set up and operated and have found channels and artifacts from the 1870s and 80s.

“What can we do now to create a sense of place and connect people to their roots and help them find pride in their community?” he asked. Mr. Carr would like to see all of the historical sites made a central piece of tourism in The Bahamas as he feels that these days people want more than sun and sea and would like to see these sites as part of their vacation experience. The Loyalist settlement at Carlton, for instance, is close to the road and the airport so would be convenient for tourism. Mr. Carr would like to see an archaeological and historical conservancy here as there are a lot of Lucayan sites on Abaco for future excavations.

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Linda Cole, a resident of Elbow Cay, is researching historical records for more information for the extensive geneological records that the museum is amassing. The work was begun many years ago to study the original Hope Town families and their descendants. Now the museum staff would like to expand the records in include many more Bahamian families.



One of the featured speakers at the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum’s Heritage Day was Peter Roberts, left, who is a Genetic Genealogist. He is heading the Bahamas DNA Project that links DNA studies with genealogy. He talked about some of the early results that are bringing out interesting details of the backgrounds of some Bahamian families.



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Lot C 8,800 sf \$35,200 gross	Lot H 12,514 sf \$50,056 gross
Lot D 8,676 sf \$34,700 gross	Lot I 10,474 sf \$41,896 gross
Lot E 12,010 sf \$48,040 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

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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

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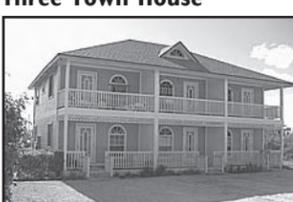
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Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio

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

Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view

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MARINA VIEW VILLA

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TEASURE LANDING

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

ROYAL PALM

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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

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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!

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"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

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Linda Cole, Administrator of the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, is an avid genealogical researcher who spends many hours of every day working on historical records for the museum. During the Heritage Day Fair people were able to visit the stall run by Mrs. Cole and look through albums of numerous family photographs of long ago which were all labeled with names and dates making them very interesting. There were also some extra photographs of people who still need identification, and the occasion was being used to ask people to come forward to see if they could identify any of these persons. On sale was the Dolly Mae genealogy CD and orders were being taken for the new edition of the two volume set of Wyannie Malone and Her Descendants offering the latest and most comprehensive known data documenting the descendants of Wyannie Malone, who settled in Hope Town about 1785.

On the lighter side there were many games including hoopla, lollipop pull, fishing, raffles and a beautiful baby contest. There was the opportunity to dress up as a pirate or in old time costume for a fun photo. Many creative artists were selling their wares, and there were some beautiful crafts for sale including jewelry, artwork and wood turnings as well as family tree T-shirts. When hunger pangs struck, there was no shortage of menu choices to satisfy any appetite. This year many more traditional Bahamian foods were featured. Another innovation this time was the old-fashioned Town Crier in costume with his bell and loud voice announcing where each

of the events was taking place.

During the opening ceremony Mrs. Suzanne Bethel, CEO of the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, stated that Wyannie Malone's dream is now reality in the museum and that this year the committee hopes to be able to pay off the museum's mortgage. She remembered Capt. Leonard Thompson, who passed on last year, a Hope Town native who had always played a part in Heritage Day.

Hope Town may get a community center

By Kerry Sullivan

For years Hope Town residents Monica Cook and Erika Russell have been relentless in their efforts to obtain land on Elbow Cay for a community center. Now, in connection with the planned redevelopment of the old Elbow Cay Club property, their dream could become a reality.

Initially, the ladies focused upon available Crown land as a potential site, but the location and suitability of the available Crown land as well as the difficulties associated dealing with government proved to be roadblocks. Also efforts to obtain a donation of land as a site for the community center from developers or large land owners on the island were not fruitful - until just recently.

As reported last month in The Abaconian, a planning session was held in Hope Town at which community leaders and citizens were invited to participate in the creation of a plan to chart the course for the redevelopment of the old Elbow Cay Club. At that session the participants sought to identify certain needs of the community

which could potentially be met by the development, and Erika presented a case that the residents needed a site for the construction of a community center. The community center would provide a venue for recreational and social activities.

The developers, Hank Hafford, Victor Apat, Phillip Smith and Mark Mason of Charleston, South Carolina, and Greg Graham of Nassau expressed a strong interest in Erika's proposal. The group identified property owned by the developers between Centreline Road and LVA Convenience Store (Lot 40 of New Settlement Subdivision on the Main Road) as an ideal location for the community center.

The developers have now tentatively reserved this property for the community center and it will be conveyed to a non-profit community association after the developers obtain all of their approvals for the development of the old Elbow Cay Club property.

Erika and Monica intend to launch their building fund initiative next month. Suggestions, donations of time, money, materials, and services will be sought. Local architecture apprentice Lafait Alcime has volunteered to assist in the design of

the community center.

Elbow Cay continues to see limited development activity, even in these tough economic times. The developers are installing roads and utilities in what was formerly the Elbow Cay Estates subdivision. The developers, at the suggestion of Hope Town District Council and other community leaders, adopted a Hope Town Local

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Monica Cook and Erika Russell, both residents of Elbow Cay, are holding a plot plan of Elbow Cay Estates subdivision. The subdivision was given approval many years ago but never developed. Now new owners are opening it up ready to sell lots. The developers have agreed to donate a lot to the Hope Town community if they are given permission to redevelop the Elbow Cay Club.



Graham Real Estate This Week



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Agent: June Russell-Albury



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Pelican Shores - Marsh Harbour
Ref #: 4105
Price: \$599,000
Agent: June Russell-Albury

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- Ref# 3520 - Bahama Palm Shores - Ocean View lot \$47,000 - Contact June Russell-Albury
- Ref# 4282 - Lubbers Quarters - On the bay of Abaco \$675,000 - Contact Patti Love
- Ref# 4283 - Lubbers Quarters - Elevated lot with 155 feet of frontage \$99,000 - Contact June Russell-Albury



Great Investment in Marsh Harbour
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Property Purchase Programme and they have sold lots at a discounted rate to local Bahamians who will build homes and start small businesses on the property which is ideally situated between Hope Town settlement and Centreline Road on the Queen's Highway. The developers re-named the former Elbow Cay Estates subdivision New Settlement as their goal is for this property to be an extension of the settlement of Hope Town. The developers have placed restrictions on the property which require architectural review to insure that the property is developed in a manner consistent with Hope Town. The installation of roads and utilities on this property, which sat idle for many years, will make these lots "shovel ready" and provide local Bahamian contractors and their employees with work well into the future as persons gradually construct cottages and small businesses on these properties. Foreign investment in this infrastructure in these difficult times is a strong expression of confidence in the local Bahamian economy.

Thus far the developers have been sensitive to the needs of the community, have fulfilled a need for affordable property and have invested in infrastructure in a way that will stimulate the local economy. It is anticipated that the old Elbow Cay Club project will progress in the same manner.

Auskell Clinic Holds Health Fair on Man-O-War

By Jennifer Hudson

A Health Fair was held for the residents of Man-O-War Cay at the clinic there on March 5 from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. In

keeping with her philosophy of reaching out to the people of Abaco and following the Health Fair at the Auskell Clinic in Marsh Harbour on February 27, Mrs. Angie Collie, Managing Director of the Auskell Advaced Medical Clinic, arranged for a team of medical personnel to visit the cay. Dr. Charite; Nurse Susan Lall; radiographer technician Yasmin Austin; massage therapist Rudell Hall; and clinic secretary Krista Henschell gave advice to the people on health care and gave out free glucometers to individuals with a history of diabetes or who have family members with diabetes to help in controlling and managing the disease. The team carried out free



Radiographer technician Yasmin Austin is shown taking the blood pressure of a Man-O-War resident during a Health Fair held on March 5. Auskell Medical Clinic had several staff members at the Fair to give routine tests and give advice on healthy living.

blood pressure checks, cholesterol tests and glucose and iron checks.

"We had a very good turnout and the people were very welcoming and helpful," said Nurse Lall, who gave special thanks to Sandra Roberts and Ena Thompson for their assistance in getting the supplies from the boat to the clinic. It is in the plans for a doctor and nurse from the Auskell Medical Clinic to make regular twice monthly visits to Man-O-War Cay.

In an ongoing effort to reach out to the community Health Fairs are scheduled by the Auskell Medical Clinic at the following locations:

- Cooper's Town, March 18
 - Fox Town, March 19
 - Crossing Rocks, March 25
 - Sandy Point, March 26
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Hope Town, Green Turtle Cay and Moore's Island; dates will be announced later.

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Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

After a very chilly winter it is nice to welcome spring and warmer weather. March came in like a lamb and with the early change to daylight savings time we have enjoyed beautiful days and evenings for most of the month. It has been very dry and many people had to buy water, but rain finally came with the beginning of spring.

The Green Turtle Cay branch of the Abaco Cancer Society held its second annual Walk-a-thon on March 7th and raised more than \$1000. Friends and supporters ran, walked or rode bikes two or four miles

in support of this very worthy cause. The event was organized by Lynn Johnson and Molly McIntosh. They are also organizing the 3rd Annual Art Show and Auction to be held on April 4th at the Green Turtle Club from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All proceeds from this "Art Splash" will benefit the Abaco Cancer Society.

Beauty Pageant made news

Each year Amy Roberts Primary organizes a fund raiser and raffle to raise funds for the school. This year the organizers decided to add something different to the event. For the first time in its history, Amy Roberts Primary organized a Little Miss and Miss Amy Roberts Primary Pageant and Talent Show. The special event was held on March 14th at Settlement Point.

For weeks leading up to the event 10 girls from 1st to 3rd grade and 5 girls from 4th to 6th grade practiced their talent routine, wrote speeches, made sashes and chose a wardrobe fit for a princess! The day before the event a golf cart parade was organized and the little princesses, dressed in their casual wear, drove through town waving to onlookers. The parade ended at Amy Roberts Primary where the girls posed for photos.

Excitement filled the air on Saturday as tents went up for a changing area for the girls. The stage was decorated with a beautiful backdrop that was hand painted by Mrs. Erin Albury and Mrs. Cami DeMarrion. And then it was show time! Hundreds of people paid the \$3 entrance fee to watch

our first ever beauty pageant. And it was well worth it! The 15 princesses, smartly dressed in their school uniforms, marched on to the stage and introduced themselves. The older contestants vying for the Miss Amy Roberts title delivered speeches on Island Pride. The contestants then showed off their casual outfits before going into the talent segment of the event.

The girls sang, danced, played musical instruments and recited poetry. They all did an excellent job and it was far easier to be a spectator than a judge! As the girls changed to their evening wear, the crowd was entertained by other students who told jokes, sang and danced. Then the girls came on

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Green Turtle Cay residents walked, ran or rode bikes in the second annual Walk-a-thon held to raise money for the Cancer Society, Abaco Branch. It was successful in raising more than \$1000. An Art Show is scheduled to raise more money for this cause.



The PTA of Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay held a Beauty Contest to raise funds for the school. Fifteen girls entered and are shown here in all their fancy clothes. A Little Miss Amy Roberts and a Miss Amy Roberts were selected.



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to the stage all dressed up in their beautiful evening outfits. Each girl was asked an impromptu question by the judges, and their answers proved that these girls are not only beautiful, but very intelligent!

Then came the moment they had all been waiting for – the judges' decision and the presentation of Little Miss and Miss Amy Roberts Primary! In the younger group Little Miss Amy Roberts Primary was won by Makayla McIntosh (2nd grade). The first runner was up Jade Newbold (3rd grade) and the second runner up was Shelby Sawyer (3rd grade). In the older group Miss Amy Roberts Primary was

won by Ashley Sawyer (6th grade). The first runner up was Tanisha Charlton (6th grade) and the second runner up was Rebecca Roberts (6th grade). Every entrant received a certificate of participation and a silver necklace. Bouquets were presented to the finalists and each winner received a bouquet and digital camera. All of the contestants must be commended for doing a wonderful job and reminded that they are all beautiful, intelligent girls!

The PTA sold dinners, conch salad, fritters and desserts throughout the evening and the raffle was drawn after the pageant. Lucky raffle winners walked away with airline tickets, electronics, dinners at local restaurants, tools and jewelry. The evening

ended with a fireworks display. All proceeds will benefit the students.

Parations for Island Roots

With just a few weeks left the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee is very busy organizing the 6th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival to be held May 1st through 3rd at Settlement Point. The 2009 theme is Celebrating t'ings Bahamian. This year the entertainment will include the presentation of Sandra Riley's plays Matt Lowe and Miss Ruby by the Crystal Parrot Players. The plays tell the story of early settlers in The Bahamas and will be performed at Alton Lowe's Gallery on the evenings of April 30 and May 1.

Seating is limited and tickets will be sold in advance.

The festival site will open on Friday at noon and entertainment is scheduled for both days and through the evening. The 2009 festival will offer Bahamian food, crafts and entertainment including the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Marching Band, Junkanoo, The Gully Roosters and Cacique award winner Kirkland Bodie – K.B!

A gospel concert is planned for Saturday afternoon featuring local gospel artists. During the day informative talks will

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be held at the Administrator's Building and speakers include Nancy Albury, Bob Carr, Brian Lapointe, Darius Williams, Sandra Riley, Ricky Johnson and Richard Jones. Genealogy research has been very popular at past festivals and interest continues to grow. This year the committee has secured an air conditioned, quiet area for attendees to sit and talk with Joy Lowe Jossi and her genealogy group. Information will be available at the festival site.

The committee is organizing a raffle and is in the process of securing great raffle prizes. Authentic Bahamian products will be sold at the committee booth and the 2009 commemorative T-shirts will feature original artwork by Giovanni Coakley, a 10th grade student. The very popular character actors will be back again to organize the children's games. For more information on the festival and where to stay visit the website at www.islandrootsheritagefestival.com.

Outstanding students were recognized

On March 12th Abaco's outstanding students were recognized at an Awards Presentation attended by former Senator T. Ricardo Whyly, president of the Outstanding Student Foundation. Among the honorees were 17 students from Green Turtle Cay. Congratulations to Rebecca Roberts and Kai Survance of Amy Roberts Primary, who received the top girl and top boy award at the 6th grade level. The other 15 students are 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at secondary schools on Abaco.

Congratulations to Symone Cooper and Crystal Levarity, both attending Long Bay School; Tycee McIntosh, Shanae Knowles and Whitney McIntosh attending St. Francis de Sales; Karen Curry, Jasmine McIntosh, Heather Sawyer, Felicia Survance and Tyler Survance attending Agape Christian School; Melissa Albury, Sean Heystek, Chamon McIntosh, Denton Sawyer and Nicolas Schrack attending Forest Heights Academy for achieving a GPA of 3.0 and above and being named among Abaco's top students! Keep up the good work!

Personal Notes

Congratulations to Debbie Symonette who celebrated her 50th birthday on March 6th. Family and friends came from all over the Bahamas to help Debbie celebrate at a lovely party at Green Turtle Club. There was a Junkanoo rush followed by the Gully Roosters. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and then danced the night away. Debbie is the bartender at the Green Turtle Club and is a Cacique award winner.

Over the past weeks Abaco has lost many of its senior citizens and some young persons. Green Turtle Cay has not been excluded from the communities that lost loved ones. On March 11 Mrs. Olive Pinder passed away at her daughter's home. Mrs. Pinder was 94 years old. A funeral service was held at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel. Mrs. Pinder is survived by her children and their spouses, Everette and Ella Pinder, Eileen and Earl Russell and Hubert Pinder, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Gay Bootle passed away after a long illness.

Gay was born and raised on Green Turtle Cay, but moved to Central Abaco when she got married. She would return to visit her sisters Violet Smith and Brenda Cooper and her brother Michael Levarity and their families. Gay's funeral was held in Marsh Harbour on March 22.

Mr. Curtis Curry passed away in Florida on March 22 after suffering a massive heart attack. Mr. Curry had a history of heart disease and diabetes, but this never kept him from leading an active life. After his wife died in 2006, Mr. Curry spent his time between GTC and with his family in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Curry was a

community-minded person and would help anyone in any way that he could. There was no appliance or plumbing problem that he would not attempt to fix - and he usually succeeded! This is very important in a small community. Every day he saw that the flags were raised at the public dock and that they were lowered before sunset. He rose early to start the coffee at the "coffee shop," looked forward to afternoon coffee at Plymouth Rock and then on to "the old church steps" to finish his day chatting

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The Green Turtle Club has begun having dinner comedy on some Thursday nights. This has proved to be very popular. Manny Oliveria entertained on March 3 and is shown with some of his appreciative audience, Molly McIntosh, Renee Nesbitt and Lynn Johnson. Mrs. McIntosh and Ms. Johnson are with the Club.



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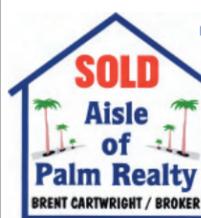
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with friends.

He returned to Florida on March 13th to spend time with his family and for his scheduled doctor's appointments. We never dreamed that he was saying goodbye to us for the last time. He was a generous, helpful man who enjoyed his family and friends. He will be sorely missed! He is survived by his son Curtis Curry, Jr., daughter Kathy Metlinka, daughter-in-law Bobbie Jean, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters and other relatives and friends.

As the days get warmer and longer we can look forward to more activities on Green Turtle Cay. The Green Turtle Club has started a comedy night after dinner on selected Thursdays. Manny Oliveria entertained guests on March 3rd. On March 26 the Green Turtle Club will present renowned Bahamian comedian and former Member of Parliament David Wallace for a performance of *Say 99*. These shows are open to the public and tickets are sold in advance.

Students and teachers are looking forward to their Easter (Spring) Break and then return to school for the last term in the 2008-2009 school year. We are all hoping for a busy summer and spending time with old and new friends.

Earth Day celebrations are planned

By Jennifer Hudson

Earth Day is celebrated annually worldwide and this year on Abaco it will be recognized on April 24 with a school Science Fair organized by the Friends of the Environment. This will be held at the New Vision Ministries from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An invitation has been extended to all of the schools on Abaco to participate in one of the four categories: Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Junior High and Senior High. Each school is allowed one competitive project per category but may present as many display projects as they wish. The sponsors of the winning schools will display the projects in their businesses.

The theme this year will be *Marine Resources*. In support of this theme Friends is hoping that schools will be looking at sea turtles and supporting the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources' proposal

for the enhanced protection of marine turtles in The Bahamas which means no harvesting. These beautiful creatures are globally threatened and endangered. During the month of March Mr. Pedro Baranda, a Marine Mammal Expert and Rescuer from the International Explorers Society, Ltd. in Freeport, has been visiting schools giving a series of talks on turtles. There will also be an interactive display on sea turtles on Earth Day.

The launching of the Race to the Reef Fish Tagging Competition will take place at the Science Fair. This competition is being organized by Dr. Craig Layman of Florida International University and will involve more than 20 students from

schools on Abaco. Prior to Earth Day the students will meet at Camp Abaco where they will do a small surgical procedure on fish to insert a tag which will enable them to track their fish. The fish will be released on April 24 and the competition will run until just before the close of school in June. The winning fish will be those that end up at the reef first and those that travel the furthest distance. The students will catch their own fish to tag and will track them moving through the various habitats. This will help them to understand the different marine habitats and how they are connected.

For more information on any of the projects Friends can be contacted at info@friendsoftheenvironment.org.

Thanks

Sonshine Development Center would like to thank all those who supported us with our first annual walk-a-thon and food sale. We look forward to next year being bigger and better. Thanks you.

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second round.

The general exhibition gave students the chance to show what they were learning



S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town has a goal of planting 1000 trees by next year and is well underway, having planted 300 already. Mr. Theophilus Cox was asked to plant a coconut in a ceremony at the Open House held at the school on March 13. Beside him is Mother Earth who was appealing to everyone to help protect our environment.

in the various departments. An interesting display was that of the Science and Geography Department where they had Mother Nature who humbly requested that people be kinder to their environment and surrounding. Mother Nature can be destroyed by pollution and other harmful devices that are destroying our earth daily. The Home Economics Department had a presentation on cheeses from all over the world. The Math Department and Computer Science did extensive presentations in their field. The Art Department had a booth that featured the paintings and drawings that was created by students. The technical drawing and woodwork departments displayed beautiful furniture that was constructed at the school including a beautiful entertainment center.

Following the exhibition, a play was conducted by the Language Department which was their way to display their talent, and the Music Department displayed its accomplishments throughout the ceremony as students sang selections. Finally, the day had passed by and those in attendance were treated to a musical performance by the New Entry Band who brought everyone to their feet with the musical selection. The second annual Inter-House Competition and Exhibition was a grand success and was enjoyed by all who

attended. It is clear to see that great things are happening at Sherlin Bootle High, and the students are definitely talented and building bright futures.

School League Basketball

By Mirella Santillo

The High School Basketball League initiated inter-school competitions the first

week in February with games held in the in-door Gymnasium at Agape Christian School.

The highlight of the School League competition happened on February 19th. On that day four schools, Agape Christian

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Proposal East Abaco Creeks National Park

The Bahamas National Trust (BNT) in conjunction with Friends of the Environment would like to inform the public that the Proposal for the East Abaco Creeks National Park has been completed with input from the surrounding communities. The proposal will be placed on www.bnt.bs and www.friendsoftheenvironment.org and is open for public comments until May 10, 2009 when it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment. The BNT would also like to ensure the public that we will continue to consult with the community as it relates to the finalization of the boundaries and development of the management plan for this area. All comments/questions can be sent via postal mail, email or fax to the following contacts:

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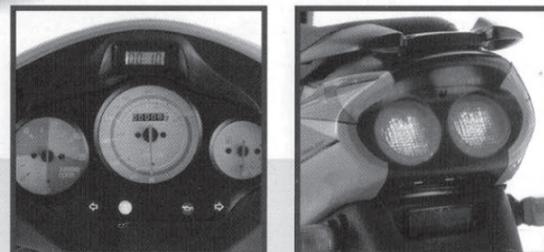


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School, Abaco Central High School, S.C. Bootle High School and Forest Heights Academy competed in 15 games, in Junior and Senior categories, boys and girls.

Great basketball was played that day, urged by coaches screaming advice and cheering fans. The players dashed from one basket to the other, trying to score. The big winner that day was S.C. Bootle High School that won seven out of the 15 games, making it worth the trip to Marsh Harbour. They were watched eagerly and coached during the breaks by Jose Torres and Lyndon Scott.

In second position came Abaco Central High School with four wins, followed by Forest Heights and Agape in a tie with two games each.

Spelling Bee winners are very proud



The Ministry of Education holds Spelling Bees that are open to all schools on Abaco. The Grade 4 Spelling Bee was held on February 13. The First Place Winner was Lazariah McIntosh of the Cooper's Town Primary (left). The Second Place was won by Anna Albury of the Hope Town School (middle), and Third Place was won by Lachelle Lightbourne of St. Francis de Sales (right). The schools participating were Agape Christian, Amy Roberts Primary, Central Abaco Primary, Cherokee Sound Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, Fox Town Primary, Hope Town Primary, Long Bay, James A. Pinder Primary, St. Francis de Sales and Moore's Island All-Age School



The Third Grade Spelling Bee was held on February 27. The winners were First Place Justiss McEwan of St. Francis de Sales School (left), Second Place winner was Duane Johnson of Long Bay School (middle) and in third place was Allaire Johnson of Long Bay School (right). The schools participating were Agape Christian, Long Bay, Cooper's Town Primary, Hope Town, Man-O-War School, St. Francis de Sales, Cherokee Sound, Central Abaco Primary, Fox Town Primary, Amy Roberts Primary and Moore's Island All-Age School.

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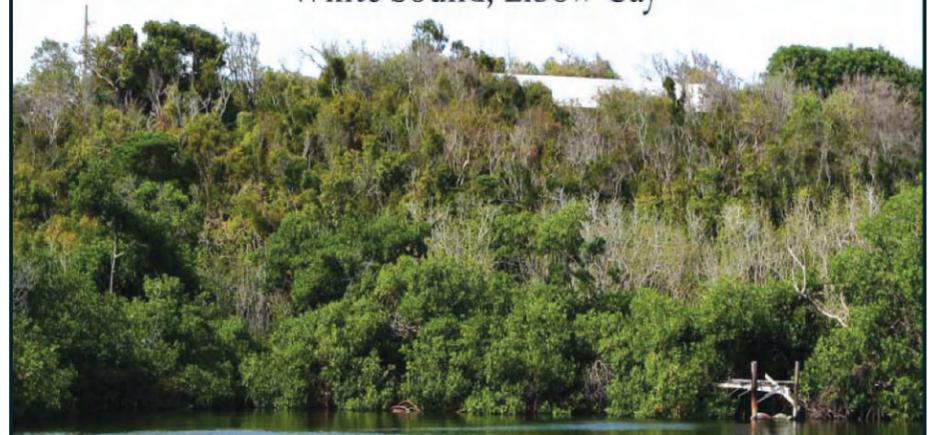
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Outstanding students were recognized

By Mirella Santillo

The Outstanding Student Awards Presentation this year had the theme Keep your eyes on the prize.

It was standing room only at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church where people had gathered on March 12th to witness the presentation of awards to the island's out-

standing students, recognized for their academic and sporting achievements. Over 160 students with a 3.0 GPA or higher were honored during the annual ceremony, most of them accompanied by proud parents and teachers.

The function was coordinated by Mr. William Davis, who acted as MC. The

President of the Outstanding Students Foundation, former Senator Trevor Whilly, came from Nassau to congratulate the students and motivate them to go further. "Students, you are the greatest resource our country will ever have. Students, as you move forward, do not take your eyes of the prize or you will sink. Stay up and stay focus," he urged. The president also conveyed the best wishes of Min. Carl Bethel, who could not attend because of a prior engagement.

The Abaco Education Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, delivered a motivation speech, stating that the students who were

present were there because they had kept their eyes on the prize, but she said, "You can be even better than you are today, if we are to change The Bahamas. When you have committed to excellence, the sky is the limit."

In his speech, Administrator Cephas Cooper gave the students three challenges. "Success, he asked them to remember, is not a destination that you ever reach, but a journey on a road that is always under construction." The second point he wanted them not to forget was, "Education

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Five students of Forest Heights Academy had a perfect 4.0 GPA last year. Two were 12th grade students and were not at the presentation. The three shown here are 11th graders Austin Koepp and Amy Mackey and 10th grader Pamela Smith. With them are Chief Councillor Cubell Davis, Abaco Education Superintendent Lenora Black and Administrator Cephas Cooper.



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without character is nothing. Good manners will take you farther in life than any degree," and thirdly he told them to remember, "God has a bigger plan in store for every one of you."

Each student was presented with a trophy, one six grade student from Wesley College and two sixth grade students from each of the other schools both private and public. All the high schools on the island were represented by students with high GPA's. Among them five Forest Heights Academy students, Pamela Smith, Austin Koepp, Amy Mackey, Taj Anderson and Nasasha Bootle received a special award for a 4.0 GPA. A few others came close, Wesley Lowe from Agape with a 3.95

point average; Tirshatha Etienne from Long Bay with a 3.89 average and Leann Albury with an average of 3.92; two students from Agape Christian School, Felicia Survance and Bianca Albury with 3.85 and Alexis Albury from Forest Heights with a 3.90 average.

Abaco Central High School's Simon Senat and Sasha Davis, Long Bay's Federo Swain and Ladrisha Reckley and Agape Christian School's Ashley Carrol, Blair Saunders and Chrispen Clarke were rewarded for their sporting achievements.

Central Abaco Primary won General Knowledge Competition

By Mirella Santillo

At a special assembly on March 23rd six Central Abaco Primary School students were recognized for winning the

General Knowledge Competition for their age group. The competition which was organized by the Ministry of Education took place on March 20th at St. Andrews Methodist Church.

Questions concerning science, social studies, language arts and religious education were asked by Education Administrator, Mr Kenneth Romer.

Lauren Octavien, Ethanique Bain, Vine-sha Larose, Isaiah Seymour, Desmondo Bootle and Kenston Gedeon comprised the winning team. During the same assembly, 21 children were recognized as students of the month. They were praised for their academic performance, attendance, appearance, conduct and punctuality.

Second Term winners received trophies



The Abaco District Second Term Competition for 2009 had three winners. First Place winner was Ginelle Longley of Central Abaco Primary School, left. Second Place went to Kadesha Canton of Central Abaco Primary School, center, and Third Place winner was Shawntalay McDonald of St. Francis de Sales, right. The schools that competed were Agape Christian,

Central Abaco Primary, Hope Town School, Fox Town Primary, Treasure Cay Primary, James A. Pinder, St. Francis de Sales and Moore's Island All Age.



The Abaco District Education office held a General Knowledge Competition on March 20. The first place winner was the team from Central Abaco Primary School. Seven schools participated in the competition, Central Abaco Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, Crossing Rock Primary, Cyber Learning Center, Man-O-War School, Moore's Island All-Age and St. Francis de Sales. Four of the six winners are shown here with their individual trophies and the trophy that the school received.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

A Wedding By The Beach

Don Sawyer married Sherry Albury on the beach near The Spit in Cherokee Sound on March 7. Don has been a fisherman all his life and still practices his trade. Sherry is from Murphy Town but has lived in Cherokee for several years. She has one child a little girl named Melissa who attends Cherokee Primary School. The ceremony was performed by Roland Swain, an uncle of the bride. A reception was held afterwards at the community center for family and friends.

Another Accident

Scott Albury, a Yellow Wood resident, along with a two workmates were involved in an accident on dreaded Friday the 13th in their Marco company truck while on their way to a job. As far as we know no other vehicles were involved in the accident and Scott and one of the other men received only minor injuries, but it could have been much worse.

Sandbar To Open Again

Cherokee's one and only restaurant and bar will open for the season on April 4. It will open Saturdays and Sundays for lunch only from 11:30 a.m. till at 3:30 p.m. The food is always delicious and the scenery is breathtaking. So if you would like to enjoy a real island experience and some authentic island atmosphere, you should try it out.

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An Open House was held on March 6 when parents were invited during the afternoon to view their children's workbooks, folders and various projects. It was great

to see the parents interacting with the children doing activities like writing roman numerals, making numbers and finding weather words in a printed word field. I think some of the parents and grandparents stayed longer than they had intended, which was a good thing.

On Friday the 13th there was a parents/family night at the W.W. Sands Community Center. It was an exciting fun-filled evening with much laughter. The main event was a game "How well do you know your parents and how well do they know you?" Children and parents were given a questionnaire to fill out prior to the event. Some of the questions were "What is your child's favorite color?" and "Who's the cook in your house?" Some of the answers were totally unexpected and brought the house down with laughter. I think everyone had a very good time. There were a few other games where the parents and children competed against each other. Light refreshments were served immediately afterwards.

Students from grades 4, 5 and 6 took part in a mathematics competition on March 6th in Marsh Harbour. They had an interesting time, although they did not win. There was a lot of talk afterwards about being put in the front row where everyone could see them (and they were obviously a little shy) as well as not having enough time to figure out the answer, yet feeling that they knew the answer but didn't get enough time to actually give an answer to the question. All in all the experience was enriching and our kids will benefit from the exposure to other students and other schools.

A beach clean-up took place on the 14th of March. A very small group showed up,

but we are pleased to say we only collected one large bag and some odd pieces of miscellaneous debris.

Miss Lowe said she couldn't wait for Local Government to move the Dump Site - it is going to take months of clean-up and restore that area to anywhere near its original state. She is very in-tune with local environmental conditions and is always urging her students to be more ecologically responsible.

The student body is practicing for the up-coming Talent Show in April.

Fairwell to two old friends

Charles Dewight Sawyer passed away peacefully at the hospital in Freeport after suffering from breathing problems. Born to Stanley Sawyer and Lottie Pinder on

June 9, 1929, he married the love of his life, Movena Sands, in 1950 in Cherokee Sound, Abaco. They had three children, Stephanie, Catherine and Maxwell, who still reside in Cherokee. He worked at the sugarcane mill on Abaco and moved to Grand Bahama when the mill closed down where he worked as a Warehouse Manager for G.B. Millwork. The family stayed in Freeport for many years but returned to their family home in Cherokee about 20 years ago. His wife predeceased him, but he continued to reside in Cherokee with his oldest daughter.

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Police Crime Report

Stolen Vessel Recovered - During the early morning hours on Thursday, 12th March 2009, the police received a report of a stolen vessel in Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay. The Police were able to track this 33' white Hydra Sport vessel and at about 8:00 am the vessel was spotted by a Defence Force patrol craft some 15 miles south of New Providence with three [3] male occupants onboard.

Officers on the Defence Force craft pursued the vessel but the culprits ran the vessel aground on the southern end of New Providence and fled in nearby bushes. The vessel was processed by Scenes of Crime Officers and later returned to the owner. Investigations continue in this matter.

Stolen Vessel Recovered - On Saturday, 14th March 2009 at about 9:30 am, a caretaker from Hope Town contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that sometime between 12:30 am and 9:00 am on the aforementioned date, person(s) unknown stole a white 34 ft. vessel from a marina in Hope Town.

Police investigators arrived in Hope Town shortly thereafter and began enquiries into this matter. Acting on information received, Police investigators proceeded to Snake Cay where they found the vessel in the creek area of Snake Cay Abaco, intact

and in good working condition. The vessel was towed inland and later processed by Scenes of Crime Officers. Investigations continue in this matter.

Housebreaking and Stealing - On Tuesday March 10, 2009 at about 5:00 pm, a resident of Seven Hills, Cooper's Town reported to the Cooper's Town Police Station that sometime between 8:30 am and 12:00 pm on the aforementioned date, persons unknown broke and entered his residence and stole an assortment of grocery items.

Police investigations into this matter led to the arrest of a resident from Cooper's Town. The suspect was later interviewed by the Police and charged before the Courts.

Drug Arrests - During the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2009, Police arrested several suspects for Possession of Dangerous Drugs.

All suspects were interviewed by Police and charged before the Courts.

Police Court Report

The following information on convictions in the Abaco Magistrate's Court has been provided to The Abaconian newspaper by the police for the period February 26 - March 18, 2009.

Arah Brown, a resident of Murphy Town was arraigned on February 26, 2009 in the Magistrate's Court on the charge of Causing Harm. Police court dockets state that on 24th February 2009, Arah Brown intentionally and unlawfully caused harm to a Police Officer while the Officer was acting in the execution of his duty. Arah Brown pleaded guilty and thereafter was sentenced to three (3) months imprisonment at Her Majesty's Prison.

Eldris Leary of Dundas Town was arraigned on March 10, 2009 before the Magistrate's Court, Marsh Harbour on the charge of Stealing. Police reports state that on 08th March 2009, Eldris Leary stole a handbag containing cash, the property of a resident in the Mudd, Abaco. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$450.00 or two (2) months imprisonment.

Jean Nixon Louis of Murphy Town, Abaco was found guilty on March 11, 2009 and convicted in the Magistrate's Court,

Marsh Harbour. Police Court Dockets state that on Sunday, November 9, 2008 Jean Nixon Louis intentionally and unlawfully caused harm to a female resident of Murphy Town. He was sentenced to nine (9) months at Her Majesty's Prison.

McTair Major of South Beach, New Providence and Dellon Miller of Kenwood Street, New Providence were arraigned on March 16, 2009 in the Magistrate's Court, Marsh Harbour on the charge of Vagrancy. Police court dockets state that on Friday 13th March 2009 at about 2:25 am, both suspects were found by police loitering in the area of Harbour View Marina, East Bay Street, Marsh Harbour with the intent to commit an offence. Both suspects pleaded guilty and were fined \$50.00 each by the Courts.

Jarvago Cooper of Cooper's Town,

Please see **Crime**

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Police Crime Report cont.

Crime *From Page 18*

Abaco was found guilty on March 18, 2009 and convicted in the Magistrate's Court, Marsh Harbour on the charge of Assisting in Illegal Landing. Police Court Dockets state that on November 23, 2007 Jarvago Cooper was found in South Abaco along with ten (10) illegal Chinese Immigrants. He was sentenced to two (2) years imprisonment at Her Majesty's Prison.

Editor - In keeping with the new policy of only reporting the Abaco crimes which are successfully resolved by the police, we have been furnished with the above information for the period of January 1 through March 22. Information on other incidents occurring during this period has not been released and would include two boats stolen in Marsh Harbour and recovered soon after in Murphy Town. A third stolen boat was found in Freeport.

Airport Status concerns Abaco Chamber

Marsh Harbour's new runway has remained closed to aircraft since the paving was completed in September of last year. Various rumors relate to the reasons why the runway remains closed but no official statement has been given.

During the monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber on March 18, the runway was the main topic. It was resolved to make an inquiry to the Prime Minister's office on the airport status.

It is understood that the Marsh Harbour airport is for VFR operations only, Visual Flight Rules, so the absence of lights should not be a factor. Emergency night flights could still operate on the present runway which does have lights and are turned on only by request for a specific flight.

Abaco's busy season is approaching and the directors felt that opening the new runway may encourage additional flights into the airport. Some high performance aircraft refuse to land on the present runway due to

its rough surface and a dip in the pavement close to the landing spot on the western end. This presents a very serious danger to planes that land at higher speeds.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

Answer to puzzle on page 21.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON UNAUDITED RESULTS DECEMBER 31, 2008

Commonwealth Bank was able to report solid results for 2008, notwithstanding the global economic crisis and recession in the United States. Net Income for 2008 exceeded \$49 million, up marginally from \$48.5 million in 2007. Total Assets at December 31, 2008 exceeded \$1.3 billion, an increase of nearly \$150 million or 12% more than 2007.

The fact that the Bank was able to report improved income over 2007 is a reflection of the prudent management taken over the last few years by the Bank. Nevertheless, the Bank is not immune from the economic downturn that is facing the world. In recognition of this, the Bank has taken further conservative steps in increasing loan loss reserves carried on the Balance Sheet. While our non-performing loans increased to 1.7% of the loan portfolio from 1.5% in 2007, they were more than fully covered by loan loss reserves and the ratio compares extremely favourably with an industry average of 6.3% as reported by the Central Bank at November 2008. The financial success is derived from a focus on customer needs, as evidenced by the Bank's assistance programs in the fourth quarter of the year, designed to help customers impacted by the declining economy.

In 2008, the Bank has shared its success with its stakeholders, increasing its quarterly dividends to 5 cents per share per quarter, up from 4 cents per share per quarter in 2007. The Bank paid dividends during the year totaling 31 cents per share, up from 26 cents per share paid in 2007.

Return on Equity (R.O.E.) and Return on Assets (R.O.A.), commonly used ratios to measure bank performance remained strong in 2008. R.O.E. was 35%, unchanged from 2007, while R.O.A. was still strong and above industry performance of 3.5%, although down from 3.8% in 2007. Our overall efficiency ratio, which takes into consideration our non-interest expenses, compared to the Bank's revenue generation was 43%, a further improvement over 2007.

The Bank commenced construction on its Prince Charles Drive Branch in 2008 and we expect construction to be completed in the third quarter of 2009. The environment we face today is a challenging one with the Board and senior management committed to executing a strategic and business plan designed to achieve the financial objectives they have identified. The Bank will also work closely with government and other agencies who undertake operational and structural opportunities designed to expand the Bahamian economy. Our business confidence has in the past remained solid and we are confident it will continue, as we continue to expand our branch network and product mix to meet the requirements of Bahamians.

I would like to express my appreciation to the individual Directors for their contribution and on behalf of the Board, I thank the personnel throughout the Bank who continue to contribute to the growth and success of the Bank.

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T.B. Donaldson
Chairman

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	2008	2007
ASSETS (\$'Millions)	1,323	1,179
NET INCOME (\$'Millions)	49	48
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$'Millions)	43	42
EPS (IN CENTS) BASIC AND FULLY DILUTED	44	43
RETURN ON EQUITY	35%	35%

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Chairman

N.B. A full set of audited financial statements will be published within the time frame established by BISX.



Dundas Town Committee

By Mirella Santillo

The Dundas Town Committee meeting on March 3rd began with a presentation from two Central Pines' residents, Mrs. Bernadette Hall and Mrs. Anita Altidor, who represented the residents of that area and had concerns about several problems that had recently arose. Mrs. Hall said that the garbage collection had been erratic, no schedule being maintained. She stated that the side streets had not been mowed or cleaned regularly and that a washing machine was lying near a culvert on Morning Glory Circle; that several street signs that had been blown down and had not been re-installed. She mentioned having contacted the Ministry of Works and the local office of Environmental Health regarding the car repair that was going on in the area and the number of stray dogs on the streets.

Local Government at Work

Her last point was wanting to get in touch with the persons responsible for developing a community park. She said that the residents of Central Pines were willing to work with the Dundas Town Committee towards the up-keep of their area.

A Dundas Town Committee member blamed stray dog on owners allowing their animals to wander and suggested putting to sleep all the dogs found not confined on a rope or in a fenced-in yard. The Chairman assured Mrs. Hall that the Committee would work with Central Pines residents to resolve some of the issues. It was agreed that clearing would start on the land assigned for the park beginning with a trail for a nature walk. The Administrator suggested that a conceptual plan with an artistic rendition stating the short term and long term scope be submitted to the Committee. He reminded the committee that Local Government was in charge of parks.

A discussion centered on the denial of the capital expenditure budget by the Of-

fice of the Prime Minister. Chairman Cay Mills mentioned that the Prime Minister had agreed to give the Committee another chance to properly document the proposed capital expenditure for the township. Administrator Cooper suggested identifying small projects. The construction of three stalls at Ocean View park, the building of sidewalks on Forest Drive, the erecting of a seawall at Brown's Bay and the landscaping of that area as well as purchasing of the Burial Society building were immediately mentioned. One member objected that the stalls at Ocean View Park would probably be rejected and suggested that the money for that project be used instead for the Central Pines' park.

The bulk of the discussion concerned the renovation and the purchase of the Burial Society building. Mr. Mills suggested calling a general community meeting to find out the wishes of the Dundas Town residents concerning that building that would be used as a community center.

Cedar Harbor is planning Homecoming and Easter Festival

By Vernique Russell

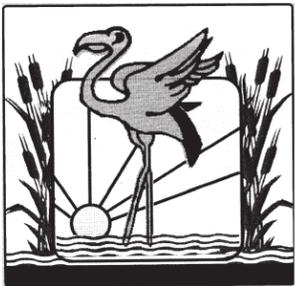
The Homecoming committee of the annual Homecoming and Easter celebration in Cedar Harbour is proud to announce the dates for their annual homecoming on April 10th to 13th. This year's festivities will include lots of entertainment and socializing time, as residents of North Abaco attend to be a part of the festivities.

Among the line up of entertainment is a gospel concert, Bahamian music concert and a talent showcase. Person attending can enjoy games and feast on delicious dishes. The committee extends a special invitation to the residents of Abaco to attend. It is one where the whole family can participate so bring the entire family to celebrate with the residents of Cedar Harbour.

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4. Lot (50'x100') w/building 1,912sq. ft. -Deveaux; St (Appraised Value \$189,000.00)
5. Lots #29 & #30, (50'x100'), Blk #47 w/building 1,140,sq.ft, Matthew St, Nassau Village (Appraised Value \$145,000.00)
6. Lots #5 & #6 (1 50'x 100') w/hse-Silver Palm Ln, Imperial Park (Appraised Value \$313,650.00)
7. Lot #135 (50'x90') w/hse 1,342sq. ft.-Sunflower (south) Sunshine Park Sub Hse #8 (Appraised Value \$139,000.00)
8. Lot #11 (107'x 100') w/hse 2,026sq. ft., Sunset Ridge Dr, Sunset Ridge Sub, Hse #28 (Appraised Value \$206,000.00)
9. Vacant lot #302 (8,500sq. ft.) more or less-Rugby Ave, Winton Meadows Sub #2 (Appraised Value \$85,000.00)
10. Lot #176 (41'x113') w/hse 903sq. ft.-Old Cedar St, Yellow Elder (Appraised Value \$65,000.00)
11. Lots #3 & #4, Blk #47 (50'x100') w/ duplex & retail shop 1,532sq. ft.-Forbes St, Nassau Village (Appraised value \$120,000.00)

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13. Lot 4,344sq. ft. w/duplex building 1,174 sq. ft.-Fresh Creek Andros (Appraised Value \$94,640.00)

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15. Vacant lot #39, Blk #9 (14,397sq. ft.) Yorkshire Dr, Bahamia West Replat, Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$25,000.00)
16. Vacant Lot #8 Blk #12, Unit #3 (11,250sq. ft.)-Henny Ave, Derby Sub, Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$65,000.00)
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20. Vacant lot #13, Blk #59, Unit #3 (22,752sq. ft.) 45' on canal front-Dagenham Circle & Ingrave Dr, Emerald Bay Sub, Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$110,000.00)
21. Vacant lot #21, Blk #3 (14,161sq. ft.) Waterfall Dr, Seahorse Village Sub, Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$40,000.00)
22. Lot #15, Blk 15 Unit #3 (90'x125') -Derby Sub, Grand Bahama (Appraised value \$23,000.00)
23. Vacant lot #25, Blk #15 (17,866 sq ft)- Cutwater Ln, Shannon Country Club Sub, Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$38,000.00)
24. Vacant lot #489 section 2B

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- 52' (1979) Hatteras vessel (MV Buddy)
- 51' (1981) Defender vessel (Equility)
- 80' Custom steel hull vessel (Miss Kristy)
- 94' Steel hull Gulf Coast shrimp trawler vessel (1980) with (2) Volvo diesel engines (Sweet Charlotte)
- 122' Single screw steel hull (1960) MV Lisa J III, vessel has a new engine requiring installation and can be viewed at Bradford Marine, Grand Bahama
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- 68' (1989) Desco Marine vessel (Sweet Dreams)

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South

From Page 18

Dewight enjoyed meeting and talking with old friends, all of whom will miss his smiling face and congenial laugh. May he rest in peace.

Irene Annis Sawyer (nee Roberts) passed away after being in a coma. She had been confined to her bed for more than a year as a result of broken bones. Born in Cherokee Sound on August 17th, 1917, she married Charles Hamilton Sawyer in 1936 and they had two boys, Byron, who passed away over 20 years ago at 50 years of age, and Benjamin Noel, who works on the Duke and still resides in Cherokee with his wife and family. Ms. Annis lived in the family home alone after her husband's death in the same year as their

oldest son. However, she moved into a separate apartment her grandson built for her after Hurricane Floyd made her own home uninhabitable.

Ms. Annis, though bedridden for such a long period of time, kept a good outlook on life and was always cheerful. She kept a keen eye on the comings and goings of the community through her window where she could see the road. An active churchgoer until being confined to her bed, Ms. Annis had many friends and many frequent visitors to her sickroom. We are slowly losing all our old timers, and Ms. Annis was definitely a Bright Star that will surely be missed by all who knew her.

Thanks from Joe Sawyer

Greetings and Best Wishes to all my friends in Nassau and Abaco who stood by us during my operation and thank you for all your support after my operation.

To the Rotary Club of Nassau and The Abaco Club, thanks a million. May God bless you all as you help people in their time of need.

Now to the people of Nassau and Abaco who supported us with love, gifts, and also for those who came by the hospital to visit. Lillian Martin, thank you for flying into Nassau just to come by and check on me. God bless you, my child, and I would also like to thank Taxi #198 Donna Bain, Taxi #152 - Special K with her love and gifts. God bless you and bless Kettie Island Girl. Sister Angelina Cooper who came by the hospital every evening to visit. Seeing someone from home makes you feel at home. Special thanks to Yvonne Sawyer who made us feel at home in her own house. God bless you, my daughter, and also Emely Ferguson, who drove Unamae to the hospital every evening for two and a half weeks. God bless you, my daughter.

Special thanks to my Superintendent, Patrick Paul, Assembly of God in the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Island. Pastor Stafford Symonette and Minister Lucy Symonette of Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay, Pastor

Deon Gibson and the church family in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Thanks to Sister Jackie Estevez and her concert committee at the church for helping us with our medical expenses etc. Pastor Clint Laroda and his New Direction Group from Full Gospel Church in Treasure Cay, God bless you and keep on singing for Jesus until he says to you, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

Pastor Irine Russell of Kemp Road Assembly of God and Minister Knowles from Bethany Assembly in Nassau, who came every Sunday and prayed with me.

To all the churches and pastors that are praying for us, please continue to keep us in prayer. "Peter therefore was kept in prison but prayer was made without ceasing of the church God for Peter." Acts 12:5 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Last but certainly not the least, Kenneth Murray Jr. from Murray's Soul Food, the best souse on the island and also Mr. and Mrs. Nikolia Sawyer and Clint Sawyer, also Mr. George Capeon of Nassau.

Rev. Copeland Morley and Alice Morley, who flew in just for the day. He stopped by the hospital and prayed with me.

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for all the love, gifts, and support.

Sudoku puzzle - No math required

The numerals 1-9 must appear only once in:
 • each 9-block square
 • each row
 • each column
 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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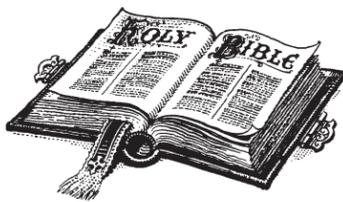
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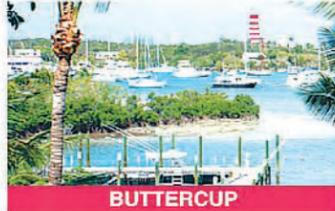
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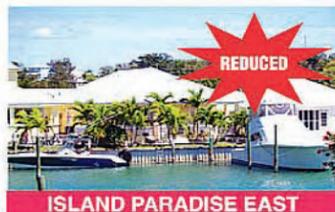
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