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Bahamian culture is portrayed Friday nights Junkanoo, dancing, music, fashion and food all make up Summer Festival

By Samantha V. Evans

Food, fun and family filled the atmosphere during the third week of Junkanoo Summer Festival. As before, the Ministry of Tourism did not disappoint the crowd as locals and tourists alike danced all night to the Junkanoo beat. Two craft stalls were on hand for those persons wishing to purchase souvenirs and guests had numerous choices as to how to whet their palate. On June 26th Goombay Park came alive once again as the best of the best were present to entertain. Starting off the evening was Sound Effects with soft easy listening music for those persons who arrived right at 6 p.m. As the evening went on, the guests had an opportunity to take part in ring play, limbo, a Bahamian dance competition, and Abaco trivia. Persons to answer questions right about things Abaco received a T-shirt from the Ministry of Tourism.

Later T-Time Rake and Scrape Band rocked the crowd by playing sweet Bahamian hits and oldies. Following them, a native fashion show was held hosted by Fashion Gal Boutique. The girls modeled casual and smart casual wear that were not only cool but sexy. The fashion show was entertaining and revealing as locals now know where to shop for the latest hottest fashions. According to Ms. Farrington, she has been hosting fashion shows with Tourism for the past three years and has

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Junknaoo is always a favorite part of Junkanoo Summer Festival. These youngsters are part of the Spring City Rockers who performed at the Festival on June 26. The Abaco office of the Ministry of Tourism scheduled Summer Festivals for four consecutive Friday nights and will conclude on July 3. Bahamian entertainment continues from sundown for several hours and includes bands, dancing, a fashion show and Bahamian food.

North Abaco Fishing Cooperative receives grant

Leon Pinder, President of the North Abaco Fishing Cooperative, is signing the papers for the cooperative to receive a grant from the International Development Bank for \$150,000 for building a marine store and for developing a fish processing plant. It is thought that there is the potential for doubling the export of marine products from North Abaco with good management, training and marketing. Signing on behalf of the IDB is Oscar Spencer, right, the IDB's country representative. The signing took place in a ceremony in Crown Haven on June 27. See story on page 7.



36th Independence Celebration Schedule

Island-wide activities

July 3 through 11

See page 6 for details

Pathfinders announces scholarship recipients



Seven students were awarded scholarships by the Abaco Pathfinders Foundation Board. Five of them are pictured here: Pareece Moss, Adrianna Phillpot, Taj Anderson, Shalna Blanc and Elaine Fenelus. Not pictured are Nasasha Bootle and Ron Kawalram. On the left is the Administrator for Pathfinders, Leazona Richard, and on the right is Michael Albury, Chairman of the Pathfinders' Board.

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Junkanoo attracts visitors and locals

Junkanoo *From Page 1*

been working with the same five models for the past two years. These models have been trained under her and she uses them in all of her shows. The girls modeling were: Raven Albury, Britteny Archer, Patricia Curry, and Bianca Lowe.

As has become customary at the Junkanoo Summer Festival, a local Junkanoo group gives the crowd a taste of the Junkanoo parade with their pulsating drums and rhythmic cowbells and horns. This night the Spring City Rockers did not disappoint as they had all of this along with beautifully crafted costumes; some in the colors of the American and Canadian flags and others depicting an Asian theme. With all of this combined, the local Junkanooers were both pleasing to

the eyes and ears. Following this explosive rush on the grounds, the Obeah man and Fire dancer took the stage. Metellus Chipman and Fontella Chipman (cousins) were raised in a family of entertainers with grandparents and parents being very actively involved in Bahamian dance and music. Grandfather John "Chippy" Chipman is known around The Bahamas for his drum playing skills and famous drums that he makes for many of the major Junkanoo groups.

When Metellus took the stage, he amazed some and frightened others, but his dance depicts a great part of the Bahamian culture. He has won numerous awards locals and internationally for performing this same dance. Fontella is

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Boating visitors go by dinghy to Goombay Park to enjoy Junkanoo Summer Festival. They usually leave before dark to return to their boats.



Cartoon characters entertained, especially appealing to the large crowd of children in the audience. They included Dora, Diago, Boots, Hello Kitty, Sponge Bob and Spider Man. This year for the first time visitors were offered samples of Bahamian desserts and herb teas.



The St. John Anglican Drama Group put on a skit at the June 19 Junkanoo Summer Festival.

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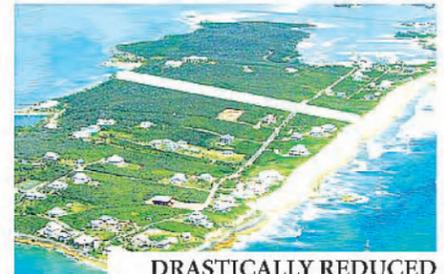
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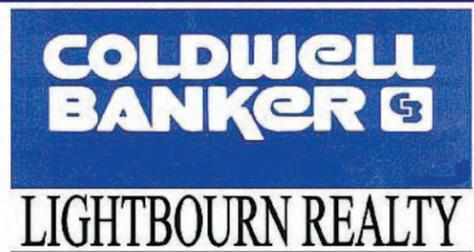
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Entertainment at the Summer Festival varies each week

Junkanoo

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a gifted dancer who performs her craft with great confidence. She involved the crowd in her performance to assure them that the fire cannot harm her or them. The crowd loved it as usual. The final two performers of the evening were Terez Hepburn and Kirk "KB" Bodie, two of the top Bahamian singers of our time. When they took the stage, the crowd erupted with excitement as they do know how to please an audience. Whether singing individually or together, they have great chemistry and stage presence. Both of these singers have performed on the "Best of the Best" albums and won many awards for their performances. Thanks to the Abaco Tourism Office, the night was a great success in spite of an early evening squall.



Here are three of the models who are regulars at the Junkanoo Summer Festival. The exciting clothing comes from Island Girl Boutique managed by Phillipa Farrington.



The Junkanoo costumes of the Spring City Rockers featured the flags of the US and Canada as well as Oriental themes.



Many of our visitors enjoy trying the limbo. Here Tourism staff member Bernadette Hall holds the one end of the limbo pole.



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July 5	3:30 pm	Ecumenical Church Service Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Treasure Cay
July 8	All day	T-shirt Day
July 9	6 pm - Midnight	Cultural Extravaganza Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour featuring the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, Police Parade, Bands, Fashion Show, Drama Skit, Dance Groups, Junkanoo, culminating in Flag Raising at midnight
July 10		Individual Town Activities Check with your town leaders for details
July 11	6 am	Health Walk Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour to airport round-about and back to the clinic



Heads of government agencies met on June 24 to plan the island-wide Independence celebrations to be held from July 3 through 11. They are shown here at the Ministry of Education conference room.

Grant will benefit North Abaco Fishing Cooperative

The North Abaco Fishing Cooperative, The Bahamas' only fishing cooperative, received a grant of \$150,000 from the International Development Bank in a short ceremony on June 27 in Crown Haven. The North Abaco Cooperative Society Limited was formed in 1997 to assist and empower fishermen to better their profession and their greater community. This grant, augmented with \$65,000 from the cooperative society, will be used to enhance the ability of the cooperative to assist their members in managing their resources and producing a product to be competitive in the export market.

The government of The Bahamas and the IDB are looking at this project to be a model to be replicated on other Bahamian islands. It was emphasized repeatedly that the old ways of harvesting, preparing and selling fish locally are not suitable for the export trade world-wide. The resources must be managed and processed to interna-

tional standards.

The North Abaco Fishing Cooperative has 80 members and was chosen as they had demonstrated their vision to move their profession forward. They are constructing a marine store on property in Wood Cay purchased in 2006 to supply their members with needed marine and fishing supplies at preferential prices. Construction of the marine store is underway now. The cooperative is investigating the possibility of establishing its own processing plant.

It was said that the Bahamas exported \$92 million in marine products in 2007 with North Abaco being responsible for \$6 million of that total. It is envisioned that exports from this area could be doubled with assistance in management, training, harvesting, processing, funding and marketing.

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This is the beginning of a marine shop constructed by the North Abaco Fishing Cooperative to offer supplies and equipment to fishermen at reduced cost. A grant given the group by the International Development Bank will assist in moving to a new level.

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Co-op *From Page 6*

This is the first grant by the IDB to the Bahamas Family Islands since 1980 when a grant was extended to a project on South Andros.

Mr. Leon Pinder, President of the co-operative, signed on behalf of his organization and Mr. Oscar Spencer signed the agreement as the country representative for the IDB.

Dr. Marikis Alvarez of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture, IICA, spoke on the need to pass fish-

ing skills and management practices on to the younger generation in order to perpetuate the industry and sustain their marine heritage.

After a short break, a workshop was conducted by Michael Baptiste and Chester Benbridge, training specialists with the IDB.

The signing took place at the Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven and was hosted by Rev. Burnell Parker. Rev. Parker is also vice president of the cooperative. Mrs. Cleola Pinder is an active director of the Cooperative.



The Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven hosted the North Abaco Fishing Cooperative for the signing for a grant from the International Development Bank for \$150,000. The co-op will use it to develop its fishing industry with training, management and better marketing.

7 students receive scholarships

On June 20 seven additional students joined the ranks of those who have been supported financially by the Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation. The foundation began assisting students in 2001, and each year it has added to its numbers. In this short space of time Abaco Pathfinders has assisted over 100 students seeking tertiary education.

The day was one of celebration as Administrator Leazona Richard announced the recipients. They are Taj Anderson, Shalna Blanc, Nasasha Bootle, Elaine Fenelus, Adrianna Phillpot, Pareece Moss and Ron Kawalram. This year a record number of 55 students applied for assistance and after an extensive interview process, these seven students were selected. The Selection Committee was made of college professors, businessmen and high school educators. Their task was difficult, and the choices they made were not easy.

Michael Albury, Chairman of the Abaco Pathfinder's Board, shared with the audience that Pathfinders came into existence because a group of ordinary people sought a way to help the future of Abaco. He shared how much effort goes into raising the funds at the annual auction. He described how it would not be possible without the awesome support of individual Abaconians,

businesses and our second homeowner community. He planted an idea of past recipients starting an alumni scholarship someday. He encouraged the students to remember the feeling they had when they got their scholarship so that when they are financially able to contribute, they can pass this blessing on to someone else.

In addition to these seven students, Abaco Pathfinders is still supporting some 20 students in later stages of their college careers. Some attended the reception and offered words of advice and encouragement to the students that are going off to college for the first time. The room was filled with well wishers.



Three years ago Pathfinders' Board decided to create an award in memory of the late Monty Albury of Hope Town, who is remembered as being a wonderful businessman, community builder and family man. The Selection Committee chooses from among the interviewees a student who they feel has stood out both in academics and involvement in the community. This year's recipient was Adrianna Phillpot of Man-O-War Cay. She is shown being awarded by the sons of the late Monty Albury - Bradley and James Albury.

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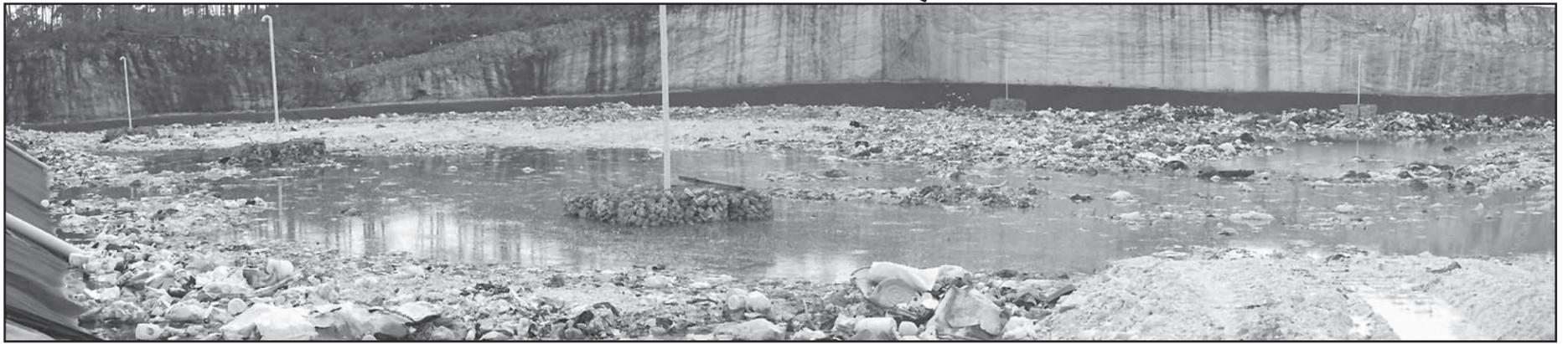
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The Editor Says . . . Our sanitary landfill overflows



Last fall Abaco's new sanitary landfill was put into operation. A contractor was chosen to spread, compact and cover the refuse. Burning would be a thing of the past with no more smoke and noxious fumes. The contractor's staff would be responsible to direct incoming refuse, tires, etc. to the proper area.

Government provided a diesel-powered shredder to the dump contractor. This has the capability of shredding logs up to nine inches in diameter. It was envisioned that yard waste would be shredded with mulch being made available and that gives two benefits, it reduces the volume of trash in the refuse cell and a useful byproduct is created. Fifteen years ago the operators of the Man-O-War dump proved this concept was a viable idea.

The new landfill was intended to serve the entire island of Abaco, 40 miles south to Sandy Point and 70 miles north to Crown Haven. Refuse from Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay had earlier been barged to Marsh Harbour and taken to the Dundas Town facility. It is now trucked to the landfill. Only Green Turtle Cay has been omitted in the broad discussions of this new facility.

The main cell at the landfill will only accept household and commercial refuse of a degradable nature. The greater landfill site is set up to accept in appropriate areas - tires, pallets, appliances, vehicles, construction and demolition debris, batteries, pesticides and all manner of commercial and household refuse.

After several months of operation, it has become apparent that insufficient planning had been given to all the refuse arriving daily that should not go into the main cell. At the start, construction debris was diverted to an accessible hilltop. But in several months it was apparent that the volume arriving needed a better location.

Tires, pallets and appliances were diverted to another location, but again the volume appeared to be more than the area would comfortably hold.

We must remember that the original design was for a 20-year life with the main cell designed for approximately five years. Four more cells will follow as needed. It was not said how construction debris, tires, pallets, appliances and other items will be accommodated during this 20-year period.



Vague statements were made about recycling and sending some of it to Nassau.

Members of the Central Abaco Council were given the oversight of this facility. They chose a contractor, gave him a basic set of operating instructions as suggested by Nassau and then turned their back on the operation. Unfortunately, Council members have shown little interest in this operation and it shows.

We are not aware of any sincere effort to bring the refuse from communities to the north and south to this facility. Perhaps central government is waiting to see how it is managed by local government before complicating the process with more refuse.

Two transfer stations were constructed in the woods miles north and south of this facility. It is doubtful that the one to the south will be used at all. The one to the north might be used as a holding depot for refuse containers awaiting a full load to be hauled to the landfill about 60 miles away.

Much was originally said about the potential for recycling at the landfill. Nothing obvious has come forth in eight months of operation in this regard.

A recent development may improve the prospect for recycling. Arrow Recycling of Nassau just collected and removed 5,000 or more tons of Abaco scrap metal. Its initial effort opened the owner's eyes to the recycling potential offered here and the company may return with a greater interest in recycling other materials.

The dump contractor has begun cutting pallets into narrow strips with a chain saw and feeding them into the mulching ma-

chine. The initial pile of pallet mulch was impressive. However, not all areas of the landfill are operating as planned.

It appears that the present contractor has not been following the operating protocol for the site as much of the refuse in the main cell has not been covered with crushed rock as required. At present, raw, open and loose garbage covers most of the interior portion of the cell.

During the past six weeks we have experienced about 30 inches of rain. It was not originally explained how accumulated liquid in the main cell would be dealt with. A lined leachate cell was provided for the surplus liquid, but from the start it was full of rainwater with no capacity for additional liquid. It is not clear how surplus liquid is to be managed. At the moment it is overflowing the perimeter dyke and running off into the forest and into the groundwater.

A deep well was once mentioned as the means for disposing of surplus leachate. However, there is no well and no pump but plenty of smelly leachate running over the top.

A look into the main cell discloses Abaco's newest man-made wetland with white-cheek pintail ducks paddling about in the putrid water. We wonder how long they will survive in the heavily polluted waste water.

Our recent high rainfall has exposed and magnified some of the operating deficiencies. Something must be done to deal with the huge volume of liquid in the main cell

and the full leachate pond. The liquid will not go away by looking the other way.

The main cell and the leachate cell were carefully lined to keep liquids from entering our groundwater lens. However, Mother Nature has circumvented this technology with the excess liquid running over the top. There appears to be enough liquid in the main cell to continue overflowing for some time to come.

Not being versed in landfill management, we cannot make any meaningful recommendations. A deep well might be the answer. The site does not have one and it is still raining. Then there is the potential that the heavily polluted leachate is mixing with our groundwater. A deep well would have to be cased to prevent the leachate and the ground water from mixing. A well casing would have to extend well below the bottom of the ground water lens. Whether this would keep the two liquids separated is not known.

In any event, the landfill and associated problems badly need some hands-on management and an easy-to-read operating manual. Perhaps we need someone well versed in landfill management to visit this site, analyze the problems and make recommendations. The current situation must be corrected and not be allowed to degenerate further.

There are probably no easy answers, but like the immediate need to fix a clogged toilet, this operating landfill is not going to be easier to fix as the refuse and rain keep coming.



This is the leachate pond where the liquid from the main cell collects. Ever since the landfill was put into operation, this pond has had rainwater with no apparent method of disposing of the surplus liquid. It is now full and overflowing both from the liquid of the main cell and the accumulation of rain from our heavy rainfall during the past six weeks. This water is heavily polluted and is running off into the surrounding pine woods where it could eventually contaminate our ground water.

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Letters to the Editor

BEC Abaco power outages

To the Hon. Earl D. Deveaux
Minister of the Environment
Dear Minister Deveaux,

It is with deep regret that I have to write on the above topic. I find it of the utmost urgency, and in my capacity as Chief Councillor of the District of Hope Town,

to appeal to you for some immediate relief and attention to an ongoing and endless nightmare.

For a couple of months now, the District of Hope Town, and indeed Abaco at large, has been severely challenged with power outages. These interruptions of services sometimes go well beyond a 24-hour pe-

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riod in numerous locations.

The Hope Town District comprises of Tilloo Cay, Lubber's Quarters, Elbow Cay (Hope Town), Man-O-War Cay, Scotland Cay and Great Guana Cay. Needless to say, this district is a high profile tourist area and a leader in the tourism industry. I know of several instances where, after extensive power outages, vacationers have cut their vacation short to escape the unbearable summer heat.

Power outages on the cays also impact the necessity of running water, and without this convenience it makes life for residents and tourist alike unbearable.

Mr. Minister, in a time of economic downturn and during the peak of our season, we cannot afford to leave our tourists with a negative impression simply because a common amenity such as electricity cannot be supplied. In present tough times with small businesses struggling to survive and government needing necessary revenue to continue running essential services, we cannot cut off the lifeline of our economy.

Mr. Minister, how do we go about rectifying this problem? Can emergency backup generators be brought in as in times past?

I must take this opportunity, however, to commend the hard workers at BEC on Abaco for going beyond the call of duty at times, but in my view the senior management of BEC is at fault due to mere negligence in many instances.

I would be grateful on behalf of the residents of Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Great Guana Cay and the wider Abaco community if you would seek into this matter so that relief can be brought to our residents as well as our vacationers.

I anxiously await your reply and a speedy resolution to this matter.

Yours faithfully,
Jeremy T. Sweeting
Chief Councillor
Hope Town District Council

Water does not flow uphill

Dear Editor:

This is to respond to Jeremy Wong's letter in the last paper concerning the drain he and Al Key put in near the Road & Traffic office. First, let me give a bit of background on this subject to the best of my knowledge. The Road & Traffic building was built some time ago, before the Yamaha properties were developed on both sides

of the road to the west. Clearly the building was built too low. However, at the time it was built the problem with drainage was not as acute as it is now. It is against the law in the Bahamas and most civilized countries to develop a property which will cause or worsen a problem on an adjacent or nearby property (this includes government road reservation). When the Yamaha property on the seaside was developed, it was raised a couple of feet with no provision for on site drainage. Instead of sloping the property to the sea it was sloped toward the government road, thus worsening an already chronic drainage problem. Note it is not the government's responsibility to drain runoff which originates from private property.

The more recently developed Yamaha property again did not have any provision for onsite drainage and as such also worsened the drainage problem in the vicinity of the Road & Traffic office. Albeit a former Town Planning Committee is partially to blame for passing the plans as such, but the developer is ultimately responsible for his property.

Mr. Wong is correct in that the drain was installed with private funds (I believe it was the Yamaha property owner and not Mr. Key that paid for it). However, based on the aforementioned this is the least that the developer should have been obligated to do. As to the location and height of the drain, to the best of my knowledge Ministry of Works was not consulted, However, everyone involved knew that the purpose of the drain was to provide some relief to the drainage problem near the Road & Traffic office made worse by the Yamaha properties.

I don't think Dave Ralph, editor of The Abaconian, is a drainage expert, but his picture clearly shows that water was ponding immediately adjacent to the drain. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to see that the drain was built too high. I was there last week and the drain was high and dry with water ponding all around it.

As to Mr Wong's statement that depressing the drain would present another problem to motorists, this is completely false. The drain is at an intersection where motorists have to stop anyway. Dropping the drain four to six inches would have been no problem whatsoever.

I know Mr. Wong put the drain in as directed by Mr. Key so I am not blaming him. But I will stick to what I said to Mr. Key immediately after he built the drain

that he threw his money away (down the drain so to speak). The sad thing is that I think this was done purposely as a slap in the face to the Road & Traffic office and Ministry of Works.

This past few weeks we have clearly seen that drainage is a major problem throughout Abaco and especially in the central business district of Marsh Harbour. The Ministry of Works has a big challenge in correcting this, and I would be happy to meet with Mr. Wong to get his recommendations on how things can be improved.

The government, however, cannot be expected to solve everyone's problems. Property developers need to start taking responsibility as well. There are far too many properties in town that are paved boundary to boundary with no or insufficient onsite drainage, many of these also being sloped towards the government road.

Let's stop pointing fingers and let's start working together to solve Abaco's problems.

John Schaefer
Abaco Area Engineer

Let the police go after serious crime

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading Raymond Kongwa's well written piece in the June 1st edition of the Abaconian entitled "Police Raid Three Internet Cafes." I am utterly astonished to hear that our police superintendent thought it was a good idea to use considerable resources to raid three internet cafes where illegal gambling was suspected.

Gambling is essentially a victimless crime whose perpetrators are probably in a foreign country anyway. On the other hand, real crimes and real victims can be found all over the island. Marsh Harbour is a town where on average five boats are stolen each week by hardened criminals. Maybe it's time for the citizens of Marsh Harbour to demand a new superintendent who knows the difference.

Chris Dowd
Guana Cay

Junkanoo Festival was great

Dear Editor,

On the 12th of June Boy Scout troops 196 and 180 of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania,

visited the Junkanoo Festival in Marsh Harbor with our Sea Base guide, Captain Ali. It was tons of fun! There were dancers, models, and even an amazing marching band. The food was fantastic! It makes my mouth water just thinking of the conch fritters. Junkanoo was definitely one of the most fun parts of our Sea Base experience. Thank you to all the organizers of Junkanoo. It was a fun experience!

Our Sea Base crew consisted of five youth of troop 180, Jacob Showers (Life Scout), Safdar Emadi (Life Scout), Mitchell Kohler (Life Scout), Adam Franklin (Star Scout), and life scout Julian Armstrong from troop 196. We also had one junior adult leader, Junaid Emadi (Eagle Scout), and two adult leaders, Nasir Emadi (Crew Leader) and Steven Showers.

Our Sea base experience consisted of: conching, eating, fishing, eating, diving, eating, sleeping, eating and eating again. We had an amazing time in the Sea of Abaco. We went to Man-O-War where we met Lola and her husband Martin. Lola's cinnamon buns are amazing. We went to the place where they burned the rum in the movie Pirates of the Caribbean. From that same island, we got some amazing coconuts. We went snorkeling in the most awesome places. The reefs were beautiful around Marsh Harbor. Mermaid's Reef was some of the nicest snorkeling we have ever done. The fish were awesome; they were so many colors and there were a huge quantity of them. If you want to go snorkeling, go to Mermaid's Reef.

All in all, we had a really great time on Abaco for our Boy Scout trip. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants the excitement of catching a barracuda or swimming with a cloud of minnows around you.

Safdar Emadi

Abaco inter-school swim meet

Dear Sir,

Please allow me space in your newspaper to set the record straight on the Abaco Inter-school Swim Meet.

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The association began organizing sports

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Murphy Town student is rewarded

By Mirella Sa tillo

On June 17th Nasasha Bootle, a resident of Murphy Town and a Forest Heights Academy student for the last four years, graduated with honor with a 4.0 GPA for the second year in a row. She made the Principal's list, a feat she had been striving to achieve ever since attending Forest Heights Academy.

At its last meeting, the Murphy Town Township Committee decided to reward the young lady and facilitate her studies.

Chairman Renardo Curry announced that the Committee would give her a laptop computer in acknowledgment of her efforts and to encourage more youths to strive towards higher academic results.

Nasasha has plans for the future. She has been accepted at The College of The Bahamas and visited Nassau the week of June 22nd to make all the necessary arrangements. She will work toward a bachelor's degree in science, with a major

in chemistry and a minor in biology. Her dream is to become a medical doctor in general practice or to specialize in pediatrics. To achieve that goal, Nasasha has already decided that after attending COB for three years, she will go to Florida to further her study.

Volunteer Fire Dept. assists at airport

By Canishka Alexander

While mechanical challenges with the government's fire truck were being addressed by a technician recently, Bobby

Jones, airport superintendent at the Department of Civil Aviation, said he was grateful to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for its service to the airport. Volunteer firefighters provided a fire truck at the airport and also tried to combat the flooding of the airport's runway because of the almost daily rainfall Abaco has experienced lately. John Hall ensured that the drains were clear and was happy to help Mr. Jones. Mr. Hall was accompanied by

other firefighters who blew out drains to make sure they were free of debris and any other material that has the potential of blocking them.

Mr. Jones said if all goes well, he expects that the government fire truck will be up and running fairly soon.

However, the volunteers can spare the

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Nasasha Bootle was an honour student at Forest Heights Academy, earning a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive years. The Murphy Town Committee awarded her with a laptop computer presented to her by Chief Councillor Cubell Davis. Her father Emmitt Bootle is on the right.



One of the fire trucks of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department with town firemen is stationed at the Marsh Harbour airport since the fire truck there has mechanical problems. Because of international regulations, the airport must have a fire truck at the airport for any emergencies.

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truck at the airport, Mr. Hall said, because they have other fire trucks they can use in the meantime.

Without the presence of the fire truck, air travel would be greatly hampered to the point of non-existence unless flights are diverted to the airport in Treasure Cay. It is a requirement that the airport have a functioning fire truck in the event of an emergency.

Storm leaves Port employees shaken

By Canishka Alexander

The area surrounding the Marsh Harbour Port Administration Building and its occupants were the unwilling targets of a storm that swept through its interior some time on June 22. Donald Burrows, chief customs guard, said he was inside the Customs warehouse with eight other employees. Burrows described the intensity of the storm as that of a freight train as terrified workers scrambled for cover and safety inside the building.

“When we looked outside, we saw the garbage bin taking off at 60 miles per hour, and it went straight through the security gate,” Mr. Burrows exclaimed. He added that one of the security bars was cut in half as another garbage bin flew across the road to join the first one.

As he and the others watched, Burrows said the tornado started to come toward the door, stopped, sucked up all the water in front of the warehouse and just took off. Mr. Burrows described the scene as scary. He said the warehouse was pummeled by

hail – the sound like bullets trying to pierce through the roof which began to lift. Golf ball-sized holes at the top portion of the warehouse are another piece of evidence the storm left behind.

Meanwhile, officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Nicole Hyler and Rosito Thomas, were inside the security booth at the port when they heard a loud noise accompanied by strong winds coming toward them. They didn’t realize what the garbage bin was until it passed them,

narrowly missing them in the booth as it traveled at high speed from the Customs warehouse. Mr. Thomas said the storm was the worst he’s ever experienced.

Fortunately, no one was outside as the tornado toppled a 40-foot container, hurled three water tanks across the road, and tore down the fence bordering the port’s building before leaving the area just as swiftly as it had arrived.

Murphy Town Day will raise funds

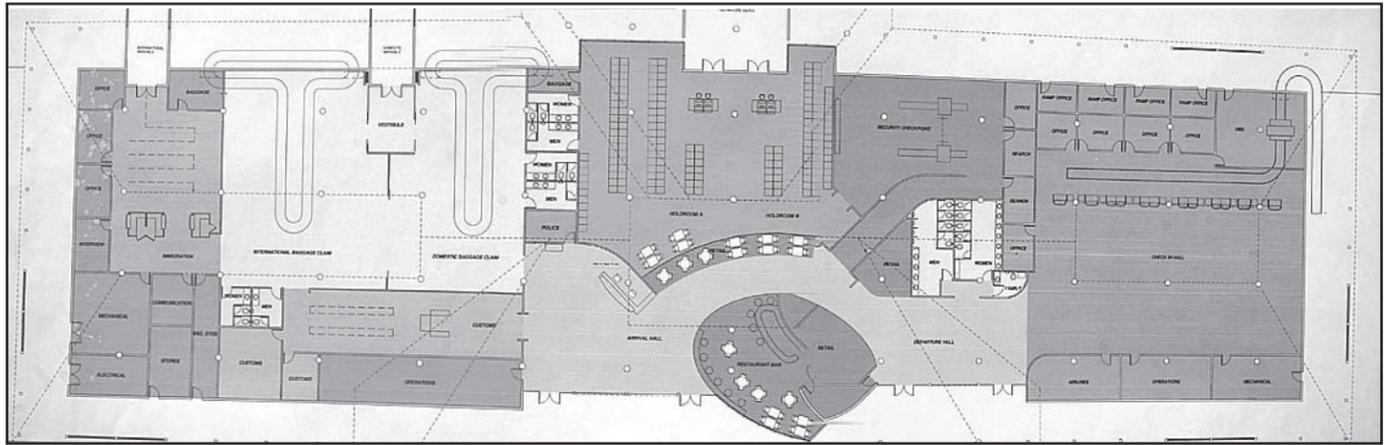
By Canishka Alexander

Murphy Town Day is fast approaching as members of the committee planning the event began distributing flyers and selling dinner tickets. Murphy Town Day is on July 18 and will be held just west of the track on Forest Drive. This is the first year for the

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Proposed terminal plan for Marsh Harbour airport



A suggested plan of a new terminal building for the Marsh Harbour International Airport was left posted in the Bahamas Christian Network studio and is available for viewing. It was emphasized during the May presentation that this is a conceptual design incorporating the various elements required but is not necessarily what the actual building might look like. Before final plans are made, there will be community consultation to ensure that all the required elements are considered and included in an appropriate scale. The open area on the left is for Immigration and Customs to process the incoming passengers and their luggage. The room has a moveable divider allowing domestic and international arrivals to be separate. The divider can be opened if a large aircraft brought several hundred passengers. The street-side arrival foyer is in the center with an oval restaurant in front. Centered on the air-side is the secure departure lounge. Ticketing and luggage check-in is on the right with a baggage belt moving luggage outside. Other elements are incorporated such as a long hallway leading from the arrival foyer to the area where departing passengers go through a security check before entering the secure lounge.

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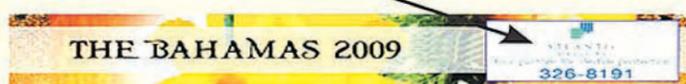
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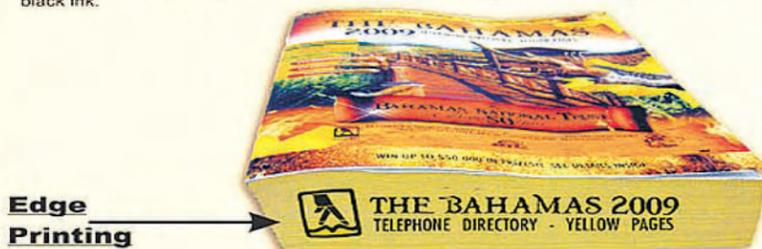
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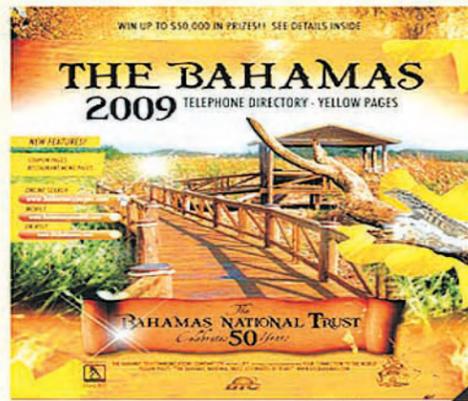
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event, which promises to be an annual one, according to Millie Dawkins, who serves as committee chairperson. Ms. Dawkins and Cubell Davis Jr., Chief Councillor and also a member of the committee, said the event would be used to generate funds for improving Coconut Tree Bay.

The bay has fallen into a state of neglect and will be restored to its original appearance to facilitate a beach and recreation area for swimming and socializing. Mr. Davis said more than 2,500 people have ties to the Murphy Town community, which is described as close-knit. Despite the closeness of the community's residents, however, many have moved away to other communities on Abaco and The Bahamas, so Ms. Dawkins and Mr. Davis would like

to bring the community together.

Murphy Town Day is not only about raising funds, but about bringing the community together," Ms. Dawkins said. "We will introduce culture in our community with cultural skits, good singing, things from Bluff Point and other types of entertainment." Bluff Point was the first settlement of the residents in Murphy Town before they moved to the new location.

Mr. Davis agreed with Ms. Dawkins on the singing, which he said Murphy Town is known for. He said there would also be box cart racing, rolling the hoop and plaiting of the Maypole as part of the event's schedule.

They encourage those who are not a part of the Murphy Town community to be involved, so that Murphy Town Day will be a success.

Locals socialize at community beach

By Canishka Alexander

A number of locals gather at Coconut Tree Bay in Murphy Town every weekend to socialize, eat and enjoy a few drinks. It is difficult to pinpoint how long ago the bay became a social retreat, but there is a certainty that it will become a long-standing tradition. Everyone pitches in by diving conch or catching fish, preparing the food for the grill and then all who are there get a bite to eat.

Surprisingly, it's all free. Spending time with good company and staying out of trouble is what holds the most value for them. One local said he would like to see more done for the bay especially when he considers the children in the community. He said he's an adult now, but he would like to see the children enjoy the things he lacked while growing up.

It was getting later into the evening hours as more cars began to show up, and the number of incoming people began to add to the already sizeable crowd. The young man said they had been at Coconut Tree Bay from earlier in the day. Perhaps his prayers will be answered when the area undergoes a number of changes when funds are collected from the upcoming Murphy Town Day and used to improve the area.

In the meantime, though, he may have to wait and see what happens, but there is a certain sparkle to his eye and a knowing smile that suggests he may have some ideas of his own.

Locals attend food handling seminar

By Canishka Alexander

Many were present at the food handling seminar conducted by Nurse Antoinette Cumberbatch at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. The seminars occur every two to three weeks and address food safety practices relating to food-borne illnesses as well as food-borne-outbreaks. The difference? A food-borne illness is the result of eating contaminated food; a food-borne outbreak relates to two or more persons who eat contaminated food from the same business establishment and suffer from the same symptoms.

Pregnant women, children and the elderly make up the high-risk groups of people who should go to all lengths to avoid contaminated food.

The seminar outlined ways to avoid food contamination. Proper hygiene and proper storage of food were the main topics for keeping food safe. Nurse Cumberbatch suggested purchasing from a reputable supplier.

The group was reminded that they must ensure that packages are intact and examine the expiration dates. Cans should be free of cracks, openings, rust, dents, cracks and swelling. Proper thawing methods and preparations of food were also covered in the seminar.

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Marsh Harbour floods during heavy rains



Marsh Harbour has again been flooded with recent rains. The drains on Don MacKay Boulevard were working but could not cope with the heavy rains.

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Counselors and pastors attend training seminar

By Samantha V. Evans

Professionals from the departments of education, social services, and local churches were invited to attend an intense two days of training at the Christian Counseling Center in Marsh Harbour on June 23-24. The facilitator for this training was Dr. Richard Marks of Jacksonville, Florida, who specializes in relationship building training. The topic for this training was Enriched Relationships for Youth and the focus of the workshop was on teaching individuals healthy relationship building skills that can help them to become healthy

mature adults. The training had seven sessions that provided the participants with a wealth of knowledge. Dr. Marks began by speaking to them about the importance of being people of integrity as it will determine if they succeed at helping people change their relationships for the better.

The first session was designed to help people determine why they behave the way they do. He went over the basic human needs, explaining that these are needs that all humans have: spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual. He stated that it is alright to need others as that is how relationships are formed. He added that even though everyone has needs, some needs go unmet and can result in problems within relationships. The session ended with a brief talk about self-esteem and how it helps to

shape one's identity.

Session two gave participants tips and skills to help them communicate effectively when stressed so that they do not inflict pain on others especially the ones they love. The session ended with the group learning the proper way to listen and engaging in listening exercises. In session three they learned about the Enriched Life Heart which takes place in one's present life and involves one's ability to express positive emotions of love, peace, and joy in a healthy relationship. Dr. Marks explained how the body defends itself against negative emotions so that it can survive.

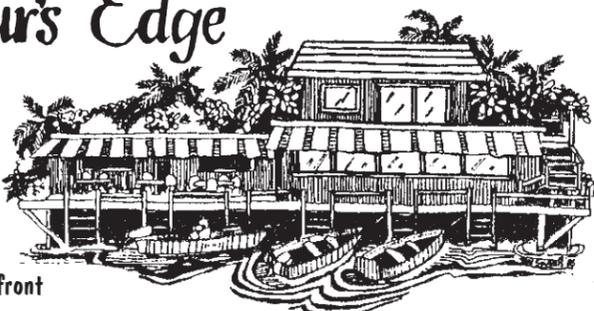
Session four dealt with problem solving and negotiation skills in relationships. In session five, they learned about the power of forgiveness in relationships and its importance to them living an enriched life. In session six, they learned about the dangers of assumptions and how one's behavior can bring pleasure and pain to others. They also learned how they trigger behavior in others and how to do it truthfully and lovingly. The final session contained all of those essential skills that mature healthy secure adults should possess.

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Dr. Richard Marks of Jacksonville, Florida, held a two-day seminar for pastors and counsellors to train them for working with young people. This informative seminar was held at the Christian Counselling Center in Marsh Harbour on June 23 and 24.

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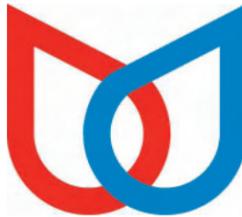
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All of the persons to complete the two days of training will receive their certification in Enriched Relationships for Youth. Also present for the training was Pastor Arnett of the Christian Counseling Center, Nassau office.

Travel Spot offers new services

Travel Spot in Marsh Harbour is launching new services to accommodate the needs of Abaco. The business is moving to the Island Bakery building a convenient location for both locals and visitors. Its phone

number will remain the same. Travel Spot is now an agent for ZipX Package Service. This service provides safe fast package delivery to a US mailing address. It is a service primarily for persons wanting to order from businesses in the US and have the package sent to a Miami address. ZipX will then forward it to Abaco at a reasonable cost. Persons shipping packages will be given a code number for identification. ZipX has a tracking system allowing the customer to track their packages. Travel Spot will offer mail boxes locally as well as an outgoing mail service. These boxes are available annually or monthly.

The monthly rate of \$18 gives second homeowners the ability to have fast mail service while staying on Abaco. It will have daily flights between Miami and Abaco to provide these services. Incoming mail will be on a daily basis. Outgoing mail and packages will have next day delivery in the States.

Travel Spot is now an agent for Sky Bahamas offering service to Nassau and for Citadelle Air offering service to Haiti. It has a staff member who is fluent in Creole.

Fund raising for dogs
By Julian Lockhart

The Friends of Abaco Animals benefited from a very successful silent auction and dinner as Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina held Howl at the Moon event to raise money for the stray dogs and cats throughout Abaco.

Abaco has seen a rise in stray dogs wan-

dering the streets and the major problem the feral cats are causing to the local bird population. Friends of Abaco Animals is pushing a major fund raising campaign to raise money for spay and neutering programs.

Group leader Janie Thompson said the event was successful bringing in a few thousand dollars between the dinner and silent auction. Mrs. Thompson said, "We had the dinner to raise funds for our spaying and neutering and rescuing of animals. The stray dogs and cats in Abaco need to be spayed and neutered and people need to be responsible for their pets. "Spay and neutering is not enough; people need to be responsible and they need to be responsible for the animals they bother to get. The grown dogs are a pain, and it is not the

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The organizers of the Howl to the Moon party held at Abaco Beach Resort were pleased with the response to their efforts to raise money for a spay and neuter program to reduce the number of stray dogs and cats on the streets of Abaco towns. Shown here are Robert Kramm, Manager of the resort; Sally Sweeting, wife of an owner; Jane Thompson, President of Friends of Abaco Animals; and Marianne Albury, President of the Man-O-War Humane Society.

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Beachfront Lot # 9A # 1379 - 21,565 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 190' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

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

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

1374 - 18,600 s/f waterfront parcel, 108' deep water frontage, plus 50' long boat slip, all utilities available, privacy entrance wall & fence. Great sea views. **\$298,000.**

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

704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' deep water canal frontage. Sea views, walk to beach. **\$239,500.**

811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$99,950.**

998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$96,500.**

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

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

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

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

Windward Beach-Beachfront Home # 1191 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,550 s/f furnished beach home. 200' sandy beachfront, 32,731 s/f landscaped property. A sea view from every room! Separate garage. **\$1,425,000.**

"Pilot House" - Rock Point # 1380 - 2 level, 3 bed, 3 bath furnished waterfront home at entrance to Treasure Cay harbour. 3,314 s/f under roof on 18,800 s/f parcel. Boat/plane ramp to sea. Great sea views. **\$1,160,000.**

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"Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. PLUS 26' Glacier Bay vessel **\$950,000.**

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

Superb Beachfront Parcel # 1362 - Treasure Cay level & cleared beach lot of 12,600 s/f with 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sunset & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,449,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941- Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**

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

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

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dog's fault. The auction was a success and we really appreciate Boat Harbour in doing this for us. We are doing fund raisers all year long and we are having fund raisers from Green Turtle Cay down to Sandy Point," she added.

Mrs. Thompson said they got started in 1982 with the Hope Town Humane Society. But with that organization losing steam, they decided to start Friends of Abaco Animals in an attempt to educate owners and to help with spaying and neutering throughout Abaco. She, "Yes, we do euthanize in certain cases. We are trying to spay and neuter. But if the people are not responsible, there is nothing we can do. The problem with stray dogs can only get worse. They will form packs, and it is because people are not responsible," she concluded.

Preparations underway for Bahamas' Independence

By Canishka Alexander

This is perhaps one of the only times in the year besides Christmas when there is a festive, celebratory mood as decorations abound throughout the community of Abaco. July 10, 2009 will signify 36 years of independence for The Bahamas.

This is, in fact, the time of the year when we acknowledge the number of years since we earned our independence and don the colours of the Bahamian flag complete with Independence Day T-shirts, Bahamian flags streaming from car windows and many more flags hanging in alignment from the lamp poles on roadsides.

One such community is Murphy Town,

which has put up the majority of their flags, according to Renardo Curry, chairman of the Murphy Town Committee. He said the committee has more plans on the way for this year's Independence Day.

Other communities have planned elaborate celebrations and fireworks are always a part of the activities. The familiar, vibrant colours of aquamarine, gold and black and their meaning will adorn the community as July quickly approaches, reaffirming the patriotism and pride of our great Bahamian people and their accomplishments.

Island Café is under new management

By Samantha V. Evans

On March 1st the popular Island Café was taken over by new managers, Roy Roberts and Madge Bethel. The restaurant that has become known for its great Bahamian cuisine now offers specials of the same everyday. Locals can look forward to their boils and stews to get their morning of to a good start. Throughout the day they can expect the same well prepared meals at great prices. Restaurant manager Melanie Weatherford stated that they plan to cater to both locals and tourists but for the most part, their major clients are persons who visit the plaza and workers who enjoy what they have to offer. Since they are one of the only restaurants that is open late on Saturday and even on Sunday, they see more of the tourist community visiting them. So far Ms. Weatherford explained that business has been good and once the country gets past this recession, she can only see it getting better. She added that their Sunday business is especially good.

She attributes this to the fact that they are open for business on this day, provide great meals at affordable prices and they offer ice cream and pastry treats that the kids love. The restaurant hours are Monday to Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m, and Sunday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. On Saturday nights they offer snacks only but full meals on Sundays. The phone number remains 367-6444.

Local Craft Expert Teaches Courses for BAIC

By Samantha V. Evans

Beginning in May of last year Lovely Reckley was hired by BAIC to teach local craft classes. She began with a shell craft class in Treasure Cay. Since then she has taught another shell craft class in November 2008 and a coconut craft class in April 2009. The class began on April 27 and ended on May 6th. It was held at the local BAIC office in Marsh Harbour. Sixteen persons successfully completed the ten-class training session.

According to Patrice Cox, secretary of the BAIC Abaco office, BAIC hopes to

conduct another training course later in the year but so far applications are coming in slowly. She would like to encourage persons interested in enrolling to contact the local office. She tries to have 20 persons in each class before they begin. Ms. Cox would like to see the training extended to Crossing Rocks, Sandy Point and the cays. Green Turtle Cay has done straw and shell training. The training is helping more persons to become entrepreneurs so that they can have a source of income. The cost for each training course is \$50 . All persons completing the training will receive a certificate. The local BAIC office can be reached by calling 367-0066.

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Viewpoint . . . Strays must be taken care of

By Julian Lockhart

Friends of Abaco Animals held an auction and dinner fund raiser, Howl at the Moon, in the middle of June to raise money for its spay and neuter program as it tries to alleviate the burgeoning stray dog and feral cat problem on Abaco. Communities throughout Abaco are being overrun by stray dogs and they are starting to create major problems for children, visitors and are causing litter in the streets by overturning garbage cans.

The feral cats are causing major problems as they rob the young from nesting birds and have been a problem in the Abaco National Forest killing baby and full grown Abaco parrots. These beautiful birds are already endangered and the feral cats can do more damage to dwindle their numbers than anything else.

Leader of the organization, Janie Thompson, emphasized that the major problem behind the number of stray animals on Abaco is the irresponsibility of

the owners. It is not the animals fault, but their owners. It is time for people to be fined and fined big money when their pets are not licensed, are found wondering the streets or are just left abandoned to their own resources.

Too many people get cute little puppies for themselves or their children. When those puppies grow into full grown dogs and they aren't so cute anymore, they are forgotten and left to take care of themselves. The worst of these dogs are the females because they then breed and add numerous more puppies to the problem that only gets worse.

The Friends of Abaco Animals is trying to curb this problem with its spay and neuter program, but how many stray dogs can they neuter. After they are spayed and neutered, what then? These dogs are still on the streets, still being a menace to society, still forming packs and still need to be fed.

What is the sense of just spaying or neu-

tering these dogs and cats with no one to take care of them? Who is going to feed all of these stray dogs?

Imagine the uproar if some children or a visitor is attacked by one of these packs as these animals start to find other ways to feed themselves and revert back to their instincts.

This is where the option to euthanize these animals comes to the forefront. I understand that a lot of people feel that this is cruel and is an option that should not be explored. To those people I say then take in all of the stray dogs on the streets of Abaco, feed them and take care of them so they are no longer a problem to anyone else.

Yes, the owners are the real problems, and they should be heavily fined for their irresponsibility for not taking care of their pets. But beyond their being fined something has to be done to fix the problem that is only getting more and more out of control.



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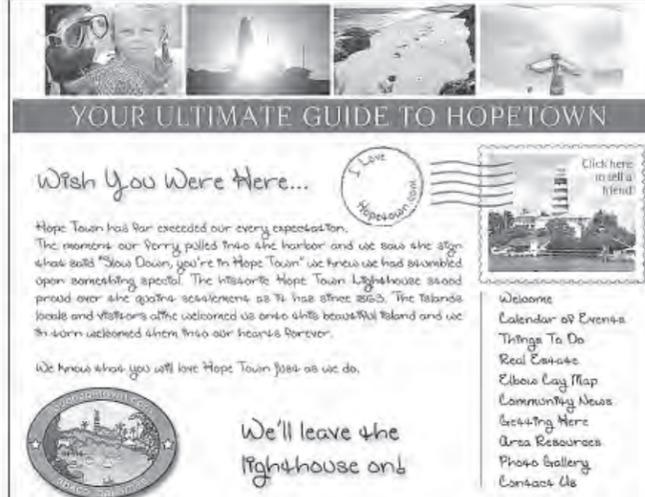
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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Mario Polycarpe**, 17, of Murphy Town was held on June 20 in Freeport. Interment was also on Grand Bahama.

He is survived by his mother Maryann Bonaby; stepfather Terrance Bonaby; father Lu Evans; brothers Terrance Jr. and Delano Bonaby; grandparents St. John, Mars Silvina Augustave, and Mrs. Bonaby; special grandmother Talio Pierre Louis; aunts Palora, Elizabeth, Guerla, Melissa, Tina, Bridgette, Keece and Geneva; uncles Lucien, Lano, Parret, Adrian and Nixon; special aunt and uncle: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corneille; godparents Karen Mathurin and Evelyn; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Sharrie Forbes**, 52, of Murphy Town who died on June 11, was held on June 21 in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by her daughter Shanqueel Reckley; adopted daughter Fayneisha Archer, sisters Betty Major, Judymae McIntosh, Muntrella Woodard, Mertis Clarke, Mavis Wilchcornbe, Barbara Forbes, Angela Taylor-Caylor and Deborah Mackey; brothers Stanley, Jr., Cedric, Theodore and Gregory Forbes; sister-in-law Lillian Rolle; brothers-in-law Joseph Major and Ricardo Clarke; aunt Mae McPhee; uncle Frank Clarke; nieces Gaynell Vital, Sophia Rolle-Kemp, Bernadette, Bernadine, Sonia and Violet Rolle. Fabia Johnson, Veronica Smith. Andrea Rolle, Janelle Russell, Sheral Northe, Natasha and Raquel Bootle, Dushorn and Leslie McIntosh, Annamae Burke, Samantha, Keva, Monique, Jestina and Deborah Forbes, Janice Cooper, Stephanie Bannister, Ernestine Poitier, Cathy Storr, Sharon

Ferguson, Dorothy Wilchcombe. Carol Thompson, Charmaine Strachan, Deshawn Fox, Ella Ferguson, Paulette Coleby, Denise Cash, Portia Clarke, Deanza and Albertha Rodgers; nephews Dock Woodard, Craig, Darrell, Troy, Lenny. Demetrius and Franklyn Rolle, Carlos, Mario, Enrico and Damien Knowles, Leroy, Geno, Tracey, Trevor and Travis Forbes, Rondono Dean, Philip Gibson. Arnold Ferguson, Anthony and Syon Clarke; grandnieces Kennethsia, Crystal, Roya, and Lenique Rolle. Ladie Johnson, DeAndrea, Demesia and Deontillee Wilson, Nasasha, Emmanique and Azariel Bootle, Shanley and Lashan Northe, Yasmin McIntosh, Courtney Burke, Paige and Tracea Forbes; grandnephews Nickolas, Troy, Jr., Samuel Russell, Deonte Wilson, Stanley, Jr., and Stephano Northe, Jonathan Bootle. Jr. and Drewshorn McIntosh; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Emmerline Elizabeth Greene**, 44, affectionately called "Emma," of Dundas Town was held on June 27 at the Church of God Cathedral in Dundas Town. Rev. Emmit Archer officiated and interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Murphy Town.

She is survived by daughters Charlotte and Charlene Greene and Ingrid McKenzie; sons Vaughn Butler, Wynton and Colyn Adderley; adopted daughter Yolanda Smith; grandchildren Tyeshia McKinney, Brianna Greene, Tristan Sweeting and Javontasia Langley; sisters Evelyn Stuart, Edith Greene and Maryetta Davis; nieces Tara Richardson and Nicole Davis; nephews Gladston Greene, Marko Davis, Kevin Coakley, Jason and Shawn Coakley; godchildren Keshia Edwards, Dorvinco Lee

and Dwaynique Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Capt. Roland "Wally" McIntosh Sr.**, 89 formerly of Cooper's Town was held at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven on June 27. Officiating was Fr. Dwight Rolle. Interment was in the public cemetery in Fox Town.

He is survived by his sons Donald, Victor, Roland and Delvin McIntosh; daughters Evelyn Saunders, Arimentha Curry, Monica Russell, Barbara, Geneva, Hilda and Christine McIntosh; daughters-in-law Priscilla, Eliza and Rachael McIntosh; sisters-in-law Florence Thompson and Pearle Clay; brother-in-law Ralph Russell; grandchildren Judy Rolle, Dwight McIntosh, Gary McIntosh, Laura Davis, Randre McIntosh, Keeva Saunders, Nicola Russell, Advardo McIntosh, Kim Smith, Basil McIntosh, Lisa Swint, Linda Washington, Ronald McIntosh, Kenaya McIn-

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events for the youth of Man-O-War, looking for a way to bring the Abaco schools together in Man-O-War for a sporting event. They came up with the idea of a swimming meet and so the Abaco Inter-school Swim Meet was born. In 1986 six schools competed with 69 swimmers and by 1989 12 schools with 200 swimmers competed.

The Man-O-War Sports Association organized and sponsored the swim meet from 1986 until 1998 and as a result some good swimmers won recognition and good things began to happen for swimming on Abaco.

In 1987 Arthur Elden and Paulette Sands took four swimmers to Nassau for a Dolphin Swim Meet. Maria Bethel, Jay Sands, Theresa Sands from Guana Cay and Loren Sands from Man-O-War became the first Abaco swimmers to compete in an off the island swim meet. While not placing in the event, they paved the way for what was to become the Abaco Swim Meet.

In 1988 the Abaco Swim Club was organized and recognized as a member of the Bahamas Swim Federation. Also in this year Maria Bethel became the first Abaco swimmer to qualify for the Bahamas National Swim Championship in Nassau.

Abaco swimmers began to compete four to five times a year in the various club meets in Nassau and Freeport bringing home medals and ribbons.

A large number of swimmers qualified each year for the national championship. Kirsten Bootle became the first swimmer to win a gold medal at the nationals and Jamie Albury won a high point trophy.

Abaco swimmers competed in all the

Bahamas games and won medals.

It is my hope that this information will set the record straight as to where, when and who began the Abaco Inter-school Swim Meet.

Thank you,
Arthur Elden, Past president Man-O-War Sports Association
Past President Abaco Swim Club

An appeal for tax relief for second homeowners

To the Editor

An open letter from taxpayers to the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, and the Bahamas Real Estate Association.

Over the past months the Bahamas Real Estate Association has raised issues of concern to thousands of taxpayers, mostly foreign second homeowners throughout The Bahamas. Among other issues, BREA has petitioned government to remove the nine-month occupancy requirement for foreign owners of vacation homes so that the owners of those properties may maintain the residential property tax exemption.

Recently, on at least two occasions (The PM's 29 May 2009 address to BREA and his 8 June 2009 annual budget message to Parliament), the Prime Minister has responded to BREA, timely and affirmatively, suggesting that government would be inclined to remove that requirement and would grant the residential exemption provided those properties be subject to a hotel occupancy tax on short term rentals to visitors. While this may impose a collection duty on the property owner,

or his agent, the burden to collect the tax in exchange for the exemption is worth the effort.

Speaking for myself, as a second homeowner, and countless others throughout the islands of The Bahamas who, for any number of reasons, do not speak out, I wholeheartedly support the idea and strongly urge BREA to immediately respond in agreement to the PM's suggestion on this

point so that it might be implemented as law without delay.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of taxpayers have already lost the residential property exemption or are about to lose it. We are all in a state of limbo anxiously awaiting a decision and we appreciate your close attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
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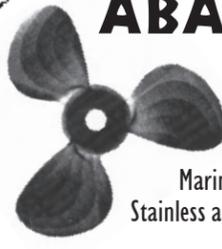
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Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$70
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$85
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	X\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	X\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	X\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	X\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	X\$16 + \$5

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

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

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

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

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119	
or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	
The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours	

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

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475--9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	60..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

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Charter Boats	
Lucky Strike - Hope T	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

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

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

Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay	
Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

Bonefish Guides	
Sandy Point	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
Marsh Harbour	
Jody Albury	375-8068
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
Man-O-War	
David Albury	365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
Tony Russell	366-3259
Cherokee	
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Casuarina Point	
Junior Albury	366-3058
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
North Abaco	
O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Rick Sawyer	365-4261
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040

To Abaco by land and sea from Florida • Take Discovery Cruise Line (954-971-7347) from Ft. Lauderdale to Freeport • Bus to McLeans Town • Ferry to Crown Haven • Bus, taxi or rental car to Green Turtle Ferry or Marsh Harbour • Taxi to Marsh Harbour ferry dock • Ferry to Hope Town, Man-O-War or Guana Cay • Its an adventure

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$ 367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pinacle	\$ 367-3796
Pop's Place	\$ 367-3796
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 366-0423
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$ 366-0065
Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	
Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	..... 366-3139
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501
Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Coconuts	..... 365-8648
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8469
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8195
Spinnaker Restaurant	..... 365-8195
Touch of Class	..... 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	..... 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Sandy Point	
Nancy's 366-4119
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon	



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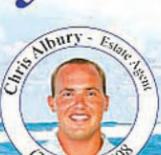
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H O M E S

NEW OFFERING



"Prince's Trust"
#GGH1129 - **\$2,495,000.**

NEW



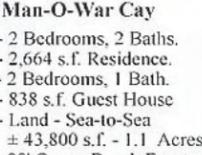
"Split Coconut"
#GGH1123 - **\$1,160,000.**

NEW



"Entre Deux Mers"
#MWH1116 - **\$3,750,000.**

NEW



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.**

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.**
- **"PRINCE'S TRUST"** - Estate - 12.5 Acres - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered and open decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Views - Private Boat Basin. #GGH1096 - **\$4,950,000.**
- **"ART CAFE & 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 #GHH1109 - **\$867,500.**
- **"SANDCASTLE"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - **\$375,000.**

UNDER CONTRACT



"Long Bay House"
#GTH1133 - **\$1,150,000.**

NEW



"Lovely Hill"
#MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,220 s.f. Residence.
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 532 s.f. Guest House
- Land - Sea-to-Sea
32,571 s.f. - 0.74 Acre
- 165' Ocean Beach Front
- Private Dock
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- **"THE LOYALIST"** - 6-A Leeward Yacht Club - 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath 2,016 s.f. - 392 s.f. Covered Veranda, 392 s.f. Covered Balcony. Land 9,241 s.f. - 54' of frontage on Black Sound - Onsite dockage available. #GTH1127 - **NEW \$1,325,000.**
- **"THE SOUTHARD"** - 7-C Leeward Yacht Club - 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bath 2,743 s.f. - 728 s.f. Galleries and Verandas, 334 s.f. Screened Porch. Land 9,450 s.f. - Onsite dockage available. #GTH1126 - **NEW \$1,225,000.**
- **"MARINA VILLA # 4"** - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath - 1,455 s.f. Luxury villa - Covered Screened Porch - Land - 7,554 s.f. - Deeded Dock - Boat Lift - Golf Cart Garage - Auxiliary Generator - Complete Renovation 2007. #GTH1098 - **\$995,000.**
- **"FLIP FLOP"** - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath - 2,500 s.f. Residence - 2,044 s.f. Screened Porch. Land - 12,091 s.f. - 0.277 Acre - Great Family Home - convenient location - GTH 1128 - **NEW \$695,000.**

NEW PRICE



"John Lowe House - circa 1866"
#GTH1119 - **\$450,000.**

NEW



"Anne Bonny"
#MWH1115 - **\$1,600,000.**

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.**

NEW PRICE



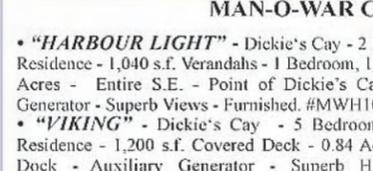
"Sonn Light"
#GTH1097 - **\$462,000.** - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay to **\$2,300,000** for entire Estate

NEW PRICE



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.**

NEW PRICE



"Summer Camp"
#SCH1094 - **\$1,950,000.**

TILLOO CAY

- **"HARBOUR LIGHT"** - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandas - 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.**
- **"SUNSPASH"** - 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.**

NEW



"Casa Cielo"
#GTH1137 - **\$625,000.**

NEW PRICE



"Buttonwood"
#MWH1020 - **\$549,500.**

NEW PRICE



"Blessing House"
#SCH1093 - **\$799,000.**

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.**

NEW



"St. Charles Place"
#MHH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**

NEW PRICE



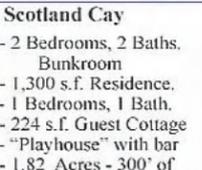
Man-O-War Cay Settlement
- 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,240 s.f. Residence.
- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.
- Hillside for great Ocean Views.
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Fully Furnished & Equipped.
#MWH1020 - **\$549,500.**

NEW PRICE



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.**

NEW PRICE



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.**

V A C A N T L A N D

ELBOW CAY

- **"BERKLEY'S BLUFF"** - White Sound - Oceanfront Building Site ± 31,000 sq.ft. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Ocean Frontage 275' in Depth Natural sub-tropical vegetation - Great elevation for spectacular views HTV1125 - **\$495,000**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"ATLANTIS"** - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of North Atlantic Beach-frontage - 159' in Depth - Beautiful Beach-front building site - Central Great Guana Cay Location - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 - **NEW \$485,000.**
- **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 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.**
- **PARCEL "A" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Moderately Priced Half Acre Building Site - ± 25,465 sq.ft. - ± 0.5846 Acre - 204.84' NE Road Frontage - ± 176' - SW Boundary - ± 133' - NW Road Boundary - ± 178' - SE Boundary - Fabulous Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1130 - **NEW \$345,000.**

NEW PRICE



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.**

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 - +/- 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 - **NEW PRICE \$700,000.**
- **"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.**
- **PARCEL "B" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 242' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 43,803 sq.ft. - ± 1.0055 Acres - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1131 - **NEW \$685,000.**
- **PARCEL "C" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 204' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 54,360 sq.ft. - ± 1.2480 Acres - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1132 - **NEW \$685,000.**
- **"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.**
- **"LOST SHAKER"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - Oversized beach-front parcel - 36,839 s.f. - 0.8457 Acre - 65' of Beach-front Good elevations for superb ocean views. Lush Native Vegetation. # GGV1000 - **\$545,500.**

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 - **\$595,000.**
- **"LONG BAY BEACH"** - Incredible beach parcel - ± 26,589 Sq.ft. - ± 0.6103 acres - 60' of spectacular beach frontage - Private gated entrance - Affordable building site for cottage or beach cabana. #GTV1121 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"LONG BAY SOUND"** - Back to nature. - Secluded - 24,565 Sq ft - 0.5639 acres - 105' of Black Sound frontage - Ideal home site - Dock site possible. #GTV1122 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"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 - **\$89,000.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"GRAND BOIS"** - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWH1081 - **NEW PRICE \$595,000.**
- **"SUMMERPLACE"** - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 - **NEW PRICE \$325,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

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JA clubs close year with awards banquet

JA members assess success of their businesses

By Mirella Santillo

The third annual Junior Achievement Awards and Appreciation Banquet took place on June 20th at the Abaco Beach Resort at Below Decks. The room had been decorated for the occasion to receive the officials and the special guests who had been invited as well as the students, their parents and advisors.

In its three years, the Junior Achievement on Abaco has moved forward in leaps and bounds. It started with three companies sponsored by government, BTC, BEC and Water & Sewerage, but this year included the sponsorship of a private business, Mangoes Restaurant and Boutique, a trend which hopefully will prevail in the years to come.

The four groups, CLICK, H2 Optimum Enterprises, The Vibe and Tropical Expressions, were represented by their presidents who took the podium to express their thoughts on the year's experience and by their advisors who observed the results of the past few months' efforts at counseling and advising their group members into becoming business wizards.

This year's awards event had guest speaker Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Youth Sports and

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The Junior Achiever company winning overall first place was the BEC company. The members of that company are shown here with the officials at the banquet on June 20 that closed their year's activities. The BEC company had the best year report, the best Trade Fair booth, the best advertising sales person and the best advisor, Eva Bain. She was recognized for her outstanding work with her club members. Shown here are Paxton Lowe, Chanae Curry and Julian McKenzie, all club members, Eva Bain, Lionel Elliott, National Executive Director, Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth and Culture, guest speaker, Rayjay Sands, president of the BEC club, Freelandra Rolle, MP Edison Key, Latoya Lightbourne, Advisor, Administrator Cephass Cooper, Vincea Coakley, Justin Knowles and Joel Reckley, Jr.

Barge hauls scrap metal from Abaco

A 271-foot barge loaded close to 6000 tons of scrap metal to take to Tampa to be recycled. Junk cars, refrigerators and stoves as well as heavy equipment and other junk metal were all smashed by a crane and loaded on the barge. It left Abaco towed by the tug El Morro on June 26 for a six-day trip to Tampa. Those involved expect to return to collect more scrap. It is a major benefit to Abaco as it is the first time any metal scrap has been removed from the island. The company used local companies to collect the scrap and take it to the Murphy Town freight dock. The Nassau company making the arrangements is Heavy Lift Bahamas Ltd. working with the US company Piper International.



More students receive honours at graduation

These students graduated from Abaco high schools. A total of 125 students completed their high school requirements and will begin the next phase of their lives. Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town is the largest high school on the island while S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town, the other government school, is the second in size. Five private high schools are all in Central Abaco. Many students will go abroad for additional schooling to Nassau and the States while others will look for work locally.



Abaco Central High School
Valedictorian Shalna Blanc (r)
Salutatorian Kerstella Simms (l)



Forest Heights Academy
Valedictorian Taj Anderson (l)
Salutatorian Kyle Sands (r)



Wesley College
Valedictorian Denton Gay (r)
Salutatorian Jarrod Smith (l)

JA clubs have completed a successful year

JA *From Page 1*

Culture. He started his speech with a wise quote from Booker T. Washington, who said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that he has overcome while trying to succeed." He offered congratulations to the 90 Junior Achievers from seven schools that participated this year for the quality of their products. He expressed hope that they had learnt a valuable lesson that would help them find creative ways to generate a reasonable income, but he warned them that in the present state of the economy, they would have to "review the way they managed their businesses and employ several changes to be able to adapt and to effectively market their products and services."

Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, con-

gratulated the successful entrepreneurs indirectly since he had a voice problem that day. His wife Kathy Key read his comments on his behalf. He mentioned how important it was to teach young people how to live a fruitful life and to prepare them to generate wealth and manage it. He reminded the students that food production was very important and invited them to partner with BAIC.

Congratulations were in order but Lionel Elliott, Executive Director of JA in The Bahamas announced changes in the year to come in order for JA Bahamas to keep up with JA around the world. The Bahamian clubs will have to be in full compliance of the JA regulations, he stated. He acknowledged Ishmael Morley and his wife for their contribution to JA Abaco and offered them a weekend at Breezes as a personal token of gratitude.

During the awards ceremony each company's participants received a certificate; each president a trophy and each advisor a recognition plaque. The best year report went to BEC. The best return on a stock was awarded to the Water & Sewerage Corp. BEC was nominated again for the best Trade Fair booth and BTC for the best banner. The best advertisement seller went to Frelandra Rolle, also with BEC: Her ads were on every page of the program! So it was

no surprise when Mrs. Eva Bain, advisor for the BEC company, was declared the best advisor of the year and BEC the best JA club.

Vinceia Cockley, winner of the National JA speech contest, was recognized as the top JA performer. She accepted a \$2000 certificate to go towards her future studies.

Junior Achievers held a Trade Fair



JA members held a Trade Fair to sell the crafts and baked goods that they had made. All four clubs worked together to make it a success. On that same day their sponsors held a fund raising dinner sale to raise the funds for the JA banquet.

By Mirella Santillo

Late in the spring the four Junior Achievers clubs held a Trade Fair to exhibit and offer for sale the art and craft items they had produced during the previous months. Represented were students from the Click group sponsored by BEC, H2 Optimum by Water & Sewerage, The Vibe by BTC and Tropical Expression by Mangoes Restaurant & Boutique.

Most students had created their work with locally available products such as shells, coconut and Androsia fabrics. All students had brought baked goods, so cookies, mini-cheese cakes and cup cakes abounded. There was even crab salad and

conch fritters. BEC and BTC had created colorful banners representing their companies and BEC had compiled a cook book with native recipes. The books were next to a display of jewelry presented on wrapped gift boxes.

While the students manned their tables on the grounds of the future Farmers' Market, members of the JA board and advisors were holding a steak-out at the adjoining Anglican Church Hall as a fund raising event for the JA banquet and award ceremony. Many tickets were sold for the steak or chicken dinners that had been sea-

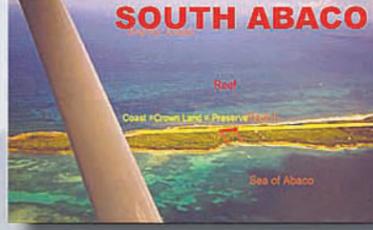
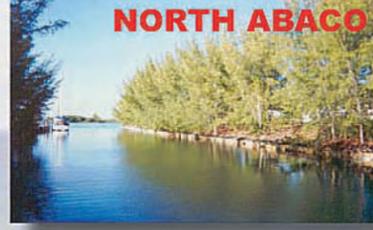
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One of the stars of the BEC sponsored JA Club was Frelandra Rolle, who sold the most advertising for the JA program. She is shown here receiving a reward for her efforts from MP Edison Key.

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 - #4193 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 8 7 Interior lot with high elevation. **\$125,000.** Laurie Schreiner
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 - #3947 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 143 approximately 11,450 sq. ft. **\$150,000.** Bill Albury
 - #4606 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 152 Sea views, dockage available. **\$145,000.** Laurie Schreiner
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Abaco is finally getting an scrap metal clean-up

By Mirella Santillo

At long last Abaco is being rid of the heaps of scrap metal, derelict cars, appliances and other discarded metal items that had been marring its natural beauty and polluting its soil for years.

At the beginning of June three trucking companies, Big Cat Equipment Ltd, E & D Waste Service, Albury's Trucking Ltd and a private hauler, Scotty, began sending their drivers to gather scrap metal, mostly derelict vehicles, that have been accumulating along S.C. Bootle Highway.

If you had followed one of these trucks that have been going back and forth from 7 a.m. to late evening, according to a driver,

Mr. Thomas Kelly, on any day lately, you would have arrived at Parker's Landing, the freight dock in Murphy Town, where a 271-foot barge was being loaded with heap after heap of scrap metal. Next to it the tug boat, El Morro with its crew of four on board, has been waiting for the barge to be filled so it could take it to Tampa where its contents are to be unloaded in a scrap-yard. In Florida the metal will be shredded before being shipped to its final destination, possibly Turkey, China or Korea.

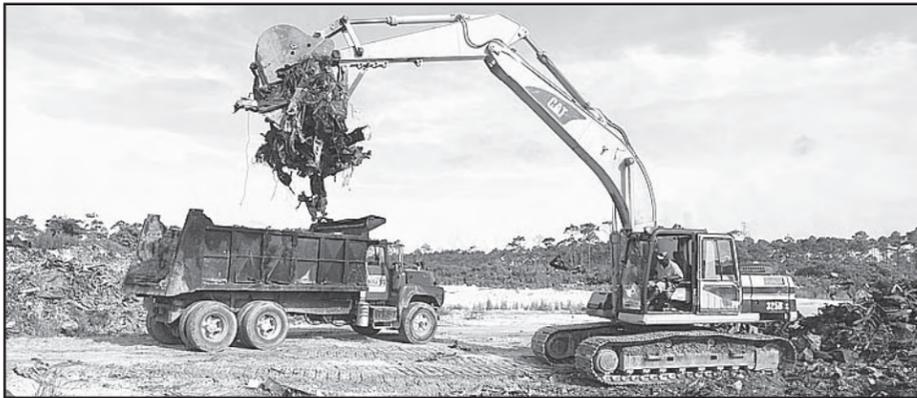
Richard Thompson with Heavy Lift Bahamas Ltd. from Nassau, who visited Marsh Harbour on June 15th with a part-

ner Len Monroe said he had been aware of the problem plaguing Abaco and some of the Family Islands. He decided to use his recently founded recycling company to take care of the clean-up by contracting for the trucks and barge in association with a partner from Florida, Kevin Piper. Mr. Piper of Piper International, a middleman in the operation, joined the two men from Nassau on June 15th at Parker's Landing to estimate the scope of the project. They have remained on Abaco to oversee the

loading until it is completed.

The 7000-ton capacity barge left Abaco on June 26. Mr. Donald Boursset, who is sailing with the tug boat to oversee the barge during the trip, stated that it would take them six to nine days to get to Tampa going around Key West.

There will be subsequent trips to Abaco until all the scrap metal is removed from the island. Abaco is the first of the Family Islands to undergo this drastic scrap metal clean-up. Eleuthera is next on the list.



A crane is loading a dump truck with trash from the Dundas Town dump. This dump is no longer being used since the landfill opened in November 2008. When the work was completed, the dump was clean with almost no visible trash.



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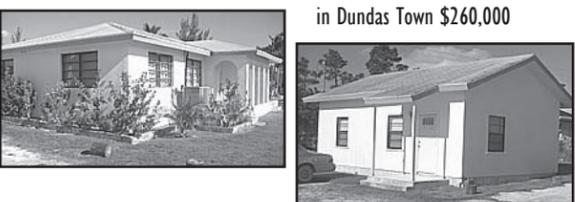


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Marsh Harbour vacant lot with beautiful walls, huge entrance gate with brick pavers at two entrances, landscaped with sprinkler system, fresh water from drilled well and two small pump & storage houses with electric power. This lot ready for a beautiful home to be built. \$139,200 gross



Hillside lot with waterviews in Dundas Town \$18,600 gross

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Triplex for sale Murphy Town



#502 2 one-bedroom, one-bath and 1 two-bedroom, one-bath. \$145,000

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



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

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

Central Pines Duplex 2br 1 1/2 bth central a/c \$210,900 gross

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4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

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School News

Forest Heights Academy Graduates 18

By Samantha V. Evans

Under the theme Now Spread Your Wings, 18 students graduated from Forest Heights Academy on June 17th. New Vision Ministries was packed to capacity as family and friends attended to see these students end another chapter of their lives. After all of the formalities, Principal Jim Richard gave his address focusing his comments on the graduates as he knows that they are ready to begin this new chapter of their lives. He stated that they were an interesting yet dynamic class. They were playful and fun but unique with great heart.

He told them to remember three things as they prepare to spread their wings. Firstly, they must be positive. They should look at the good in people and see the good in the world as well. He told them that in spite of the way the economy looks that they still have a bright future ahead. Secondly, he told them to be practical. When they select a job or a college, they should look for the best fit for them. It should be a job or place they would enjoy. He stated that they should plan for each stage of their lives so that they can make the best decisions. Finally, they should be persistent. They should not quit if they do not get what or where they want at the time they expect. Additionally, they should keep that fun side of them alive so that they can continue to live a balanced life.

The guest speaker for the graduation

was Patricia Russell, owner of the Russell Consulting Group. She was a non-traditional motivational speaker as she involved the audience in her presentation. She had a talk with the class before graduation and shared some of what they had talked about with the guests. She told the graduates that they are personally responsible for their own lives. Also, they have the power to change their circumstances. This is contingent upon their personal behavior which is their mind set of ownership. The way they think generates their behavior which will determine what results they have.

She told them that they will make choices that require risks but they must journey to become self-empowered. However, when they take risks, they must be sure that it is capable of giving them the end results they expect. They should be prepared to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zone so that they can grow. This too, will keep them accountable for their actions.

The valedictorian, Taj Anderson, told his fellow classmates not to forget all that they have learned while in school. He told them not to abuse the freedom they have attained but use it to continue to further develop. Receiving the salutatorian award was Kyle Sands.

The students received their awards and diplomas. The males really shined at this graduation. Graduating on the honors list were Alexis Albury, Faniella Gounga, Adrianna Phillpot and Kyle Sands. Graduating on the principal's list were Taj Anderson and Nasasha Bootle.

Wesley College graduates two

By Samantha V. Evans

Two students graduated from grade twelve at Wesley College on June 13th. Aldersgate Methodist Church was the venue for this graduation and the theme came from Proverbs 4:13: Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life - guard it well. As always, the graduation of Wesley College was entertaining as students are not only taught by way of academic instruction but musically as well. To make the graduation even more special this year, Rev. Charles Carey and his staff incorporated Spanish by way of the scripture reading, in the welcome and in dance.

Bringing brief remarks was Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Superintendent of Education. She began by telling the students that they can no longer afford to settle for only a ninth or twelfth grade education. She applauded Rev. Carey for the great number of males in the classes as she is seeing too many males opting out of the classroom. At the primary school level she explained that

there are more boys graduating than girls and in many cases that number is double. She stated that in order for excellence to be attained, it will take the community working together to improve the national average in The Bahamas. She encouraged the students to dream big so that they can affect lives all over the world.

Before the students received their awards and diploma, Rev. Carey gave them some advice. He told them that when they think of education to remember that it incorporates five things: faith, enterprise, experience, service, and wisdom. He explained that the two students graduating demonstrated that if they are trained and taught right that the future for the Bahamas is indeed bright.

Receiving the valedictorian award was Denton Gay. He was also the school prefect, maintained an average 3.5 GPA, band captain and a finalist in the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Competition. He will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University in August to study dance

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The graduating class of Forest Heights Academy numbered 18. Many of these students will be going away to colleges and technical schools abroad.

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More School News

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and business administration. The second graduate was Jarrod Smith, who made the honor roll as well and had an average GPA of 3.1. He was also a band member and a member of the tuck shop team which was a great responsibility. He will be attending The College of the Bahamas in September to study mechanical engineering with a focus on air-conditioning and refrigeration repairs. The graduates wore pink to remember Wensel Laroda, who would have graduated with them.

Abaco Central High School Graduation

By Mirella Santillo

On the morning of June 16th the Abaco Central High School Class of 2009 graduates were acknowledged and rewarded in a ceremony held at New Vision Ministries. It was a small class, 35 students, but what they missed in number they made up in quality. Out of the 35 students, 16 were boys, an achievement in itself. Out of 35 students, five passed with honors and 10 with merit.

A full assembly of teachers, parents, family members and local officials gathered to offer their congratulations and support to the excited young people who were getting ready to face another facet of their lives. The ceremony was orchestrated by the school's Head Mistress, Sophia Miller, but students participated throughout the function

Guest speaker, Rev. Diane Francis, addressed the students directly and immediately connected with them. She outlined the challenges they faced and left them with a few recommendations, among them, they must to have dreams, to always go to the extreme and to overcome the pain they are bound to come across in their life journeys.

Congratulations were expressed by the



The graduating class of Abaco Central High School numbered 34, the largest group on Abaco. A total of 125 students in seven schools completed their high school work and will either look for jobs or will go away to school.

District Superintendent Lenora Black, who, besides extending them her best wishes, reiterated the fact that upon their shoulders weighed the future of the country. She conveyed her confidence that the sound foundation they received would help them to achieve their goals providing they continue to show a commitment to hard work.

Principal Vanessa James encouraged them to move forward, reminding them of the theme for this 2009 commencement program Moving Forward, Achieving Our Goals.

The excitement was great among the classmates and the family members as each student stepped to the podium to be received his or her ribbons and trophies. Salutatorian Kerstella Simms and Valedictorian Shalna Blanc were recognized for their outstanding academic records.

The graduation of the Abaco Central Class of 2009 was a well orchestrated, well attended and meaningful ceremony and one of the best commencement ceremonies for that school.

The Reading Warriors Program at St. Francis

By Samantha V. Evans

The Reading Warriors Program was started by the grade six teacher, Ms. Curry. The students were encouraged to read as many books as they could during the school year and submit a comprehensive book report. The entire class participated and those students to successfully meet the criteria were honored on June 9th at the grade six awards ceremony. The top three students were honored with large trophies. The winner was Pavel Bailey, who read 100 books. The second place finisher was Roann Burrows, who read 76 books and the third place finisher was Shamika Simms, who read 55 books. Additionally, the students who read 20 books or less received a small trophy while those reading 20 to 50 books received a medal.

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People in the News

50 Years for Virginia and Bernard Curry!

By Betsy Bracey

Fifty years ago on June 6th Bernard Curry made Virginia his very own and on June 6, 2009, on a star-studded night, they shared their joy with more than 300 family members and friends, old and new, from near and far, in a spectacular celebration.

From beginning to end surprise entertainment greeted their guests. Estin Saw-

yer, whose sweet serenade accompanied the cocktail hour was joined by Nassau's own 'Nita whose stunning vocal renditions of wonderful oldies and current hits was a very special treat. 'Nita is the daughter of the well loved Count Bernadino, a true Calypsonian entertainer and family friend who came out of retirement just for this occasion.

As a large screen slide show flowed by with pictures of the Curry's younger years, a magnificent dinner was served. Green

Turtle's Gully Roosters provided the beat that set the crowd to dancing. But surprises weren't over. Treasure's Cay's Explorers, in full regalia entertained with a dazzling display of Junkanoo at its best. Fire dancing rounded out the night's amazing display of talent as the Gully Roosters set feet to tappin' late into the night.

For those who once said "it wouldn't last," this celebration proved that love can last a lifetime and then some.



Bernard and Virginia Curry of Treasure Cay have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated with 300 of their family and friends in an unforgettable party

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Miss Universe visited Abaco



Dayana Mendoza, the reigning Miss Universe, visited Abaco on June 10th. Miss Mendoza has been in the Bahamas since June 3rd with a production crew who has been filming her as she travels around The Bahamas. The films will be used during the airing of the Miss Universe Pageant that will take place in August of this year on Paradise Island. The Ministry of Tourism will be featuring Abaco where the reigning Miss Universe had the opportunity to visit some of our

settlements and engaged in some planned activities. She is shown here with Kendy Anderson and Wynsome Ferguson, both of the Abaco Tourist office.

Abaco boats comes 3rd in Long Island



The John B, a Class C Bahamian sloop, competed in the races on Long Island in May. The boat was skippered by Andrew Wilhoite, a young sailor from Hope Town who has much potential. The boat came in third overall.



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More People in the News

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Customs Department has a new chief

By Samantha V. Evans

Supt. Clement Bosfield began his posting on Abaco on May 11. The veteran Customs Officer of 38 years began his career with Customs in 1971 immediately after graduating from high school. Except for summer jobs, Customs is the only employment he has had. Since he enjoyed it immensely, he decided to make it his career. He has worked on numerous islands and was stationed in Freeport before being on Abaco. This posting gives him responsibility for all of Abaco excluding Walker's Cay which falls under Freeport.

He has found this job very rewarding and would like to encourage more persons to seek employment with the public service. He believes that his love and passion

for what he does has been the reason he has stayed with it all of these years. He is committed to carrying out the mandate of the Customs Department so that it can properly serve the public. He encourages his staff to do their work with dignity and respect. He considers himself to be an advocate for excellent service. He likes working in close knit communities as you get to know and respect the people very well.

Mr. Bosfield is unsure of how long he will be assigned to Abaco but will be happy if he can spend the remaining two years here so that he can give 40 years of service. He hopes to enhance revenue collection on



Clement Bosfield

the island and make the public more comfortable with paying taxes in a friendly atmosphere. So far the reception by his new and the public has been good. He plans to ensure that they understand the mandates of the department so that they realize the importance of revenue collection. He stated that Abaco merchants and brokers are very cooperative. Once economy bounces back, revenue collection for Abaco is expected to increase.

The department has had recent additions to staff as five persons from the Abaco area

Crossing Rocks fishermen learn to clean lionfish



Crossing Rocks fishermen learn how to clean and prepare lionfish for eating. Alex Maillis of Nassau worked with the fishermen to let them see that the fish can be cleaned without the person being stung. The lionfish is an invasive species that has a voracious appetite for our reef fish. It is hoped that restaurants will begin putting it on their menus as the meat is very tasty. The demonstration was on June 3.

just completed training in Freeport. This will greatly enhance the department by enabling them to do their job better. He expressed his approval of the number of young people who are interested in working for the department and have filled out applications. He is further impressed that the majority of them meet the minimal criteria for employment. Once submitted, all applications go into Nassau for approval and selection. Mr. Bosfield is single and a devote Catholic.

Correction

We regret that we named two people incorrectly. In the photo of the winners of the Lionfish Derby the man on the left is Thomas Sawyer and the boy in front of him is Matthew Sawyer. Our apologies

Winner receives \$200



The Ministry of Tourism held a competition in the Abaco schools to name the theme of this year's Junkanoo Summer Festival. The winner was Payton Stubbs She is being presented here with a check for \$200 from Assistant Administrator Whelma Colebrook.

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Local Government at Work



Murphy Town Committee 15 June 09

By Mirella Santillo

The Murphy Town Township Committee held its monthly meeting at the Burial Society. It was followed by an open Town Meeting to invite the residents to communicate their opinions on what had been done so far in Murphy Town and to offer suggestions on what they wanted in the future.

The Town Committee meeting consisted of a review of the previous capital expenditures and a review of the Independence Day celebrations. On July 10th each township will have its own Independence Day party. Murphy Town celebration festivities will be held at the Murphy Town Park on Forest Drive.

Approximately two dozens people showed up at the Town Meeting, an indication that some people were concerned about their community. However, Chief Councillor Cubell Davis had hoped for more representation.

Committee Chairman Renardo Curry explained that the Committee was involved with various projects that were started during the previous administrative year. He outlined their costs and announced the intention of the Committee to go forward with the creation of a Cultural Village on the water's edge and a Community Center (depending on funding) which would include an indoor basketball court. The Community Village, a pet idea of Conch Man George Wilmore, had already been discussed during the previous administration and plans for the projects had been drawn and posted on the wall. The Community Center had also been previously mentioned and the plans for that project were on display that evening.

Mr. Curry asked the audience's advice as to which one should be built first. That question triggered quite a few comments from the audience who stated that they would rather see the projects completed that were already started before undertaking any new ones. Mr. Curry explained that the clearing of the land and the installation of the infrastructure were the only

expenses to the Committee for the Cultural Village since people could rent plots of land immediately after the infrastructure was in place. Another project he mentioned was to create a beach and repair the boat ramp at Coconut Tree Bay. He announced that a fund raising event, Murphy Town Day, will be held on July 18th. The funds raised will go towards the Cultural Village.

Sonith Lockart stated that he had passionately undertaken the task of the side street maintenance and depending on the budget would like to get the whole town cleaned up. Don Bootle stressed the economic impact a Cultural Village would have for the settlement and urged people to give the idea serious consideration.

A resident complained about the heavy equipment and trucks using the side roads as their route to the cement plant and the dock and asked the committee to find an alternative route. Mrs. Megan Simms stated that the same businesses using these roads supported the community through various donations and announced that she had connections for the building of a community pool. She suggested looking for wild palm trees for the beautification instead of buying them and admonished accountability in all dealings regarding donations.

Administrator Cephos Cooper reminded the audience that nothing could be decided until the budget was announced at the end of July. It would be a good time for the community to meet again then and put ideas forward while in possession of an outlined budget. Mr. Curry agreed to contact the residents as soon as he had received the budget.

Administrator Cooper introduced his

new assistant, Mrs. Whelma Colebrook, who accompanied him that evening. Mrs. Colebrook will act as Assistant Administrator for the next few months.

Central Abaco Licensing 6 June 09

Extensive discussions centered on the excessive loitering experienced at the Burns House liquor store on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. This store has only a wholesale liquor license but observations suggest the store is operating as a bar, contrary to its license. Several years ago the store hours were extended to 7 p.m. to accommodate late visitor arrivals. It was noted that a party was recently held on the property with music and the open sale of liquor.

The Board is now considering revising its hours to an earlier closing as it appears the management cannot control drinking on the property. Wholesale requires that the owner must control loitering both inside and outside the business.

Administrator Cephos Cooper will write a warning letter that the store must operate within the law and conform to its license restrictions.

Save-a-Lot grocery store received much criticism over opening prior to obtaining its license. Members noted that the store had opened to a higher standard of cleanliness than the previous operation but felt that this was not an excuse to evade licensing regulations. The license application was reluctantly granted.

Board members were disturbed that many small businesses are prohibited from

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The Murphy Town Committee held a Town Meeting in the Burial Society on June 15 to give town residents a chance to voice their opinions about projects the Committee is undertaking.

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operating until they meet all conditions, yet this large business was allowed to continue operating while making the necessary improvements.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm 17 June 09

The Committee began by reviewing the circumstances leading to the construction of a two-story six-room motel as an addition to a house in Cove Estates. No permit had been obtained and construction was stopped when the second story was observed rising above a high hedge.

The homeowner's contractor professed that a permit was in hand, but this was not the case. The owner had obtained a construction loan from a bank and paid the contractor a substantial sum. In an attempt to resolve the problem, the owner had been invited to speak to Town Committee members. She came and answered questions.

The homeowner was willing to convert the bottom floor to a day care facility if that would be acceptable and forego the second story. She was advised to redesign the ground floor, include parking and submit an application to Town Planning for consideration.

The delinquent application for this motel in a residential area had been deferred by Town Planning as it was uncomfortable with the concept. No parking had been provided and access would have been on the busy S.C. Bootle Highway which was not acceptable.

The balance of the meeting was spent

reviewing the budget, looking for any available funds to be used by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Any funds remaining at that time are returned to the Treasury.

Available funds will be applied to completing the gazebo and parking at the Union Jack dock, adding sidewalks in the Marsh Harbour business district and adding a sign at Mermaid Reef concerning refuse. Improving the boat ramp at Snake Cay was mentioned, but it was felt that this facility is used by the entire Central Abaco area and these improvements should be undertaken by the District Council.

Central Abaco District Council 17 June 09

This meeting was called for the singular purpose of opening bids for the restoration of the old dump site in Dundas Town which has been closed since the fall of 2008. Tenders had been requested for the removal of the large quantities of junk vehicles and machinery and for the levelling of the area to make it suitable for possible use as a nursery, recreational park or for other public use.

Funds of \$55,000 had recently been returned to Council from Environmental Health. This amount had been advanced to Environmental Health last fall by Council to make the landfill operational. This amount was advanced with the understanding that it would be paid back. It was this amount that was now available and which would be used for restoring the previous dump site.

Two bids were received, one for \$55,000 and one for \$190,000. The lower bid from local contractor Lawrence Collie was accepted. The higher bid was from a Nassau company.

The scrap metal salvager, Bahamian

Richard Thomas of Arrow Recycling from Nassau, had been invited to address the Council by a member from the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. After the bid was accepted, he was invited into the meeting. He was questioned extensively about the disrespect he had shown local government members by removing the scrap iron without getting permission. In reality he had been paying several local trucking companies to collect the scrap and take it to the barge at the Murphy Town landing. At that time he said that he had paid over \$100,000 into the local economy.

Council members agreed to visit the site the next morning to see if they could get the contractor to do additional work for the same amount since there was less work to do now. It was not expected that the site could be totally restored for the \$55,000.

Mr. Thomas was asked and agreed to be

present at the meeting at the dump site the next morning so he could further explain his salvage operation.

Council inspect old dump June 18

A few Council members met at the dump site on the morning of June 18 with the local contractor who was being given the contract for restoring the site and with the salvage operator who was removing the scrap metal without charge.

Several Council members present at the site were upset that they had not been notified of the meeting for opening the bids the day before. Verbal exchanges were lively between Council members who approved of giving the contract for \$55,000 to restore the site and those members who felt that with much of the work already done, the tender process should be revisited.

No conclusion was reached.



The old Dundas Town dump is remarkably clean after all the scrap metal was removed by a salvage company. Council members are debating how to complete the work to allow the site to be used for other purposes.

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North Abaco News

North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Cooper's Town Homecoming

On July 9th-12th all roads lead to Cooper's Town for the Annual Cooper's Town and Fire Road Homecoming. This year organizers have worked hard to bring you a weekend of activities second to none. Calling all residents to come and celebrate with the committee.

The awesome line up of activities for this year homecoming includes a church service, fashion/talent show, table games tournaments, conch cracking, line fishing tournament and much more. Lots of food and drinks will be on sale and there will be games for the children. The committee is inviting the public to bring out the entire family to enjoy wholesome family entertainment. The committee is looking forward to a great celebration at the Homecoming 2009.

Father's Day Celebrations

Throughout communities all over the world June 21st was observed as Father's Day, a day that is set aside for children to recognize the contribution of their fathers to their well being and development. Throughout North Abaco the celebrations were very much alive as many adults as well as children celebrated with their fathers on his special day. Many churches held special services that were followed by a lunch receptions. Others held special family gatherings and parties. Despite the news reports that sales for this year's fathers day gifts were down in comparison to previous years, many persons still paid

tribute to their dads. Belated Father's Day greetings are extended to all the fathers in North Abaco.

Camp Time Camp Abaco

It is that time of the year again when campers pack their bags to head to Camp Abaco. Offering young people an experience where they have exciting outdoor activities, chapel time, rap sessions and much more. The camp has been open for many years and has provided wholesome fun since its inception. Children between the ages of 6 and 21 can participate as campers. The camp has counselors who are trained and willing to work with the campers. The low cost for a week at Camp Abaco includes three meals daily. A banquet is held at the end of the camp where a camp queen and king are selected. The camp is open to all. For further information on Camp Abaco persons can contact 365-8097. Camp begins on July 5th.

The Police Camp

The Police Department is once again offering its summer camp program in North Abaco. Sessions are held daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sherlin Bootle High School. Children between the ages of 5 and 16 can participate in the camp. Discipline plays a vital role in the camp as well as fire safety, personal safety and other essential topics. The camp features guest speakers who offer real talk to their campers. The police asks parents to send their children out to be a part of this exciting program.

Friends of the Environment Camp

Friends of the Environment is once again hosting two weeks of camp time.

Beginning on June 29th through July 9, children between the ages of 6 to 13 can participate. For older children the dates are July 20 through July 31. For further information, interested person can contact Mrs. Laura Davis in Cooper's Town.

School News

Treasure Cay Year in Review

The Treasure Cay Primary School had a successful year and wishes to update the public on its accomplishments.

- The honor roll achievers have been doubled
- Students achieving 2.0 GPA have increased by 50 percent
- The establishment of a media center
- Wall of fame sponsored by teachers and the community
- A thanksgiving service that allowed the school to be a blessing to many of the elderly in the community.
- The annual award ceremony sponsored by Treasure Cay Limited
- A successful book parade
- Tree planting project with 1,000 trees planted

Treasure Cay Resort adopted the school at the graduation ceremony last year and has played a dynamic role in many of the accomplishments at the school this year. Special thanks are extended to the Treasure Cay Resort and all other organization and businesses, concerned residents and parents who contributed to the success of the school year.

Report Card Day

National Report Card Day was held throughout the country on June 19th. Parents flocked to the schools in North Abaco to collect their children report cards. The

Sherlin Bootle High School is boasting a high turn-out rate. The administrative team has enforced stern policies concerning the collection of report cards. Principal Huel Moss is grateful for the cooperation of the parents and guardians of its students. It the belief of the administration that when parents and teachers work together, more is accomplished.

Angelic Meals on Wheels

Are you fed up with the increase in the cost of living but not in your paycheck? Well, if you are then, it's your lucky day. Introducing a new meal-on-wheels service that will be rolling around easing the burden with affordable breakfasts and lunches in the North Abaco area. The wheels will offer breakfast deals starting as low as \$2 and lunch special as low as \$8 inclusive of a drink. There will also be sweet treats and mini-lunch specials available. The meals are scrumptious and will leave you wanting more. Businesses and construction workers, be on the lookout for the Angelic Lunch Van.

Business Man Pass Away

The community of Treasure Cay was shocked by the passing of business man Prince Bodie on June 18th. He suffered a massive heart attack that proved to be fatal. He is the proprietor of Bodie's Car Rental and has worked at the Treasure Cay Resort in many capacities. He has played an instrumental role in the community of Treasure Cay assisting in many ways. He leaves behind many to mourn his death. The community of North Abaco, especial-

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ly Treasure Cay, expresses their sympathy to the family in their hour of bereavement.

Farewell

Eighteen years ago Mrs. Glendina Mills came to Abaco as teacher at the Treasure Cay Primary School. Mrs. Mills has been committed to the development of her students, proving herself to be a teacher extraordinaire. When school opened in September last year she was promoted to Principal of the Green Turtle Cay Primary School. Now Mrs. Mills will wave goodbye to Abaco as she is being transferred to her home in New Providence. The community of Treasure Cay says thank you to Mrs. Mills for the work she accomplished among our children.

Thank You

A special thank you is extended to everyone who supported the fair held in Blackwood for Mrs. Eudean Reckley. It was held at the basketball court. Mrs. Reckley was flown into Nassau on a medical emer-

gency and has encountered medical bills. Family and friends of Mrs. Reckley are hosting a series of cook-outs to help defray her medical cost. The fairs have been a success and organizers are grateful for the support that was showed.

The Cooper's Town and Fire Road Homecoming Committee hosted a Fish Fry and Fun Day to raise funds for hosting their homecoming set for the Independence holiday weekend on the Sherlin Bootle High School grounds. Despite the rainfall, the fun day was still a success.

Independence Church Service

To celebrate The Bahamas' 36th anniversary of Independence, a special church service will be held at Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Treasure Cay at 3 p.m. on July 5th. This year's Independence celebration will be all island events with the first one in North Abaco. The committee is inviting the public to join them as they celebrate as a community.

Revival on the Park

Prophetess Miriam Emmanuel of Good Samaritan Ministries and a team from that

ministry were on Abaco for three nights of revival services held in Cooper's Town at the Hubert Ingraham Park. Sermons were delivered by the visiting pastor and praise and worship was led by the visiting praise team. The message of great hope founded in the belief of Christianity brought inspiration and purpose to many.

Women's Conference

Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town hosted its 20th Annual Women's Conference. The conference began on June 16th and climaxed on June 22nd. Speakers from both the local church and the national church participated. People were revived and lives were changed.

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Viewpoint . . . Talking garbage again!

By John Hedden

The Bahamas Government certainly needs a positive word from the Abaco public for its approach to and implementation of the garbage and waste removal around Abaco. The idea of a sanitary landfill is a definite plus, and the location in the Snake Cay area is perhaps the best choice out of a whole series of problematic alternatives.

The idea of supervision and implementation through the local government authority is also a positive, if for no other reason than passing responsibility from a remote institution to a local hands on control. Centralised funding also removes the burden from an undersubscribed local government budget, but still allows local contract selection and oversight.

Finally, the discrete implementation of an island-wide clean up with removal of much of the steel and iron, and transfer to a barge for export has done much to improve the Abaco landscape. Kipco and the old sugar mill site are such examples.

These are all great beginnings, but we need to go much further, and the responsibility rests with the local Abaco community as a whole. The initiation of the programme by central government needs follow up on our part to keep the ball rolling.

As we all know, problems have begun to develop, some predicted and others not foreseen. Many of the problems result from poor initial design and thoughtless implementation, but they must be dealt with now before they grow too large. They include

a) The size and capacity of the landfill itself, and the need for expansion

b) The eventuality of natural excesses due to rains and storms, which overload the systems and result in ground water contamination

c) Oversight of contract operations to ensure that physical and mechanical operations are followed through

d) Education of both the general public and the operators to ensure their co-operation

With the above in mind I will point out the following.

Garbage is actively being dumped in the forest in small household quantities and much larger commercial truck-size loads. This is especially so on the bypass road area between the airport roundabout and S.C. Bootle Highway and also in the reserve roads east of the well fields south to Spring City. This is not being done by either the commercial waste contractors or government employees. This is the work of private citizens and operators who are too lazy, too nasty and too negligent to bother with use of the proper facility. Waste contractors do need to be brought to task for not securing their loads properly, resulting in garbage blowing off the trucks onto the highway and verges as the approach is made along the Spring City highway. This ultimately defeats the whole purpose of the landfill and we end up with contaminated lands, soils, and ground water systems.

Secondly is the liquid flow and use within the landfill itself. Cells with liners are constructed to handle the actual waste deposits and the draining and recirculation of the digestive liquids and leachate through the mass of waste assisting with its composting and breakdown. The use of liners prevents contamination of the surrounding environment. Unfortunately, recent rains have exposed a design flaw resulting in overflow of the liner cells and contamination of the surrounding environment. Two concerns become immediately

apparent, the movement of contaminants into the Snake Cay creek systems and direct pollution of the fresh water lens in the Spring City area. The long term effect is not known.

Thirdly is the operation of the landfill itself and the obligations of the contractor/operator of the facility. I distinctly get the impression that landfill equipment is not efficiently operating, and landfill operations are somewhat haphazard, daily topping with fill, levelling of the waste all require operating tractors and equipment. Somehow I get the feeling that this is not happening. Is lack of maintenance to blame? The chipper grinder mulcher is

working well and eats pallet morsels like a hungry pig, spewing out mulch and chips including the nails. Is this piece of equipment being maintained? Don't forget that right now it is brand new. Are parts on hand for maintenance and repair? I do believe that the operator contract calls for continuous equipment operation including equipment replacement in the eventuality of a breakdown.

Fourthly is the actual oversight and required planning on the part of local government. Again I get the impression that this is not being done, and the local

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Councils and town committees have no interest in the landfill despite having the responsibility. Is anything being done to deal with leachate overflow, waste dumping in the forest, equipment breakdown on site, future expansion needs and design improvements with time? What about proper sorting and separation of refuse and recyclables? Are any plans being made for use of the transfer stations or are these just wasted investment of public funds? After all, don't forget that the public is paying out almost \$40,000 dollars every month for the operation of this facility. This does not include the money we invested to build it in the first place. Are we getting our money's worth? Was it a bad investment?

Next there is the question of future demands and expansion of the existing facility to handle the present volume of waste as well as the growth for handling future increases. How will the landfill be expanded and where? Will work be done to begin sorting and separation?

There are answers to all of these questions, and they need to be found and then implemented.

Finally, I would like to briefly mention another positive in island waste handling. As some are aware, a large barge was recently moored at Parkers in Murphy Town and contracts were given to local truckers and haulers to move large quantities of steel and metal waste to the barge for shipment abroad to be recycled. The net result was that many areas of the island were relieved of unsightly waste and rusty metals.

This included the old public dump site next to Central Pines housing subdivision. Congratulations to the Bahamian Government for initiating this programme, hopefully, throughout the Bahamas. This operation needs to be ongoing and should include other waste materials such as batteries, glass and plastics, aluminum, copper and alloys. Collection sites can be allocated for these materials and should include the two otherwise useless transfer stations previously built at great public expense. In fact, the use of a single exporter would allow for more efficient control and prevention of the loss and theft of copper wiring by both private and public enterprises on the island. The final export site should be done from an area at Snake Cay, which already serves as a docking and transhipment area for equipment and raw materials movement into and out of Abaco. In fact, this same site could be used as the final export site for the whole Bahamas.

All of this sounds so positive, and we the community have made a start. The question remains: Are we capable of follow through?

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First Grade Spelling Bee was competitive



The grade one spelling bee was very competitive. The students spelt all the words from an unseen list. To end the competition words had to be taken from grade three word list. The winners 1st. Place winner: Kenedee Romer, Agape Christian School; 2nd Place: Trent Albury, Angels Academy; and 3rd Place: Gabriel Wong, Agape Christian School. The two winners from Agape Christian School are shown with the trophy they earned for their school. The schools participating were Agape Christian, Amy Roberts Primary, Angels Academy, Cooper's Town Primary, Long Bay School, Central Abaco Primary, Man-O-War Primary, Hope Town Primary and St. Francis de Sales.

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Melissa Kathleen Thompson Hill Sands



On Sunday, May 31, 2009, Marcus and Melissa set out for an afternoon of fun crabbing along the Capt. Earnest Dean Highway, an afternoon that would end in tragedy and changed lives forever.

Melissa's life was taken in a tragic accident when the vehicle they were in went off the road and into a utility pole. Her husband Marcus was airlifted to Nassau where he remains in hospital.

Melissa leaves behind her husband, Marcus Sands, three beautiful little girls, Dayna and Kelsey Hill (by previous marriage to Dale Hill of Marsh Harbour) and Jenna Sands. Parents Dan and Sharlyne Thompson and Brother Stacy, Grandfather Percy Thompson, Grandmother Elsie Thomspson (predeceased), Grandparents Serviea and Vivian Albury (predeceased), Nephew Brandin Thompson, Adopted Sister Arielle Cash, Parents-in-law Cannis and Hughena Sands and numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins and special friends including Chris and Tara Claridge.

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Church News

Soul Saving Ministries Launches Girls Program

By Samantha V. Evans

GLOW, Girls Leaning on Women, is the name of the girls' program launched by Soul Saving Ministries on June 6th. The ground work for the program began two weeks previously as leaders and interested ladies from the church discussed plans for the program and distributed flyers throughout Central Pines Estates. The meeting was chaired by Sherinette Norville-Smith, who brought the vision to the group. She has years of experience working with girls' groups and stated her excitement to now be a part of a group at her local church. She believes that this is one of her ministries and recruited a group of ladies who have the same passion. The group discussed the areas they will emphasize including etiquette training, crafts, cooking and baking,

grooming and hygiene and current matters.

Pastor Lawrence Arnett stated that he is moved by the interest of the ladies to introduce this group to the church. He believes that this is very timely as he has foreseen such a program at the church long before it came to be. He stated that the church is located strategically in Central Pines where they have the opportunity to touch many lives, and he is honored to be the pastor of this church.

On the day of the program, 25 girls attended ranging in age from 2 to 18, and they all had something positive to do during the two hours. The teens had many questions in their groups which the facilitators answered. The girls were told that by attending this program, they will learn what God has instructed them to do and that is to learn how to become women of excellence, dignity, and character. They were

given verses to learn to help them. At the end of the structured groups, the girls were treated to refreshments, and got a taste of some of the foods things they will learn to make such as making decorative fruit, cakes, sandwiches, towel folding, crafts and tie dyeing.

STOMP Dance held at Friendship Tabernacle

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 6th the church hall at Friendship Tabernacle was transformed to host STOMP Praise Dance Extravaganza. This event brought dancers and performers together for an explosive night of entertainment for young and old to congregate in a comfortable environment. Praise dancers were present from Friendship Tabernacle, Latter Rain Church, Change Ministries, Abaco Youth Ministries, First Assemblies of God, Grace Baptist and Zion Baptist. There was a guest performer from Grand

Bahama who danced. Also present to woo the crowd was comedian Simone Beneby from Nassau. Persons holding the lucky ticket numbers won trips and other surprises. The event was organized by Dannyca Miller of Friendship Tabernacle Church. Pastor Silbert Mills stated that he would like to do something like this once every month to give the youth in particular somewhere positive to go to have fun so that they do not get into mischief.

Zion Baptist Convention

By Samantha V. Evans

During the month of May Zion Baptist Church Abaco District held its annual convention at the Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town under the theme God with Us. The convention began May 11th and ended on the 17th.

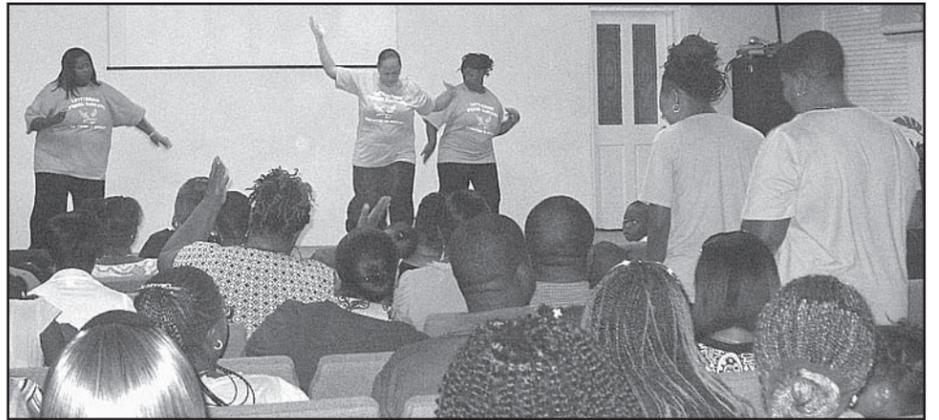
This year's convention marked the 47th

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GLOW is a newly formed girls' group at Soul Saving Ministries in Dundas Town. The girls enjoy the meetings where they learn about morals and ethics as well crafts, etiquette, cooking and baking. It's also a time of socializing and enjoying being together.



Friendship Tabernacle hosted young people from many churches for a STOMP Praise Dance Extravaganza. Seven churches participated to entertain the audience with praise dancing and comedian shows. Pastor Silbert Mills would like to make this a monthly event.

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session for the Abaco District. On the Friday night of the convention, the youth held their activities so that they could display their talents. On that night youth from each of the Zion churches on Abaco spoke for ten minutes on the convention topic. The youth gave their view of what this topic means to them and the importance of having God in their lives in this day. Some of them spoke of the experiences they have and how having knowledge of God and His expectations has helped them to make good choices.

The district superintendent for Abaco and Pastor of Zion Baptist in Murphy Town, Rev. Christopher R. Dean, gave the youth a charge. Also during this night a number of youth praise dance teams and soloists performed. Each speaker was awarded a trophy of participation while many others won door prizes. The night ended on a high note with light refreshments, drinks, and a dance for the youth to socialize.

ASAPH to Come to Abaco
By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco got a taste of ASAPH 2009 on May 17th at Grace Baptist Church. Guest speakers came to the island and spoke at services at Latter Rain Church, Friendship Tabernacle and Grace Baptist. The focus of the sermons was on worship and the various ways it can be done. They spoke of the value of worship in their personal relationship with God, how it can help improve a situation and result in a life changing breakthrough and how churches can improve their worship for the honor and glory of God. Sister Judy Bowe of St. Thomas spoke at Friendship Tabernacle Church, Pastor Mark Bethel of Bahamas Faith Ministries spoke at Latter Rain and Rev. Nicole Holder spoke at Grace Baptist. That evening the church hall of Grace Baptist Church came alive as a praise concert was held. Church praise teams, dancers and performers were invited to participate resulting in a dynamic evening of family entertainment. Local organizers Shawn and Jackie Robbins were very pleased with the event stating that this is preparation for

ASAPH 2010 in Abaco. This event was to give Abaco a taste of what ASAPH is all about. Once the event is held, it will be done on a large scale as in Nassau.

Vacation Bible School at International Gospel Mission

By Samantha V. Evans

For the past 27 years Pastor Robin Weatherford has hosted Vacation Bible School at his church in Marsh Harbour, International Gospel Mission. He had a team from Tampa come to spearhead the one-week activity which took place from June 15-19th. The group was led by Pastor Mike Richards from Oakwood Community Church. He brought with him a team of 16 persons consisting of students from grades 6 to 12 and adults. The team had attended training to prepare for the Vacation Bible School. They take the message of God

Loves Kids everywhere they go and their travels have taken them to many parts of the world including the Middle East. The activities during this week included Bible teachings, making of puppets, bracelets and sandals, story telling, singing and dancing and a lot of outdoor fun.

On the last day the students had water balloon fights and made crafts. Pastor Robin was very pleased with the participation of the kids and hopes that they will remember what was taught. He explained that this year's camp was different from the rest as for the first time; they had a very good showing of Bahamian kids. On some days there were as many as 120 kids which was great. He is extremely happy that they can spread the word of God to the kids so that they can begin to make life choices that are pleasing in the sight of God.

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- Monday 6th, July - Race 2 - Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Awards and Street Party on Guana Cay
- Tuesday 7th, July - Layday - Fleet moves to Marsh Harbour - Party at Snappas Bar & Grill
- Wednesday 8th, July - Race 3 - Marsh Harbour Channel - Awards and Party at Mangoes Restaurant
- Thursday 9th, July - Race 4 - Marsh Harbour to Hope Town - Awards and Party at Hope Town Lodge
- Friday 10th, July - Optimist Race in Hope Town - Awards and Party at Cracker P's
- Saturday 11th, July - Race 5 - Hope Town to Marsh Harbour - Final Awards Party at Crossing Beach

Tourism Activities

Abaco wants to improve its tourism product

By Michelle Mikula

In an effort to sustain the optimal delivery of services to the visitors who choose to visit this destination, the Abaco Tourist Office has brought together a cross section of people from both the private and public sectors to form the Abaco Tourism Leadership Council.

The Council, which was formed in April of this year, is made up of 20 members and officers who meet monthly to discuss and address matters that are affecting the overall tourism product in Abaco. The officers

selected to lead the Council are Chairperson, Claude Sawyer; Deputy Chairperson, Bridgette Reckley; Secretary, Judy Johnston; Assistant Secretary, Glender Knowles; and Public Relations, Whitney Bain.

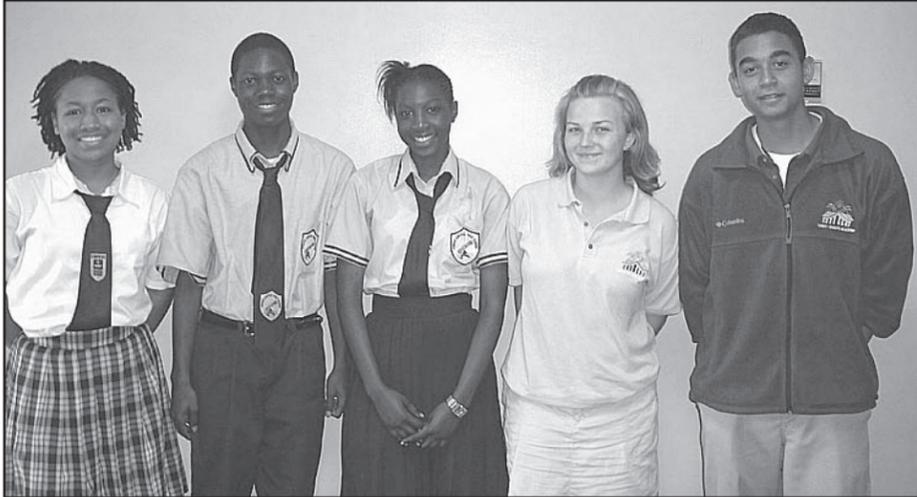
First on the agenda for the Abaco Tourism Leadership Council is to address concerns related to airlift and safety and security. There is a general consensus that the state of Abaco's current airlift product is making it difficult for visitors and residents to fly in and out of this destination. As it relates to safety and security concerns, the predominant view is that much more must be done to create visitor awareness of the

safety and security measures that are available to them on Abaco.

The Council will direct these concerns to central government officials, including Members of Parliament and government ministers with responsible for these issues and related areas. Also, preceding the submission of the information to the decision makers, in order to determine that the points and recommendations are valid, the council members will engage in assessment exercises, utilizing a scientific approach. The intention is to engage a continuous process which will drive for resolutions of identified concerns before the council will then introduce other matters to be addressed.

New Beginnings Household of Faith (formerly Abaco Youth Ministries) to receive a covering prayer of blessings and words of encouragement before they travel. Pastor Emmit Archer and the church family welcomed them warmly and he delivered a message that spoke of the importance of family especially the role of fathers who are the foundation of the unit. Millie Dawkins, Tourism's local Foreign Language Cadet coordinator, gave the congregation an overview of the program including the selection. The program that was started on Abaco in January 2007 promotes the study of bilingual students in The Bahamas.

The students will be traveling along with Ms. Dawkins on July 4th to meet with cadets from Nassau and Freeport before traveling to Costa Rica. The five students who will be traveling from Abaco are Joy Archer of St. Francis de Sales, Shaquille Jones of Abaco Central High, Shannon Paul of Abaco Central High, Charmon McIntosh of Forest Heights and Stephanie Sweeting of Forest Heights. The entire trip



These five students are the Spanish Cadets who have spent the past six months intensely studying Spanish in a variety of practical situations. Their final experience will be to live with a Spanish-speaking family in Costa Rica for a month while learning the language and culture of that country. They leave on their trip on July 4. They are Joy Archer of St. Francis de Sales School, Shaquille Jones of Abaco Central High School, Shannon Paul of Abaco Central High, Stephanie Sweeting of Forest Heights Academy and Charmon McIntosh of Forest Heights Academy. They will be accompanied by Tourism staff member Millie Dawkins.

Spanish Cadets attend service before travel

By Samantha V. Evans

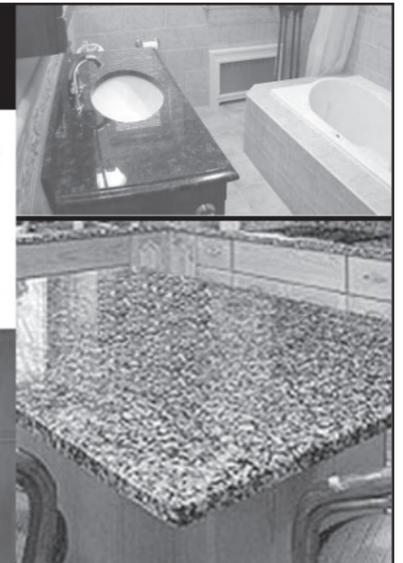
This Father's Day was not only special for Father's, it was special for five Foreign Language Cadets who are preparing to spend one month in Costa Rica. On June 21st the students along with the Ministry of Tourism staff, worshiped at

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Abaco students

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On June 15 the Abaco Tourism office presented Brandon Weatherford and Dillian Roberts with their winnings from the Coastal Awareness School Competition that was held throughout The Bahamas. The students were asked to create artwork for a bumper sticker that would promote cleanliness and preservation of our environment.

Brandon Weatherford, a student of Man-O-War Primary School, won First Place in the Primary Category. Brandon will receive a digital camera, a trophy and a certificate. Dillian Roberts is a student of Forest Heights Academy and won Third Place in the Secondary Category. Dillian will receive a trophy, certificate and attendance at the Eco Tourism Camp on Andros. Nicholas Schrack, a student of

Forest Heights Academy, received honourable mention in the Secondary Category. Nicholas will receive a certificate and attendance at the Eco Tourism Camp on Andros.

All these awards were won in a nationwide competition. Abaco students are really showing up well.

Keep Abaco Beautiful

By Mirella Santillo

After a couple of preliminary meetings in February, Ms. Bernadette Hall is now well anchored as the Executive Director of Keep Abaco Beautiful, and the program has resumed in full swing and with a stronger momentum.

Because of the number of projects to be tackled and the scope of the vision, Ms. Hall divided the Keep Abaco Beautiful committee into three sub-committees responsible for Education, Litter Prevention and Beautification. This became effective April 28th. Each committee comprises members from the Ministry of Tourism and Friends of the Environment along with

others, and each committee meeting will be chaired by Ms. Hall, who will coordinate the decisions made by the individual committees.

The Education Committee met on May 8th at the Ministry of Tourism Office to define the role of that committee - which is to educate people to take responsibility, to promote a consciousness of the environment among the residents of the communities by involving volunteers and students in various projects, to seek the support of the business community, and to complete the KAB agenda for the remainder of the year.

A plan of action to organize the first two events, a clean-up on Stede Bonnet Road and another clean-up along the by-pass road from the Marsh Harbour airport were put in place. The by-pass road, recently opened from the Marsh Harbour roundabout to S.C. Bootle Highway, has become a dumping site for all kind of trash. It was suggested that a way to control the problem after the clean-up would be to enroll volunteers to monitor that road and report infractions to the authorities. The possible placement of a dumpster in that area was discussed as well as the ensuing problem of pick-up and costs involved.

The Beautification Committee's first project of the season was the landscaping of the area around the bus stop at the Dundas Town round-about. Further improvement and planting of that area were

discussed during the first meeting of the committee on May 21st as well as the beautification of the recently built gazebo next to the Union Jack dock.

Ms. Hall announced that the Best Kept Yard competition will include all the mainland of Abaco this year. The North Abaco Best Kept Yard Competition committee will be chaired by Ms. Yvette McIntosh and in Sandy Point by Ms. Della Kelly. The Central Abaco Best Kept Yard Competition committee is still under Mr. Jack Hardy. The competition will be officially launched at the Keep Abaco Beautiful Award Ceremony on September 12th. Deadline for entries will be September 30th. The criteria will be uniform for the various areas participating but some changes were made in last year's prerequisites. New application forms can be picked up at Friends of the Environment or at the Ministry of Tourism Office. There will be many exciting prizes, including cash, plants, tools, patio decorating items and more. The winners will be announced and the prizes awarded during the Christmas Festival on December 5th.



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This gift to the community was so fitting coming from William Albury Construction, being that Mr. Eddie (Bill's father), who founded the construction company 39 years ago, always showed much concern for the wellbeing of the sick and the elderly. Today, we are still witnessing Mr. Eddie's compassion through his son, Bill. Speaking as a local government practitioner, it is so enriching to witness genuine community partnership, as William Albury Construction has graciously blessed our community with this much needed amenity.

Again, and on behalf of the community of Man-O-War Cay, our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bill and his crew for your generosity and labour of love. May God's richest blessings be yours in return.

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More North Abaco News

Sidewalk is being built in Fire Road

By Elaine Fenelus

The Prime Minister of the Bahamas and Minister of Parliament for North Abaco is building sidewalks in his constituency. A group of approximately 25 to 30 men are working tirelessly on this project that will certainly be beneficial to the Fire Road and Cooper's Town communities. It began three weeks ago and there has been significant progress so far. This project, howev-

er, is a very long and tedious process. This includes measuring, digging up enormous piles of dirt and grass, the use of wood and steel to effectively pour the cement to create a firm, flawless and fully-functional sidewalk. The road is extremely narrow and motorists frequently drive recklessly, which can be dangerous for children in the neighborhood. These sidewalks will be able to generate some form of safety for all pedestrians. Our school children will be able to walk on the streets feeling safer.



The residents of Fire Road are pleased that the town will soon have a sidewalk all along the main road. Three contractors were awarded contracts to construct the sidewalk.

Basketball Court in Fire Road

By Elaine Fenelus

In our society today, young people often find themselves in mischief on a daily basis because of the lack of constructive extra-curricular activities being provided for them. Therefore, a basketball court was built in 2006 in Fire Road to provide recreation for young boys and girls. This basketball court is located on Andrew's Avenue in Fire Road and is the most popular place in Fire Road. Every afternoon an enthusiastic squad of boys, men and sometimes girls flock to the basketball court to engage in an enjoyable round of basketball. Lights and benches were placed on this basketball court which enable the dedicated players to continue performing their unique basketball skills. Sometimes these motivated and determined basketball players stay on the court until around ten o'clock. The basketball court has really helped to keep the young boys in Fire Road away from the many troubles that often

present themselves. The basketball court also allows the boys and young men to express themselves in a positive manner. When they are out there on the court, they express themselves by dunking the ball and dribbling the ball in a passionate way.

New convenience/clothing store opens

By Elaine Fenelus

In December 2008 Diamond's Boutique and Convenience Store opened its doors to the community of Fire Road. Its proprietor is Shatara Pinder. The convenience store supplies breadbasket items such as rice, flour, bread and more. Chips, juices, ice cream, can goods, and miscellaneous items are sold at affordable prices. The boutique section of this store contains a variety of beautiful and exquisite accessories such as fashion earrings, bracelets, hair accessories and more. They also have a wide range of fashionable outfits for young ladies who have an undying passion

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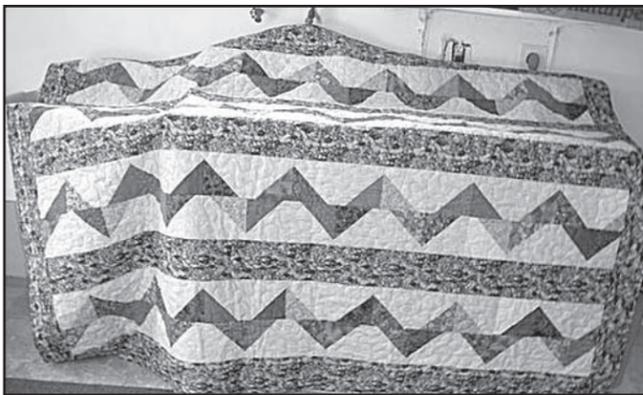
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MIKE MALONE MEDICAL FUND RAISER such a grand success!

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Abaco, Abaco Hardware and so many others who helped to organize the event and carry it through to completion. There are far too many names to list individually.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to those who came out and gave their support on the day of the event.

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for fashion and shoes that will accentuate these unique outfits. Diamond's Boutique and Convenience Store has become very convenient to the Fire Road community. The days of hitchhiking a ride to Cooper's Town for sliced bread, butter, egg or even phone cards are absolutely over. Now, all Fire Roadians have to do is take a stroll to Diamond's to purchase those very essential items. If you need to buy a gift for a friend and you don't have much time, just step into Diamond's Boutique and I assure you that you will find what you are looking for. Diamond's Boutique and Convenience Store has made it trouble free for all Fire Roadians to buy their necessities.

Vision leads woman to build community center

By Canishka Alexander

Mother Mildred Thomas has known God for a long time. In fact, she has been a member of the Church of God for 42 years. She and her husband Pastor Hayward Thomas have been at New Haven Church of God in Crown Haven since 1991 after leaving Freeport.

That was the same year Mother Thomas said she received the name of the community center she had been given a vision to build some 17 years before while attending a world conference in California. Adding works to her unshakeable faith in God, she used the funds she had to begin the building two years ago. Unfortunately, a storm tore down her progress on the building for her community center. Despite this unfortunate circumstance, Mother Thomas is not giving up. She is determined to build the community center that will bear the name: Soul Saving Station. In the meantime, she has been saving. Whether it is the donations she's been depositing on a bank account or the linen she received from a man visiting from Greece.

Mother Thomas said she has half of

the center's floor poured as well as some leftover plywood and shingles, but for the moment, things are at a standstill. The funds are a great help, but she also needs people to volunteer their time and help out where they can. She said the ones who will probably reap the benefits of what she is planning to offer to the community just can't see what she is working toward.

Nevertheless, the community center will house an office, bedrooms, kitchen and counseling room that will be put to good use for the missionaries who will come, for children who need to be fed or a need a place to stay, and for the young women whom she will counsel or simply be there to talk to.

Twice she repeated a phrase that sums up the work she's looking to accomplish once Soul Saving Station is completed. "Whosoever will, let them come," Mother Thomas reverently stated.

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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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Viewpoint . . . BEC Once Again

By Julian Lockhart

The Bahamas Electrical Corporation (BEC) on Abaco is up to its old tricks once again as it has started its load shedding to help maintain the stress of summer use on their generators.

However, to the consumers this load shedding has become a serious pain as they have to deal with daily disruption in service, hours of no electricity – especially in the middle of the day – and consistent stress on their appliances from the electrical surges. This is a yearly, on-going, problem with BEC and it offers no apologies, radio announcements or any form of courtesy to its customer base on Abaco.

Why should consumers have to suffer from the inadequacy of the company they are purchasing a product from? Maybe it is because BEC is owned and run by the government of The Bahamas. There is no competition and it knows people have nowhere else to go.

This is what happens when there is a monopoly, the consumer suffers and the company offering the service, especially if government-based, doesn't seem to care to step up to the plate and ensure world class service.

I wonder if this problem will persist for

the entire summer and continue to affect people's lives as they deal with hours of heat on a daily basis.

The company always asks consumers to be patient with them as they figure out a way to offer better service to the public. Over the years BEC has released that they are trying to upgrade their machines to offer better service to their customers. The promise has gone on deaf ears as the consumers are tired of empty promises and are awaiting actual results where they don't have to worry about daily disconnections.

Last year when electricity prices rose through the roof because of the price of crude oil, Abaconians paid their bills because they had to. Otherwise, their electricity would have been disconnected. What is most disturbing about that is you hear all the time how this government official or business or government office owes thousands or tens of thousands of dollars to BEC in back payments and yet their electricity is still on.

However, a single mother of three, struggling to pay her bills has her electricity disconnected because she owes \$300. The excuse the company gives is that it is computer generated and there is nothing they can do. So why doesn't the computer

generate the same disconnection orders for the big wigs in government or the businesses who owe thousands.

The Bahamas Electrical Corporation will continue to offer sub par service and put consumers in uncomfortable positions throughout the summer months because frankly they know there is nowhere else to go. They don't seem to care.

So as consumers we have to sit back, enjoy the ride and just deal with the consistent interruption of service throughout the summer. What else can we do?

Answer to previous puzzle

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soned in advance with Ishmael Morley's homemade marinade (secret ingredients not available for publishing) so there was a constant flow of people throughout the day coming to retrieve their meals.

The evening ended with a "step show" competition between the BEC and Man-goes clubs, held in the church hall, which ended with BEC winning the contest.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

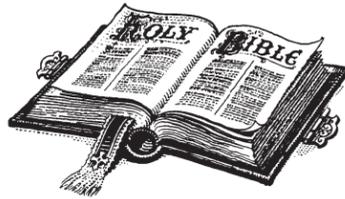
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Pete's Pub raised money for Sandy Point summer camp

By Mirella Santillo

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The function started as a social event, a pretext to gather at Pete's Pub to enjoy the food and the drinks and on that Saturday afternoon, the music of Jim Fire and the Goat Peppers specially hired for the function.

Under an ink black sky that did not seem to bother anyone, the beginning of the auction began. Michael Albury put his auctioneer's hat back on, a role that seems to fall on him automatically lately.

Many items were on the auction block, all donated, ranging from nature trips to bartending skills to catering to creek snorkeling. One could bid on a trip with Caro-

line Stahala to monitor parrot nests in the Abaco National Park, go whale watching with Diane Claridge, explore caves with Nancy Albury, enjoy the services of a professional bartender for an evening with Leigh Davis, sail to Crackers P's and partake in a lunch for four, sail on the well known Abaco Rage for a morning or view Abaco from the sky on a helicopter ride.

The band offered its services for a party and the catering services of Maria Silvester were bought for a special dinner for four at home. A dinner at Pete's Pub was on the list as well as an autographed copy of An Artist on His Island by Randolph Johnston. Cakes, a tub full of Sands beer, bottles of wine and more, all went to the highest bidders.

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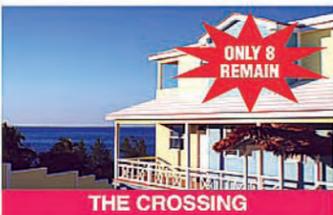
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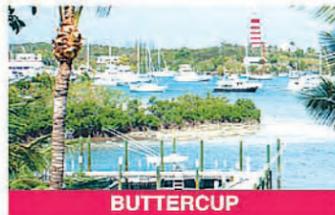
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Two harbour view villas totalling 4 bedrooms and 4 baths with large deck, pool, and private dockage. **\$2,415,000. Ref. AS11127**



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Exquisite 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath golf course residence with pool. Within a golf club and sporting retreat. **\$3,995,000. Ref. AS10701**



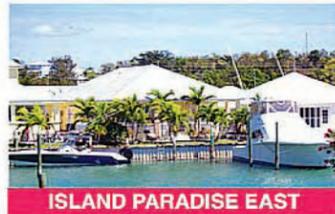
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GREAT GUANA CAY
Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage featuring a screened-in Bahama Room and sundeck. **\$150,850. Ref. AS11033**



TRANQUILITY COTTAGE

MARSH HARBOUR
Private 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with a relaxing deck, large workshop, and central air. Near all amenities. **\$249,000. Ref. AS11141**



ISLAND PARADISE EAST

MARSH HARBOUR
4 bedroom boater's haven featuring 10 ft. ceilings, a large covered patio, dock pier, and a relaxing ambience. **\$850,000. Ref. AS11006**



ISLAND PARADISE MAIN

MARSH HARBOUR
Private 5 bedroom estate with free-form pool, and 10 ft. ceilings. Ideal retirement home or vacation villa. **\$1,060,000. Ref. AS11005**



THE BLUFF AT WINDING BAY
2.09 acre property with dramatic cliffs, gorgeous vistas, "blow hole", and nearby luxury amenities. **\$4,900,000. Ref. AS11130**



NORTH END, ELBOW CAY
19,974 sq. ft. oceanfront lot with 120 ft. of beach and foundation for a 2,600 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home. **\$695,000. Ref. AS11144**

LOTS

BAHAMA PALM SHORES: 13,248 sq. ft. hilltop lot. **\$26,500. Ref. AS11099**
REDUCED! TREASURE CAY: 22,574 sq. ft. lot with 10 ft. elevations, 100 ft. of waterfrontage, and easy access to all amenities. **\$120,000. AS11061**
AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY: 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 ft. elevations. Community dockage. Nearby Tahiti Beach and Hope Town. **\$364,000. PS10661**
TILLOO CAY: 16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a private island community. Near the community dock. Electricity available. **\$150,000. PS10630**
CENTRAL ABACO: 5 acre beachfront tract between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations and utilities. **\$650,000. AS10756**
MARNIE'S LANDING, ELBOW CAY: Half acre building sites in a private waterfront community with electricity, dock slip, and beach access. **\$595,000. PS10659**
TREASURE CAY: 8 acre parcel on Basin Harbour Cay. **\$249,000. PS10700**
MARSH HARBOUR: 9,750 sq. ft. sea view lot in gated Sunrise Bay. All amenities nearby. **\$249,900. AS11026**
LUBBERS QUARTERS: 10,489 sq. ft. homesite in the Abaco Ocean Club. Near the community dock. **\$77,000. AS10969**
BAKER'S HEIGHTS: 41.6 acre sea view tract. **\$1,040,000. AB5178**
THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY: Superb 1+ acre beachfront, oceanfront, and golf course estate lots. **Starting at \$1,900,000**
GUANA CAY: 6,811 sq. ft. sea and oceanview lot within the Shipwreck Subdivision. Nearby the new community dock and beaches. **\$125,000. AS10891**
TREASURE CAY: 15 acre estate with elevations to 70 ft. and 630 ft. on the Sea of Abaco. **Reduced to \$710,000 for a limited time only. AS10886**
DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES: Collection of homesites within a beachfront community. Hilltop lots starting at \$150,000. Waterfront lots starting at \$395,000. Beachfront lots starting at \$595,000.
GREAT ABACO CLUB: 7,630 sq. ft. canalfront lot in a gated community. Nearby amenities including pool, tennis courts, and beach. **\$260,000. AS10731**

BEST OPPORTUNITIES



REDUCED

SeaSalt, ELBOW CAY
This newly built, 1,600 sq. ft. residence featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, occupies an ample 5,595 sq. ft. homesite with panoramic ocean views. **\$599,000. PS10640**



ELBOW CAY
9,826 sq. ft. lot just south of Hope Town Settlement. Ideal as a homesite, and is one of the rare properties available here suited for commercial development. **\$90,000. AS11109**



REDUCED

THE ABACO CLUB RITZ-CARLTON, WINDING BAY
1.626 acre beachfront estate offering 200 ft. of beach, seclusion and privacy - with the 5-star resources of The Abaco Club just minutes away. **\$1,795,000. AS10802**

FEATURED RENTAL



Mermaid Reef Villas MARSH HARBOUR
Panoramic views, a white sand beach, and relaxed island living awaits at this private, 2 bedroom, 2 bath vacation retreat which comfortably accommodates 4 persons. **\$585/day Ref. AR10597**



REDUCED

MARSH HARBOUR - COMMERCIAL
2 acre commercial site with building, in need of repair, ideal for office spaces. Ideal for a shopping plaza. **\$750,000. Ref. AS11108**



MARSH HARBOUR - COMMERCIAL
Rare opportunity to purchase this 6,575 sq. ft. commercial building on 1.5 acres. Great investment. **\$795,000. Ref. AS11118**

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