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## North Abaco celebrated One Bahamas Guests included Governor General and Olympian Gold Medalist



Sir Durward Knowles was part of the group visiting North Abaco to celebrate One Bahamas. He is shown here giving representatives of each of the schools in North Abaco a DVD copy of his life story. He was the first Bahamian to win a gold medal in the Olympics and it was in sailing.

*By Vernique Russell*

Patriotism, pride and nationalism definitely set the mood as North Abaconians gathered at the S.C. Bootle High School for the One Bahamas Celebration 2008 on November 27. The celebration began back in the 90s by Sir Orville Turnquest, then Governor General of the Bahamas. Since then during the month of November a week has been assigned to reflect on what makes us Bahamians and what unites us as one country. With a cool Atlantic breeze blowing, One Bahamas was portrayed in songs, ring games and dances done by students from North Abaco. The schools brought forth their best choirs, dancers and soloists to complete the celebrations. These renditions truly brought out what it means to be Bahamian.

In attendance was Sir Orville Turnquest, Sir Durward Knowles and other dignitaries from Nassau and Abaco. Sir Orville Turnquest, the Father of One Bahamas, encouraged the students to remember that we are one, no matter which island we hail from. Sir Durward Knowles urged those

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## Armed Robbery ends in Murder

*By Julian Lockhart*

Shots rang through the peaceful silence of Marsh Harbour on November 27th when two young men from New Providence took the life of Abaco resident Dion Brendon Strachan, 25. He was working at his father's store, M & R Food Store on Crockett Drive in Marsh Harbour, when two men entered the store in an attempt to rob it shortly before 8 p.m. A short while later Dion Strachan was killed when shot multiple times to the body. The thieves got away with approximately \$1,300 in cash from the store. Dion's father, Roderick Strachan, had left the shop minutes previously to take a cus-



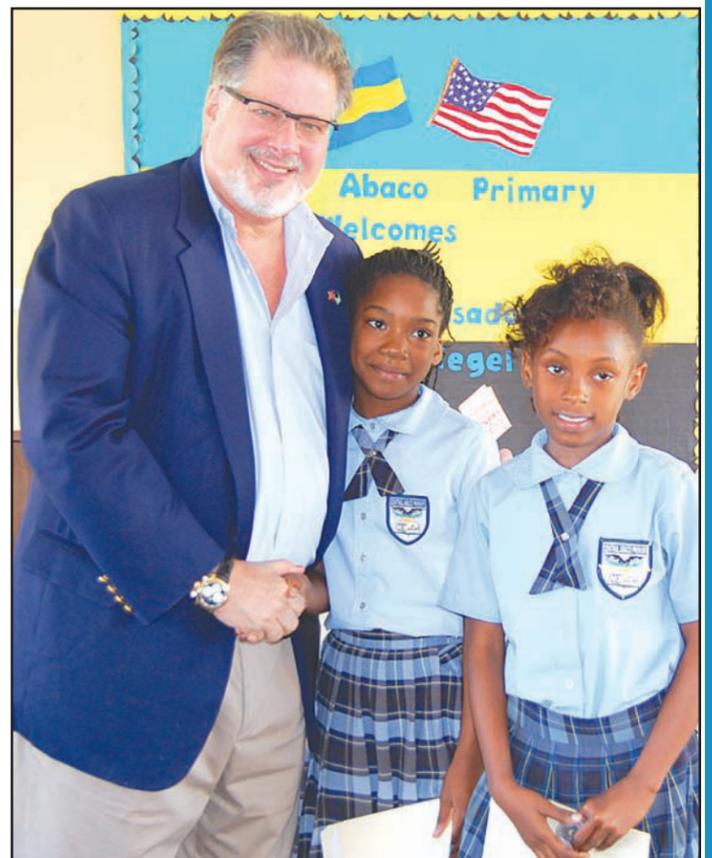
Murder victim Deon Strachan

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## U.S. Ambassador visited Central Abaco Primary

The U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. Neil Siegel, visited Central Abaco Primary School on November 24. After a program that the students put on in his honour, he spoke to them about the importance of reading and read to them a chapter from the book *Morning Girl*. The story is significant because it shows the importance of sharing emotions with family. While on Abaco he was hosted by the Abaco Club on Winding Bay, visited the new development at Schooner Bay and was hosted by Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Great Guana Cay. See story on page 6.



## Housing Minister pleased with new houses



The Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, center, inspected the houses under construction in Spring City being built by government. Accompanying him were Mr. Melvin Seymour, the Hon. Brensil Rolle, both from the Ministry of Housing, and Administrator Cephas Cooper. See story on page 2.

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# Minister updated community on housing

By Mirella Santillo

The government's housing programme that started in Nassau and Freeport continues on Abaco with 76 homes under construction in Spring City and the Ministry of Housing offering local residents additional fully serviced lots to carry out their own construction both in Spring City and the Central Pines Subdivision in Marsh Harbour.

To follow up on the progress and inform the community at large on what to expect, the Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, visited Abaco to inspect the new phase of construction in Spring City and the building sites in Central Pines. Accompanying Mr. Russell was a delegation including the Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, the Hon. Brenzil Rolle, the Acting Permanent Secretary,

Mr. Melvin Seymour, officials of the Ministry of Works, Ministry of Health, Water and Sewerage and the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

Mr. Russell's first stop was in Spring City at a three-bedroom house close to completion. He described the Spring City Housing Subdivision as the continuation of a dream. "Spring City was a historic place and the intention was to bring Spring City back to life. I think looking around at not just the number of houses here, but the quality of houses so far; it is a wonderful testament for a city that was built here many years ago during the pine days," he said.

Mr. Russell pointed out that there are several models of houses being constructed in Spring City, making it attractive to many potential dwellers. He added that

the Ministry is currently building some 76 houses in the Spring City Subdivision and that a large number of those are nearing completion.

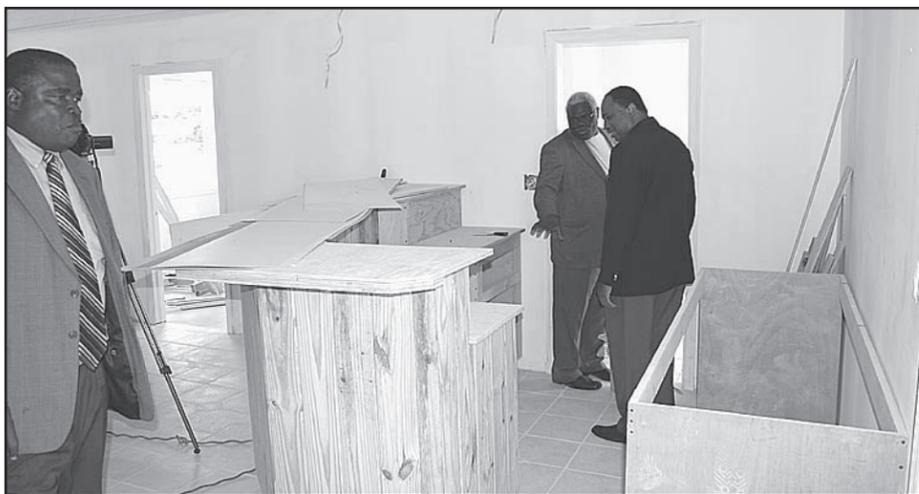
"We are hoping that quite a number of them would be completed for Christmas so that people could move in them and bring new life here to Spring City," he stated. "What impressed me the most is that the workmen here on Abaco are working diligently to complete these house at top quality," he said.

While pointing out that they are currently constructing 76 homes at Spring City, Mr. Russell said it is his Ministry's intention to build a total of 100 homes there. He expects all the homes to be completed by the first half of next year. Seventeen contractors are doing the construction and inspectors are on site daily.

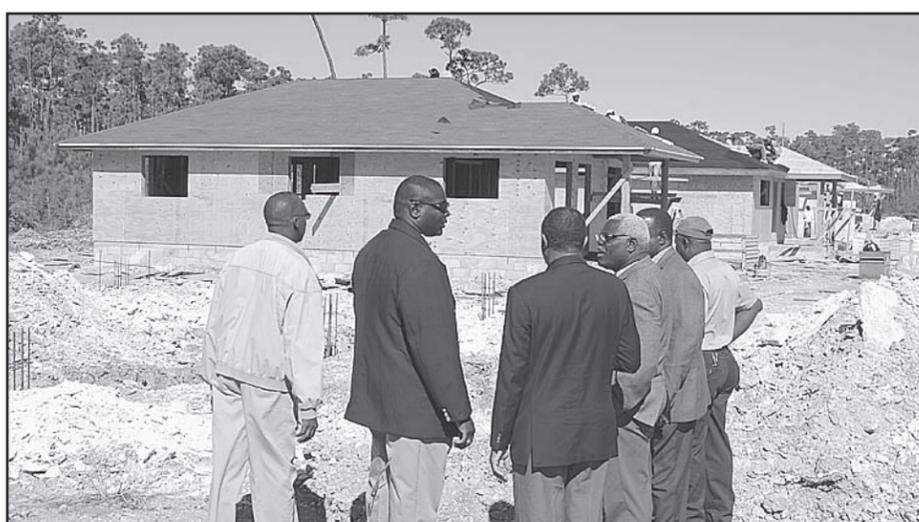
The size of the homes ranges from 800 to 1200 square feet with either two or three bedrooms and will be sold at prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Already 160 would-be "first time homeowners" have applied to buy the houses that are to be built. The whole project called for a total of 319 lots to be developed. Mr. Russell hopes that people will be lured to Spring City by the reasonable prices to buy the remainder of the vacant lots and build for themselves. He mentioned that financing is available through the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation with five percent down payment or through private banks. The government has plans available for building low cost homes. Anyone using these plans

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Fifteen of the houses under construction in Spring City are nearing completion. This is the kitchen in the main room of a three-bedroom two-bathroom house. Early indications are that this is a popular model. On the left is the Hon. Brenzil Rolle, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, and on the right are the Hon. Kenneth Russell, Minister of Housing, and Mr. Melvin Seymour, Acting Permanent Secretary.



Mr. Kenneth Russell and his group were pleased with the quality of construction of the government-built houses in Spring City. Seventeen contractors are working on houses and the construction is inspected daily. The new houses are creating a new greatly upgraded look to this community. Lots are available for those wanting to open businesses there.



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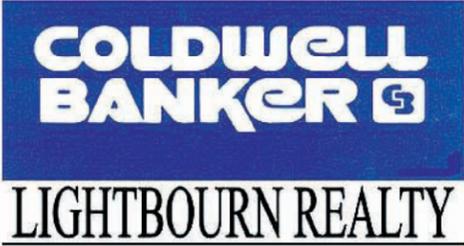
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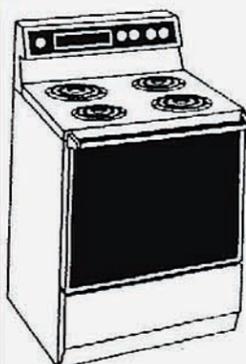
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# Ambassador stressed importance of reading

By Samantha V. Evans

November 24th was an exciting day for the students of Central Abaco Primary School as they had a day filled with the focus on reading. The day began with the awards ceremony for the Boys Reading Challenge followed by a very memorable visit by the U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. Neil Siegel. When the Ambassador and his team of Abaco government and police officials arrived at the school, the students of the upper primary school prepared a short program welcoming him to their school. The students performed a song called *Knowledge Is Something if You Get it Today, You Will End Up Having More, sung to the tune of Love is Something if You Give it Away*. The Ambassador was very moved by this presentation as was evident on his face as he listened

attentively to every word that was spoken. The students spoke eloquently which made everyone present very proud.

Ambassador Siegel commended the leaders of Abaco and the educational system for the wonderful job they are doing with these students. He told the students that reading helps them to dream so that they can achieve their goals. As Ambassador, he stated that a part of his job is to assist with education and working along with the Ministry of Education in their reading and literacy program and this has been an honor and a privilege for him.

For about ten minutes he read the third chapter of the book *Morning Girl* which every school across The Bahamas should be reading as well. The story talked about the emotions and feeling of loss one family felt as a result of a baby dying. He stated

that the book lets them in on the life of this family. It showed them how to share feelings they may be going through and the importance of letting people into their lives. At the end of the program, the Ambassador was presented with a gift and he in turn gave the moderators, principal, and superintendent a small gift as well.

Superintendent for Education in the Abaco District, Mrs. Lenora Black, stated that reading is very important. It not only improves your vocabulary but allows you to better express yourself. She expressed her approval of the major focus the school has placed on reading and told the Am-

bassador that early that morning the boys were honored for excelling in reading. She told the students that once they are able to read, they will find that the negative activity they once found pleasure in would be diminished. Additionally, once they leave school, they would be able to function throughout life as they would have learned and mastered those skills needed for them to be productive citizens. She stated that it is so fitting that the Ambassador chose that day to visit as it must have been pre-ordained. His presence there only further serves to motivate these eager students to learn through reading.



The U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. Neil Siegel, was hosted by the Abaco Club of Winding Bay. He is shown here with Mr. Floyd Swain, general manager, who showed Mr. Siegel around. Mr. Siegel is traveling to several Out Islands to acquaint himself with the country.

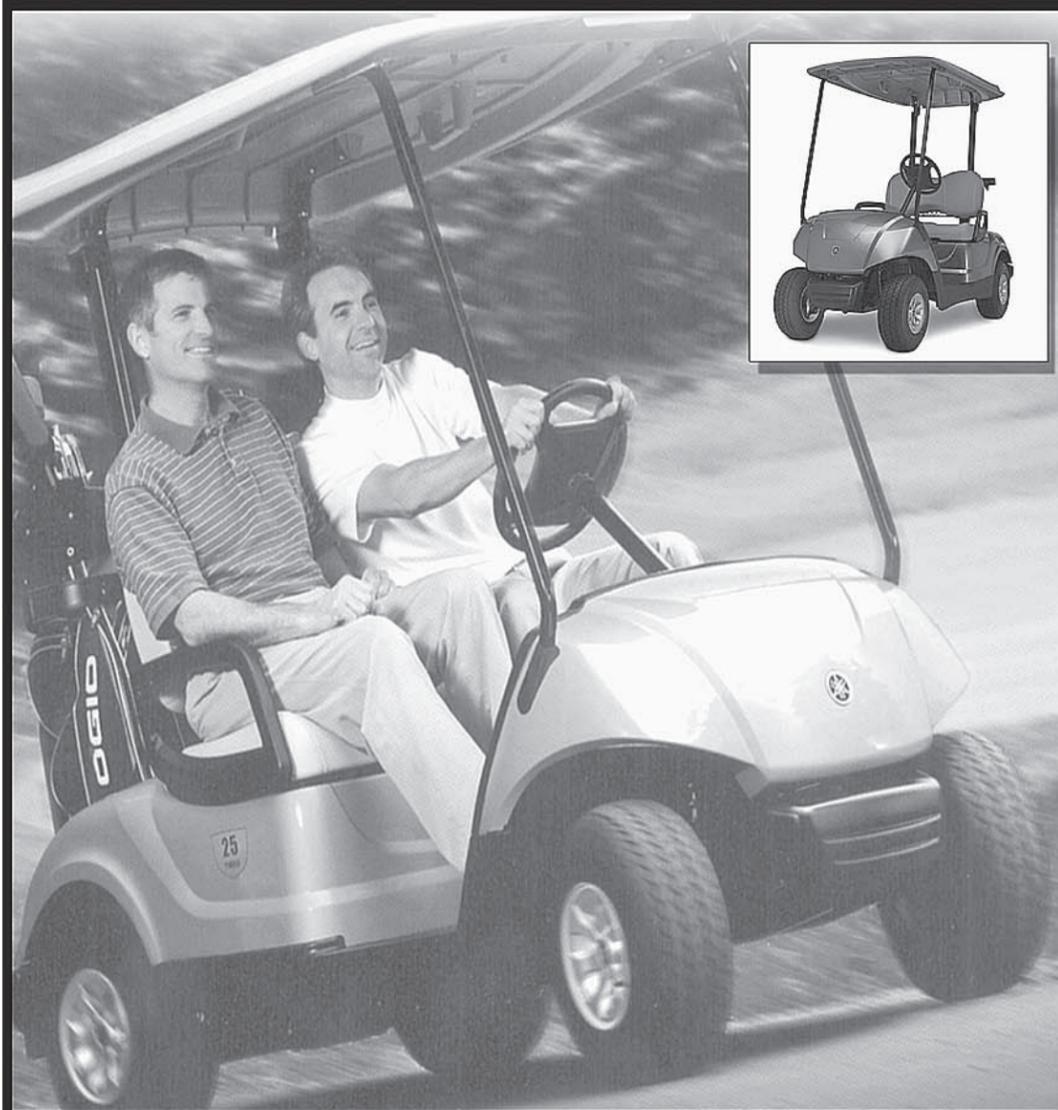


Mr. Siegel visited Central Abaco Primary School to encourage the students to read more. He is shown here greeting individual students at the largest school on Abaco with more than 700 students.

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It is once again my great pleasure to extend warm greetings to all residents and visitors to Abaco's shores during this Christmas Season.

Christmas traditionally brings our generosity of spirit and friendship to the forefront. Indeed, I am always proud of the bigheartedness of Abaconians not just at Christmas time but throughout the year.

It is all the more important that we use the Christmas season as is our custom, to share with friends and neighbours and especially with the less fortunate.

I hope that Abaconians and other Bahamians throughout our island communities will make welcome all those who are away from their families and friends and who find themselves in our midst during this Holy Season.

I am very pleased to use this occasion to acknowledge and thank the many individuals and businesses who respond positively throughout the year to those in need.

I thank also those in government service, in the uniform branches, in our schools, in our clinics, in social services and in the wider administrative and technical public service for their continued efforts to serve the Bahamian people here in Abaco.

On behalf of the Government of The Bahamas, my family and myself, I am pleased to wish you a blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas, and the joy that only Christ can bring.

Hubert A. Ingraham  
10 December, 2008



# The Editor Says . . . Our Christmas traditions continue



It was announced in the fall that Marsh Harbour's annual Christmas Festival had to be cancelled. People were disappointed as this was a popular and widely anticipated event. Then, with the Prime Minister's encouragement, it was resurrected but with little time for properly organizing the details.

For the past several years it has easily been the single largest event on Abaco, drawing young and old people from the length of Abaco including the cays. As previously staged, it had live entertainment, Santa Claus, food, arts and crafts, games, even a dog show, appealing to a wide range of people.

We estimate that in the course of the day several thousand people attended. There was a continuous flow of persons arriving and leaving throughout the afternoon and evening.

The site where the event was held in previous years was not available. Finding another location did not seem feasible as there were no funds to prepare an alternate location.

With little time to organize, the BAIC site was put at the committee's disposal. The committee had a little over three weeks to get the site ready and schedule booths and events. We know their dedication and we are confident the event will be a success.

For those not familiar with this new location, it is on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour across the street from the BEC office. It is the BAIC site for a future farmer's market and craft center with a park-like atmosphere. The present improvements will be utilized as the park is developed.

With the committee's limited funding, central government made several major contributions to make sure the event was successful. First, the site was quickly graded and rolled to a smooth surface. Second, on short notice BEC installed several poles with floodlights and outlets for musicians and food vendors. Third, the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band will perform at central government's expense. These three items would have consumed more funds than the committee had available.

With the site prepared, power and lights installed and major entertainment scheduled, the committee has been left to fill the entertainment gaps with local talent. This can be accomplished with a much smaller budget. Craftsmen, food vendors, Junkanoo groups and musicians are being contacted as well as schools and service clubs with their displays and fund raising schemes.

It is encouraging to see the festival back on track, even though the small volunteer team is having to work overtime to put it all together.

Credit for putting this event back on the calendar is due our representative for North Abaco, who happens to be the Prime Minister. He made a few phone calls and things began to take shape. Our representative for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key, was quietly working in the background to see that the BAIC site was properly prepared.

On a smaller scale, central government is assisting North Abaco in having a similar festive evening by providing the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band and Pop Band as the prime entertainment. With our economy showing signs of decline, Mr. Ingraham is looking for ways to bolster people's spirits over the holidays.

On December 19 the popular boating parade will be held in Marsh Harbour. It is scheduled to begin at the Marsh Harbour Marina and will circle the harbour one or more times. Tidal restrictions are likely to limit the boats to outboard power or shallow draft vessels. This was always a popular event, but the fireworks at the conclusion may have had a hand in the high attendance. Present budgets do not allow fireworks which are expensive.

Several towns are planning celebrations near Christmas. Santa will be making his appearance in many communities.

These Christmas events are basically community oriented for local residents, but they always welcome visitors.

World news on the television is rather bleak, but Abaco has weathered downturns in the economy in the past. Several earlier recessions in the United States were barely felt here. Abaco seems to survive these periods better than other areas in the Bahamas.

We hope that our Christmas visitors will arrive in acceptable numbers. Let us hope that Abaco's appeal remains strong and that our visitor arrival numbers stay steady.

As a boost to the Abaco economy, several government capital programs are in

the works with one of the largest being the 100 low cost houses scheduled for Spring City. Seventy of these houses are under construction now by 17 different contractors. This project fulfills two basic needs: putting people to work and providing low cost housing which is in great demand on Abaco. These are not give-away houses but will be paid for by conventional mortgage payments.

Other public works programs are scheduled with a similar dual purpose, to stimulate the local economy with jobs and to benefit us with some projects which have been scheduled for some time. Construction of a 60,000-square foot administrative complex is expected to start early in 2009. This will house many government agencies and departments. Additional low cost subdivisions are on government's drawing board.

Although our economy is not robust, we have much to be thankful for. With all the strife and hardship in the world, we live in a quiet and peaceful country. May we enjoy the many freedoms which millions do not have. Let us be thankful and enjoy these holiday festivities with family, friends and neighbours.

## Letters to the Editor

### An Invitation to Our Visitors

Dear Editor,

No ordinary camera is powerful enough to capture what I experienced last night. The fact that there was no moon was part of the reason for the phenomenon. The night was more than a little cool without a whisper of a breeze and no visible rain in sight anywhere around. The velvety black night sky seemed to surround me like a cloak and the stars sparkled like tiny diamonds.

I realize it is not ours alone, but is the same sky seen by millions of other people all over our world. However, I do not believe it could have been more spectacular anywhere else on this earth than it was last night in Cherokee Sound, Abaco, in the northern Bahamas at 27.50 degrees South latitude by 76.50 degrees North longitude on this the 27th day of November in the year of our Lord 2008.

How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place. Yes, we have the lovely warm sun by day, but it is the nights that take your breath away. All is quiet, all is serene and peaceful and your eyes are pulled upward into the heavens. You can't look away, all you can do is stare in amazement. You can only feel small, insignificant and unimportant in such an awesome production. Yet it is comforting. Maybe because of its brilliance we know we are part of a larger plan

like being part of an artist's painting and being included in a much bigger picture.

Maybe some get a thrill from watching one of our many lovely sunsets. I can also feel a bit dreamy and nostalgic seeing the sun go down. But what I really love is to wake up early enough to see one of our fantastic sunrises. When the purples turn to pinks and the pinks to gold, they are like a light show that is gone in the blink of an eye, yet is unforgettable and starts each new day with brand new hope.

At this particular time of the year, we truly have so much to be thankful for. One of the things I'm thankful for is the beauty that surrounds us in the sky. So I encourage all our visitors to step outside some dark night and drink in the incredible beauty, a picture only God could paint.

Lee Pinder

### Abaco needs a mini-hospital

Dear Editor,

I wrote a letter about six months ago in reference to the lack of a proper medical facility on Abaco. This situation continues, and now the situation has become even more urgent as one of the private doctors has now discontinued all after-hour emergency care and is directing all after-hour emergencies to the government clinic.

Over the past year I have had the opportunity to take four persons with broken bones to seek medical attention in Marsh Harbour. Because they were all visitors and the incidents occurred after hours, we have had no choice but to take them to the government clinic.

As soon as you arrive at the clinic, the doctor takes one look at the patient and says "gotta go to Nassau." Can you believe that the Marsh Harbour government clinic does not have an X ray machine? Even for a simple fracture there is nothing they can do. I can understand for a major compound or open fracture they might have to be flown out but for a simple break?

If there was an X ray machine, simple fractures could be fixed at the government clinic. Many times there might not even be a break but a bad sprain and for this reason persons have to go to Nassau or Florida to have an X-ray? Two private doctors in Marsh Harbor have X ray machines so the

cost cannot be that high. Why are we back in the dark ages?

I am sure there are other needs at the clinic, but I think this would be a good start. How can we continue to promote ourselves as a top tourist destination when not even the basic health care services are available. Baker's Bay even has it in their brochure that in the event of an emergency at their property, their guests will be flown by helicopter to the mini hospital in Marsh Harbour. (the helicopter is another story!) but what mini hospital are they referring to?

During election time Abaco was promised a mini hospital in the FNM manifesto. With the amount of tourist revenue that Abaco generates I would think this would be a priority. Edison? Hubert?

Troy Don Albury  
Great Guana Cay

### An appeal to support Hope Town's pool

Dear Abaco Residents and Community Pool Supporters:

It has been brought to my attention that Elbow Cay Properties has been shouldering much of the burden of the increased electrical cost to operate the community pool. With this increasing debt, they have made the decision to shut down the pool at the end of the summer. As a contributor to the pool I have no personal interest in this venture other than the benefit to the community.

I am writing this letter in hopes that the deficit in financing for the pool lies in a lack of understanding and communication. The increase in power bills has affected everyone here and in the US. It is something we can all understand. If this deficit is not brought to the attention of the committee and the community, the pool will be closed to the detriment of the children of Abaco.

After seeing a couple of the swim meets, I was inspired by the dedication of the kids to be able to participate in a team sport, something not widely available to them here. The children compete as individuals, as members of a team AND for their communities. Because they have this op-

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# Conference showed uses of GIS technology

By Jennifer Hudson

The 2nd GIS User Conference was held at the Abaco Beach Resort from November 19-21. The theme for this year's conference was Advancing GIS Technology One Island at a Time. This is the first time the conference has been held on Abaco; the initial conference was held last year on New Providence. The conference was hosted by the Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems (BNGIS) Centre, Ministry of the Environment, in collaboration with the Local Government of Central Abaco. Administrator Cephias Cooper played a role in the organization of the conference and acted as moderator. The primary objective of the conference was "to provide a forum for presentations on GIS related topics and informational and educational opportunities for anyone in business, government or the academic arena who is interested in the use of GIS technology in and around the Bahamas."

The Conference comprised a series of presentations focusing on a range of subjects of interest such as:

- Overview of the Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems (BNGIS) Centre
- Technology Spatial Data Infrastructure Improvement Project
- Various presentation sessions by agencies that use GIS

November 19, the first day of the conference, marked the celebration of GIS Day. Ms. Antonique Sweeting, GIS Analyst, BNGIS Centre, in her welcome address explained the meaning of GIS Day and the purpose of the conference. "This is a grass roots event celebrated by thousands of people all over the world and formalizes the practice of GIS users opening their doors to the public to showcase real world applications of this important technology in an effort to build vibrant GIS communities throughout the world and in The Bahamas. Persons are here from Abaco, New Providence and around The Bahamas to witness the rise of the next GIS users in The Bahamas".

Ms. Carolann Albury, Director of the BNGIS Centre, stressed the need for minds that think outside the box and are passionate about the environment. She stated that the Centre will continue to promote GIS in the classroom and announced that as a special part of the GIS Day celebration students from Abaco schools who had taken advantage of the opportunities to use GIS in the classroom would be engaged in a competition.

The keynote address for the first day was given by Dr. Leon Higgs, Director of Lifelong Learning at the Ministry of

Education and immediate past President of the College of The Bahamas. "GIS is used in many areas, has countless applications and is a powerful tool," he told the group. "You must take advantage of the opportunities to be exposed to the cutting edge technology of GIS. This marks a special occasion in the BNGIS Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Education for exploring ways of advancing GPS. We must ensure that the Bahamas has a trained work force to take on increasing demands and this will involve GIS."

Keynote speaker for the second day of the conference was Ms. Carolann Albury, who opened by expressing her pleasure in having the Ministry of Education partnering with the BNGIS especially as the focus is on exposing teachers and students to use GIS systems in the classroom. "Whatever careers and dreams the students will follow, they will be equipped with the necessary skill sets and modern tools needed to manage our world," she stated. Ms. Albury went on to list the things we all want in our great nation such as improved water quality, protection of our maritime borders, reduced crime in our neighbourhoods, improved land management, reduction in traffic congestion and improved emergency services. GIS can help with all of these national and global issues," she informed.

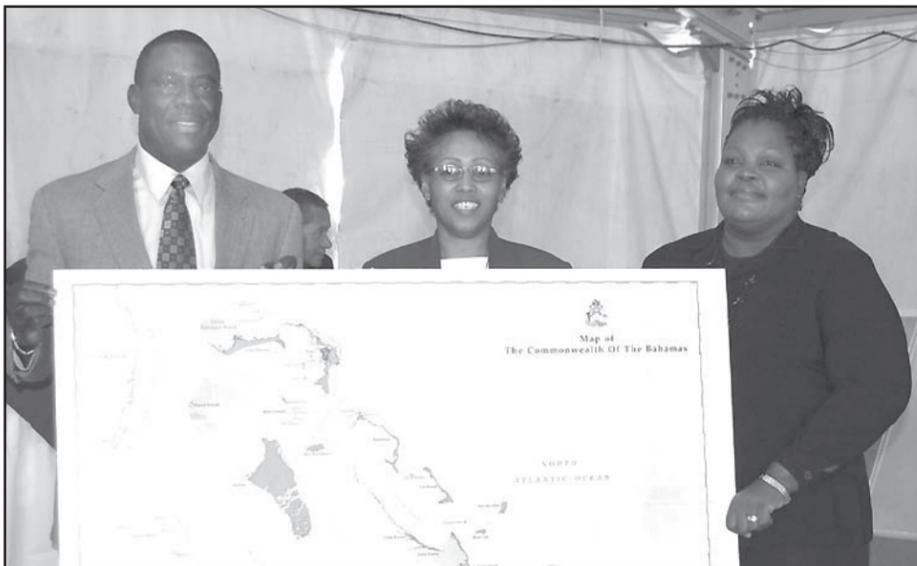
Mrs. Albury continued, "GIS is no longer a luxury or a technology for specialists but is in fact the tool of the 21st century that supports the policy decision making process. The Ministry of the Environment is aware of the importance of GIS in The Bahamas and knows that geospatial data is essential for addressing the critical issues of world leaders. It is evident that The Ba-

hamas has to catch up with the use of this technology as an integral part of agencies' workflow processes. We have started this process by innovative work undertaken to develop draft GIS legislation in collaboration with over 40 governmental agencies as well as those operating under the Ministry of the Environment. Only GIS technology allows you to store and manipulate information using geography and to analyze patterns, relationships and trends in that information to help policy makers make better decisions." Ms. Albury quoted the Minister of State for the Environment, the Hon. Phenton Nymour, who said, "To make all this work we need to transform the way we conduct business, we need to break down the all too familiar barrier that says, 'But we've always done it this way,' and replace it with 'Let's make this happen.'"

In closing, Ms. Albury said that they expect further feedback from principals, teachers and students on how they envision integrating GIS in existing curriculum for further consideration.

Ms. Vinceia Coakley read a poem, "GIS The Wave of the Future" which was written by Valderez Miller. This was followed by a presentation of awards by Mr. Duane Miller of the BNGIS Centre. Musical interludes were provided by the Wesley College Youth Band. A tour of the Map Gallery and Exhibits in the Below Decks room followed.

The remainder of the conference was devoted to a series of varied presentation sessions by agencies that use GIS.



The Second GIS User Conference was held in Marsh Harbour on November 19 and 20. The first day was devoted to working with high school students from three government schools while the second day featured presenters who showed how the GIS system could assist in many areas of government and private applications. Shown here are Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper, who helped organize the conference, Mrs. Carolann Albury, Director of the Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems Centre, and Mrs. Enid White Gardiner, moderator for part of the conference.

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# Home Show boasted 20 companies

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaco's first Home Show was held on November 22 on the grounds of Faith Convention Centre. Many people enjoyed the first show of its kind here. The idea for the show took root in the mind of Mrs. LaSonya Missick, an employee at Scotia Bank, way back in August, and she partnered with her uncle, Mr. Larry Williams, owner of the Faith Convention Centre, to bring the idea to fruition. She had been noticing the number of home stores that there are now in Marsh Harbour and that their prices are good. "People have always liked to shop in Florida and really had no awareness of what is available locally," said

Mrs. Missick, who decided that she would really like to showcase what the Abaco home stores have to offer. "There is now a bigger market because Abaco is growing, and I wanted to give the economy a helping hand," she added.

Twenty companies participated and booths were set up both inside and outside the building. In addition to the home-related booths, the **Scurvy Few** raffled two child's bicycles to raise funds for their Toys for Tots programme and there were also dinners and desserts on sale. A bouncy castle provided enjoyment for the little ones and the New Entry Band came at four o'clock to bring an air of festivity to the occasion.

In order to bring in the crowds there were drawings for some very nice prizes every hour and a beautiful table by **Abaco Marble and Granite** valued at \$2,995 was also being raffled. Anyone buying a \$10 dinner ticket was eligible to enter a drawing for a \$1,000 giveaway to be spent with any of the vendors at the show.

Booths were varied, touching on all areas of home ownership. **Abaco Hardware's** booth really covered everything from paints, tools and appliances to a wide variety of attractive home décor products such as linens, bedding and many

accoutrements for the home. **Standard Hardware** also had a large assortment of paints and tools on display including some very large table saws and even a cement mixer. **The Paint Place** was advertising a large range of Benjamin Moore paints and **Abaco Stereo** had a whole area designated to large appliances.

Companies displaying fine furnishings were **Buttonwood Furniture** whose major piece was a king size bed beautifully



The children were not forgotten at Abaco's Home Show. Cotton candy was a popular snack while a bouncing castle entertained them. Lots of good food and drinks were available to keep people happy while they shopped.

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Bahamas Real Estate Association had a booth that gave information for those wanting to purchase property. They explained its Multiple Listing Service and its other services. Shown here are Mailin Sands, Margo Albury and Chris Roberts.



Abaco Hardware had a large outdoor display that included appliances, housewares and linens as well as tools, equipment and diving supplies. Browsers and shoppers could examine the merchandise at their leisure.

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# First Home Show was big success

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covered with exquisite bedding and cosy throws, and **Fine Living** showing a variety of attractive smaller scale furniture and home décor items. Owner Colette Bootle had catalogues on hand from which persons can order pieces with a delivery time of only two weeks since she does not have room in her small shop to display larger items. **Island Petals** surprised me as, in addition to their small home décor pieces they have been known for, they also had on display a beautiful and very comfortable overstuffed couch. I discovered that they now have expanded premises which enables them to sell larger pieces of furniture. Rounding out the furnishings section was **Abaco Carpet**.

For those persons planning to build or wishing to remodel their kitchen, the **Kitchen Closets & More** booth had many designs and colours to choose from. Delivery takes about four to six weeks and installation will be completed in two days. Also for those planning to build, some very interesting and valuable information was available at the **Bahamas Foam Insulation** booth. Insulation has a major

impact on the health, energy efficiency and comfort of a home. The Icynene Insulation System which is now available on Abaco is healthier, quieter and more energy efficient than some other kinds of insulation. A demonstration by the BFI mobile van was given during the show.

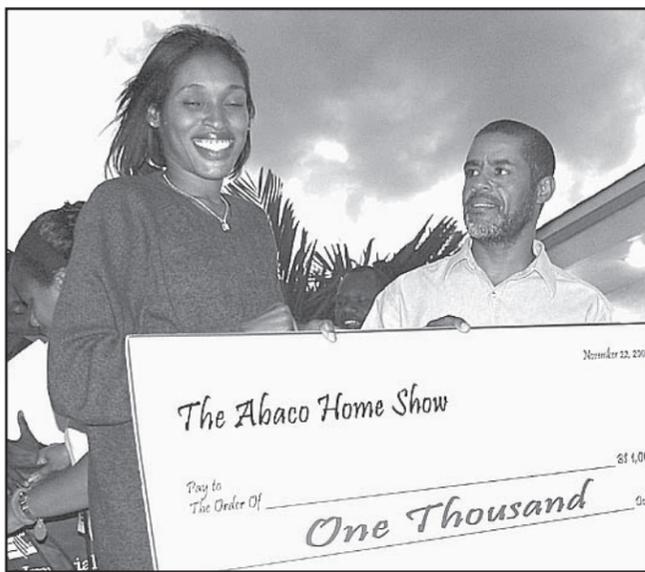
**Wonderland Gardens Nursery** was there to take care of anyone's landscaping desires with a wide variety of attractive plants both large and small.

Anyone interested in purchasing land or a home would have found the **BREA** (Bahamas Real Estate Association) booth

helpful. It was manned throughout the show by a roster of BREA members who were there to educate people on what BREA is and also on what their Multiple Listing Agreement means. There were many photographs showing samples of affordable properties offered throughout Abaco within different price ranges with lot prices starting as low as \$20,000 and homes within the \$250,000 to \$350,000 price range.

Insurance is a very important consideration for home owners and there to advise and take care of those needs were **Colina Insurance** and **British American** which also arranges mortgages. Banks on hand to offer complete banking services were **Commonwealth Bank** and **Scotiabank**.

Providing fun for kids was **Characters for Kids**. This company, which hosts parties, youth and promotional events, has six characters for rent and a host of novelty items. Two of their characters were at the



One of the special features of the Home Show was the raffle that give a \$1000 voucher to the winner to purchase merchandise from any of the companies represented at the show. The raffle tickets came with the purchase of a \$10 dinner. The winner was Tiffinee Poitier shown above with Mr. Sonnith Lockhart, whose daughter drew the winning tickets

home show thrilling the kids who were able to have their photograph taken with the characters.

This first very successful annual Abaco Home Show was certainly enjoyed by many and Mrs. Missick said that she intends next year for it to be even bigger and better.



Standard Hardware, with a large booth outside, was able to show many power tools. Distributors were on hand to demonstrate the equipment and tools.

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# North Abaco Cheers for One Bahamas

Students from various schools in North Abaco recently welcomed the One Bahamas celebration to the region with cheers, music and excitement at a pep rally at the S. C. Bootle High School.

"This ceremony that we held was one of the most impressive and successful that I have ever been involved in," former Governor General of The Bahamas and One Bahamas Chairman, Sir Orville Turnquest, said at the event. "The children were really wonderful. The way they performed, the way they reacted, I think it was a wonderful, wonderful occasion really in the spirit of what One Bahamas is all about."

One Bahamas committee members, stakeholders and organisers came from New Providence and Grand Bahama for the event on Abaco.

"This is the best response that we had

in all the islands," said first Bahamian Olympic Gold medalist and One Bahamas Co-Director, Sir Durward Knowles. "All due respect to Freeport, Grand Bahama, the children showed more enthusiasm than I have seen in my life. Really, it is so encouraging to see the enthusiasm they had."

Senior Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Ricardo Deveaux, added that the young people of North Abaco were "truly outstanding" in the presentation and acceptance of the One Bahamas concept. "As a representative of the Ministry, we were proud to see the young people of Abaco turn out for this ceremony and really display what One Bahamas is all about," he said. "I believe that if this is any indication of what is to come, I think we are in a good stead in this country."

"Given what they presented to us today, it is obvious that they understand the One Bahamas concept," added Executive Director of the One Bahamas Foundation. Ms. Patricia Francis. "It's about understanding that no matter where we are in this country, we are all one, we can live and work together and we recognise on whose shoulders we stand upon as we rise and go forward."

Several students in attendance said they not only learned more about the importance of a united Bahamas, they also appreciated the visit from "living legends" to their island. "They took a day out of their busy life to come speak to us and that makes

me feel excited," Chelsea Bowe, head girl at Cooper's Town Primary School. "The islands of The Bahamas must stay united even if they are separated by water," she added when asked what she learned for the event.

Fellow schoolmate Deonte Pritchard added that it made him feel extra special that the One Bahamas representatives came to the island.

S. C. Bootle High School senior Kristie Russell said she felt that the celebration was a time for teachers, students and the North Abaco public at large to come

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The former Governor General, Sir Orville Turnquest, reviewed the honour guard of S.C. Bootle High School students on his arrival at the school for a One Bahamas celebration. He organized the annual event in the mid 1990s to bring all young people together. He was very impressed with the response and enthusiasm the group received from the young people of North Abaco. Students from six schools attended the celebration.



The official One Bahamas group attending the celebration at S.C. Bootle High School are shown here. They are William Curry, Chief Councillor of Green Turtle Cay District; Freddie Munnings, a prominent musician from Nassau; Sir Orville Turnquest, former Governor General and Co-director of One Bahamas; Mr. Churchill Knowles-Tener, Chairman of the Grand Bahama Sports Council; Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent; Mr. Cecil Thompson, Deputy Director of Education and Co-chairperson for the One Bahamas Committee; Sir Durward Knowles, Co-director of One Bahamas and first Bahamian Olympic Gold medalist; Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco; and Mr. Theophilus Cox, Administrator for North Abaco.



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# North Abaco hosts One Bahamas celebration

## Celebration *From Page 12*

together and celebrate unity. "And I am very, very pleased that they chose northern Abaco to have this event," she said. "I feel that my classmates have learned a whole lot from this event, seeing that it is very important, and we have learned the importance of being united."

Fellow senior Ivanisha Russell added that she liked to see so many different schools in attendance and hoped that events such as One Bahamas could happen again soon in North Abaco.

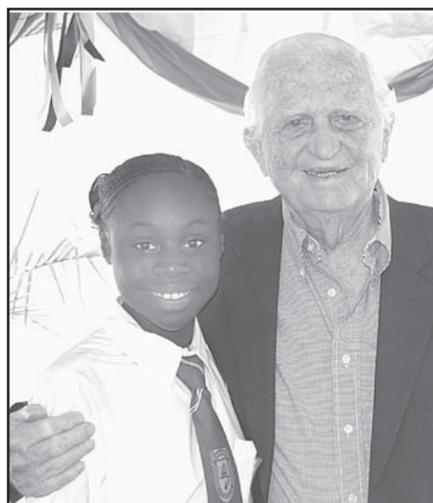
Amy Roberts Primary school sixth-grader Tyler Schreck said that he learned that everybody is "one family" and it does not matter what colour a person happens

to be. "We all come from one country," he added.

"We can come from all over the world, and we can still live as one since we are all here in The Bahamas," S. C. Bootle High principal Huel Moss said. "That is the message that I hope my students get and that is what we push here as part of our whole overall objective and philosophy."

Treasure Cay Primary school sixth-grader Johnny Agusde said that he learned that "all of us are one." "You could be any colour and all of us could be friends, not enemies," he said. "We must all be kind to each other."

"We are so happy to see the response that we got here today and it is so encouraging to us," Sir Durward said.



Anthonique Cooper, a student of S.C. Bootle High School, sang a song, *You Are My Hero*, specifically for Sir Durward Knowles. He was very impressed and rewarded her with a hug shown above.

the laws of the country. "Against that kind of background, they could have the ambition to succeed in becoming whatever they want to be because they are the future leaders of this county. The leaders must come from them," Sir Orville said.

## One Bahamas *From Page 1*

present to always remember what it is to be a Bahamian and not to forget their roots. He reminded the children that regardless of color, race or creed our nationality is what unites us as one and that we all have the same rights and answer to the same laws. He was serenaded with the song *You Are My Hero* sung by Adeena Cooper, a student of S.C. Bootle High. Sir Durward presented DVD's of his autobiography to all the schools represented.

The celebrations will leave memories in the minds of all who attended. The service was extraordinary, informative and unique, a wonderful celebration. The students were enthusiastic and enjoyed the event.



Students from five schools in North Abaco and Agape Christian School in Marsh Harbour gathered for the One Bahamas celebration. Each school contributed entertainment. Here students of S.C. Bootle performed a lively dance.

Sir Orville said he wanted the students to understand that they are the future of The Bahamas and that, if The Bahamas continues as "One Bahamas," they must do all that they can to learn all they can in school, live together in harmony and obey

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# Police arrested five suspects in murder

**Murder** From Page 1

tomer with groceries home. When he returned, his son was dead.

According to witnesses the two masked men entered the store and struck the victim on his head, then shot him in his back as he attempted to flee, according to a witness.

He was attempting to run to the back of the store when he was shot.

Three suspects from New Providence and two from Abaco were arrested less than 24 hours later while trying to charter a plane to leave Abaco. They were charged with murder in New Providence on December 2nd and held without bail.



Residents of Central Abaco were very upset by the murder of Deon Strachan on November 27. Several hundred people gathered outside the store after the killing, loudly expressing their grief. The police arrested five young men the next day and held them temporarily at the Police Station in Dundas Town. This shows a crowd there, actually between 100 and 200 people, the next night. The men were taken to Nassau so no further incident could take place.

The case was moved to New Providence for arraignment because of concern for the safety of those arrested and the officers in Abaco.

Police charged a minor, aged 17, and Lavardo Leon Rahming, both of New Providence with murder. Police also charged Rahming, Dario Silbert Mills, 22, of Dundas Town, Jermaine Russell, 30, of Nassau and the 17-year-old minor of Nassau with conspiracy to commit armed robbery, conspiring to cause the death of Strachan and receiving \$981 of the store's cash. Rahming and the minor are accused of possessing an unlicensed firearm and ammunition. They had a 9mm handgun and a .38 handgun as well as ammunition for both weapons. There will be a preliminary inquiry to see if there is sufficient evidence for the case to go to the Supreme Court. The case will be heard on January 16, 2009.

The fifth person arrested, Calvin Edge-

combe, Jr. of Spring City, was in the hospital at the time of the arraignment but is expected to be arraigned when he is released from the hospital.

The 17-year-old suspect in the case is also a suspect in two other murders and several attempted murders in New Providence.

Police are asking all businesses to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings. They said not to take anything for granted and to increase security measures throughout the day.

Police said this was the first murder on Abaco for the year and 72nd for the country.

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# Local clinic held a health seminar

By Mirella Santillo

On November 22nd a huge tent was set in front of the government clinic grounds to accommodate a group of approximately 60 people who met early that day to participate in a health seminar on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases. The seminar focused "on disease prevention and good health promotion," according to the nursing officer in charge, Ms. Antoinette Cumberbatch,

The day started early in the morning with a walk from the clinic to the airport.

Upon their return to the clinic, participants had their vital signs taken including weight, height and waist measurement to determinate their body mass and tests were administered to verify the participants' blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels. Some people with abnormally high readings were sent inside to be treated immediately by the attending nurses. Some were asked to come back the following week for more intensive investigation.

The participants were then treated to chicken sauce, wheat bread, water and real

fruit juice with no sugar added before being instructed on what were the signs and symptoms of the diseases they were covering and being lectured on the importance of a healthy diet.

The coordinator, Mrs. Margaret Daxon, a nursing officer from Nassau, who with two members of the Diabetic Research Institute, made a presentation on the various types of diabetes, the treatments available and the complications. They urged people with diabetes to take special care of their feet as poor circulation associated with diabetes often create serious problems in the lower limbs.

There was a representative from Auskell Clinic who talked about relaxation therapy and Pharmacist Ricardo Miller from the Island Pharmacy assisted with the screening and with one-on-one talks. While family members were being checked, kids enjoyed a bouncing castle.

Many local businesses sponsored the event with food donations made by several stores. A pharmaceutical company from



Mrs. Margaret Daxon, a nursing officer from Nassau, spoke at the health seminar put on by the Marsh Harbour government clinic. She discussed diabetes, giving advice on diet and healthy living habits.

Nassau donated the screening supplies. Dr. B. Swarna, Nurse Friday Epka and several nurses participated in the event.

A similar seminar was held in Cooper's Town on November 21 and in Sandy Point on November 22.

## A Christmas Celebration in North Abaco

By Michelle Mikula

North Abaco will experience its share of festivities during the Yuletide season when a Christmas Celebration is staged at the Ball Park in Treasure Cay on December 22nd.

This event which will begin at 6 p.m. will have all the trappings of a Bahamian Christmas that will be pleasing to the entire family. Food, games, crafts, toys, gift items and entertainment will be in abundance. The vibrant sounds of cowbells, horns and goat skin drums will be blended in a colourful Junkanoo parade that is very much an important part of

Christmas celebrations in the Bahamas.

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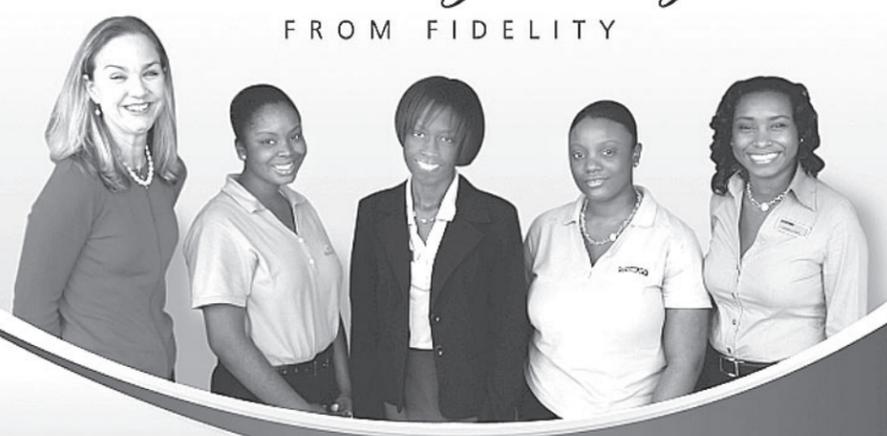
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FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

# Phase II in Central Pines is now ready

## Housing

From Page 2

still has to have routine Town Planning approval.

The Minister insisted that while preparing the next lots for construction as many native trees as possible were to be left standing. The Minister said all government-constructed homes will now include landscaping.

It is interesting to note that the cost of the original lots in Spring City were sold to the old timers for \$.02 per square foot as a reward for their patience and perseverance.

Several lots at the entrance of the settlement have been reserved for commercial use that will make Spring City a nearly self sufficient township.

## Central Pines has 94 lots in Phase II available

Minister for Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, announced that Phase II of the Central Pines Subdivision in Dundas Town is completed and that residents could now purchase lots there. Focusing on the Central Pines II Subdivision, the Minister encouraged residents to apply now to the Ministry of Housing's office in Marsh Harbour for the new lots.

"There aren't really many lots here. There are 94 lots and my understanding is that we have more than 100 persons waiting to purchase 94 lots. So we can see the 94 lots going in a matter of weeks because the people say they are ready and have their money," he said.

Mr. Russell announced that the Ministry has started developing a new 200-acre sub-

division in the Murphy Town area as well. According to the Housing Minister, the original Central Pines Subdivision still has another 50 lots that are available for sale and as soon as all the lots are disposed off the Ministry will begin to look at a Phase III expansion in the Central Pines Subdivision.

Commenting on the demand for housing in Abaco, Mr. Russell said, "It is great. In fact, we did not know how great it was until we decided to build houses in Spring City." He said there is currently a demand for houses in northern Abaco, particularly in places like Crown Haven, Fox Town and Cooper's Town. While Abaco is a thriving island and the economy is great, there are still some persons in low income or middle income brackets. These are the ones we cater to, they are the ones we are trying to ensure get a piece of the rock and get a home for themselves and their family," he said.

Mr. Russell confirmed that the lots in Central Pines II have all services available including paved roads, water and electricity. Central Pines, he said, is about 500 acres in size. "The subdivision as designed by us has areas in it that are zoned for single

family residences, duplexes and multi-family; and in this case there is some commercial zoning also, and some playgrounds. We are also zoning for a church. While in the original Central Pines the zoning areas were not adhered to, we will seek to avoid that this time. We will work with the Local Government Town Planning Board here in Marsh Harbour to ensure that they have all the information, they know where duplex lots are, they know where the single-family lots are and they know where the church and commercial areas are.

The average cost of the lots in the Central Pines Subdivision is between \$14,000 and \$18,000 with the minimum size of the lots being 10,000 square feet. The cost is \$1.75 per square foot. The original cost was \$.95 per square foot when the lots were first offered. But costs of putting in the infrastructure have gone up and government needs to cover its costs so that the money can be used later to develop subdivisions elsewhere.



While the Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, was inspecting the construction of government built houses in Spring City, a BEC crew was extending the electric lines to the houses almost completed.

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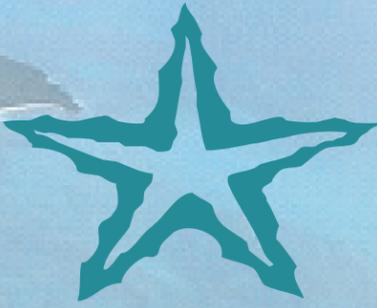
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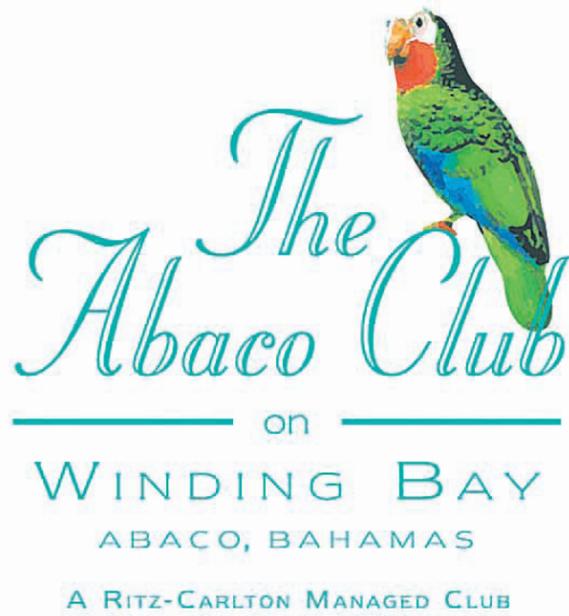
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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Felicia Latura Pritchard**, 21, of Cedar Harbour died in Cedar Harbour on November 28.

She is survived by her daughters Livia Brown and Marcie Moxey; father Michael Ned Pritchard Sr.; adopted mother Gwendolyn Bain; stepmother Vivienne Pritchard; sisters Alicia and Catherine Martin, Madea Williams, Makenna and Makayla Pritchard, Fenicia Cornish, Suzette Molly, Ingrid and Ericka Bain; brothers David Johnson, Rondenero, Serrano and Michael Pritchard Jr., Stephen Clarke, Leonard Whyms, Osmond Munnings, Clarence and Frederick Bain; nieces; nephews; aunts; uncles; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Cecil Alexander Forbes**, 61, of Treasure Cay and formerly of Wood Cay, was held on December 7 at Full Gospel Assembly God in Treasure Cay. Rev. Patrick Paul and Rev. Stafford Symonette officiated assisted by Bishop Clifford Henfield. Interment followed in the Treasure Cay Community Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Olive Forbes; children Cecile Forbes, Deneisha Emile, Lynn, Toyin, Rayan, Travan and Chris-hantie; adopted children John McIntosh, Samantha Duverney, Charmaine Bootle and Monique Laing; grandchildren Miguel, Raven and Zahara; adopted grandchildren Miranda, Tanya, Judah, Maygan, Raveyn, Elijah; great-grandchild Asia; son-in-law Levar Emile; adopted sons-in-law Loubert Duverney, Clifton Bootle and Tyrone Laing; adopted daughter-in-law Lorinda McIntosh; adopted sisters Roselyn Russell, Marica Roberts, Marilyn Cornish and Orita Munroe; sisters-in-law Evelyn Henfield, Sheila and Gail Sands, Deborahmae Douglas, Vernetta Saunders, Michelle, Janet, Cheryl and Tracey Sands; brothers-

in-law Ruel Smith, Bishop Clifford Henfield, Charles, Kevin, Sidney, Sultan and Michael Sands, Tony Douglas, Nehemiah Saunders; adopted brothers-in-law Eric "Benny" Russell and Vernal Cornish; aunt Muriel Forbes; aunts-in-law Danilia Hepburn, Geraldine Cooper and Modina Hepburn; uncle-in-law Arnold Hepburn; nieces and nephews including Jennifer Saunders, Tiffany, Sanfa, Neil, Jewel and Zhivargo Pratt, Mizpah McIntosh, Mark and Lakeisha Douglas, Nekera and Nemara Saunders, Lt. Darren Henfield, Genova Wilmore, Sheinrece Rolle, Tremis Sands, Stacy Anderson, Alonzo Williams, Sabrina Sawyer, Inez and Taran Maynard, Vito Russell, Travis and Micheala Sands, Demetrius Russell, Evanya and Taj Roberts; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Alexander Rolle, Sr.**, 76, of Cooper's Town was held on December 6th at the Church Of God Cathedral. Bishop Archilus Cooper officiated assisted by Bishop Cedric Bullard and other ministers. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his wife Isabella Rolle; sons Hector Sr., Freeland, Eugene Sr. and Alexander Jr. and Joshua Rolle; daughters Oseta Cartwright, Deborah Cooper, Rosie Edgecombe, Monica Murray, Helen Pinder, Gertrude Bullard, Bethseba Darville, Sheleke Brown, Paulette Hepburn, Isabella Saunders; adopted children Lington Rolle and George McIntosh; brother Nathan Rolle; sister Reva Colebrooke; grandchildren Ludwig, Luthana and Lakita Cartwright, Lavina McIntosh, Lorell Knowles, Niki, Tosheba, Hector Jr. and Tyler Rolle, Tori, Sherise, Shakara and Frelander Rolle, Fatima Parker, Charles Jr., Charlene, Chauncey, Cordero and Danielle

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children Maxwell Rolle, Rodney Laroda, Jewel, Alricia and Garth McIntosh, Stacey Sands; and many other relatives and friends.

**Hazel Charlotte Pyfrom**, widow of the late Roscow N, Pyfrom, went to her Lord Sunday, 7 December, while surrounded by their loving daughters, Charlotte



Hazel Charlotte Pyfrom

Pyfrom, Rosalie Pyfrom, Frances Sakach, and Catherine Pyfrom. Mrs. Pyfrom is also survived by their grandchildren, Christina Halliday, Jeffrey Halliday, Jennifer Halliday and Christina Pyfrom. Mrs. Pyfrom had been hospitalized at JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, West Palm Beach. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in her memory to Christ Church Cathedral, P.O. Box N653, Nassau, Bahamas.

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# More Letters to the Editor

**Letters** *From Page 8*

portunity, perhaps one day a young Abaconian will be able to compete for their nation. That would really be something to be proud of!

The benefits of this community effort go far beyond the obvious. The residents of the out islands get together for a positive purpose. The children swim with the entire community cheering them on no matter how well they finish. What a wonderful way for a community to come together. What a wonderful way for a kid to see how much their community cares about them, a public show of support for all of the young people. What a memory, what an esteem builder.

Yes, there is water all around, who needs a pool? But how many inter-island swim meets did you see in the harbours? Hope Town could be like so many other islands of the Bahamas with yet another

failed project in its midst due to lack of community support. Certainly, no one would be surprised.

For those of you whose ego would like to see the pool project fail, please consider that this failure reflects on all of Abaco no matter what your opinion. If any nation should hold as a priority the value of their water resources, it would be an island nation like The Bahamas. I am amazed that the priorities of the community do not lie with ensuring that ALL the children in Abaco can swim and can learn to enjoy the water.

On a more personal note if the residents of Abaco and of Hope Town do not see the benefits of this project, it certainly is of no benefit to me personally. I believe it is a worthwhile endeavor and I know that many children have already learned to swim and have benefitted from the pool. I have elected to remain an anonymous donor because I have no interest in notoriety. I love this

place and the people here. If you choose to let this project go, it will be disappointing; but it is certainly your choice as a community. The intention of this letter is to insure that the community is aware of this situation and can make an informed decision before it is made for you.

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# Central Abaco News

## Wine Experience 2008

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaco's first annual Wine Experience was held under the marquee at the Abaco Beach Resort on December 5. This Grand Wine Tasting event was organized by the Burns House Group and over 40 wines from all of the major wine growing regions of the world were featured.

Eight tables were laid out each manned by a member of the Burns House Group and each table held a different variety of wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Grigio,

Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc/Riesling, Sparkling Wine/Champagne, various reds and blends. Many popular names were on display such as Louis Jadot, Kedall Jackson, Jacob's Creek, Frogs Leap, Masi, Joseph Phelps, Cavit, and Tattinger as well as some of the lesser known producers. There was something to suit everyone with prices ranging from very affordable to the more pricey.

Wines could be purchased at the Burns House Wine Shop in the marquee for a 30 percent discount and anyone purchasing

wines was eligible for a drawing for a gift basket of wines. Graycliff signature cigars were also on sale.

Several persons from the Burns House Group in Nassau were on hand to assist and were rather surprised at the low turnout for the event on Abaco. The Wine Experience had previously been held in Nassau at the Sheraton Cable Beach where more

than 300 people attended and in Freeport at the Westin Our Lucaya where there were more than 100. On Abaco numbers did not even reach the 50 mark. However, those that did attend appeared to thoroughly enjoy the event. The organizers say that they will try it here again next year and hope for larger numbers.



Abaco's first Wine Experience was held at Abaco Beach Resort and was enjoyed by people in Central Abaco. This was an event of Burns House Group that holds similar events in Nassau and Freeport. Shown above are Brian Thompson, Kendy Anderson, Cassandra Hardy, Wynsome Ferguson, Nicki Ferguson and Oman Forbes.



BEC held a training course on the maintenance and operation of their diesel engines, both large and small. Shawn Miller from Nassau was the technical trainer who worked with Leonardo Moxey, assistant manager of generation on Abaco. Eight employees took the five-day course. Included were lessons in diesel engine theory as well as hands-on practical experience. Equipment studied ranged from diesel engines in pick-up trucks and larger trucks to the huge stationary diesel engines at the generating plant. Shown above are, front row, Mr. Miller, Mr. Moxey, Lazaro Cornish, Kyle Smith, David Hepburn and Adrian Russell. In the back are Teron Gilbert, Arthur Roberts and Tracey Scott.

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# More Central Abaco News

## BAIC offered shell craft class

By Mirella Santillo

The second Shell Jewelry Class of the year, sponsored by Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, ended on December 5th. On that day the 16 ladies from Murphy Town and Dundas Town who attended the class taught by Mrs. Lovely Reckley met for a last time to complete the creations they had started and display their inventory.

During the ten-day course Mrs. Reckley taught her students how to utilise shells for decorating and creating objects. She showed them how to do macrame knots that they used to make necklaces and bracelets.

For some such as Mrs. Elizabeth Cornish, who decorated mirrors and made some napkins holders, it was a first time class. Others such as Ms. Judith Nesbitt attended most of arts and craft classes of-

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Sixteen ladies of Central Abaco took a course on making crafts and jewelry with shells. The course was offered by the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation and was taught by Lovely Reckley of Marsh Harbour. The beginners learned the basics of shell craft while those experienced in shell craft learned more advanced techniques.



Abaco Block and Concrete Company in Murphy Town annually donates to needy people in Murphy Town. This Christmas it presented twenty gift certificates for food for the needy to be redeemed at Price Right. The recipients will be determined by the Murphy Town Association with Cleveland Dawkins as president. This is the fourth year that Abaco Block and Concrete has made this Christmas donation, one of many contributions it makes to the Murphy Town community. Presenting the certificates to Mr. Dawkins are Rebecca Russell and Shawna Sands.

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ferred by BAIC. New comers or veterans, they all said they enjoyed the class, learnt a lot and thought Mrs. Reckley was an excellent teacher. She paid a lot of attention to her students working with each of them checking on how they were doing, correcting or advising.

Besides the usual mirror or picture frame decoration, there were a lot of innovative

creations such as business cards holders, candle holders and condiment dishes made of locally found shells. Other creations were made with store-bought shells and supports such as hair combs, napkin holders, shell balls or brooch. Mrs. Owanta McDonald added pearls to the shells. Mrs. Amanda Davis used brightly colored nail polish to enhance the shells. Many had used large conch shells to make lamps and some had made shell sculptures. There was even a

turtle made of a large cowrie and smaller bleeding teeth for fins, head and tails.

The evening ended with refreshments prepared by the students and the presentation of a perfume set gift to Mrs. Reckley.

There will be an award ceremony for the attendants of both classes (the first one took place in late spring) in the new year.

## New Businesses

### Siaha's Jerk Pit and Restaurant

By Samantha V. Evans

The week of November 11th Oswald Nixon, the owner of Siaha's Jerk Pit and Restaurant, opened his restaurant next to Shell Gas station in Dundas Town. For the past five years Mr. Nixon operated from a trailer in the same spot but decided to expand the business into a full restaurant. The restaurant specializes in all Bahamian cuisine including down home dishes including desserts like grandma used to make.

They cook all types of jerk dishes including pork, chicken, fish, and conch. They also offer crawfish pasta, ginger lemonade and other specialty drinks. They cater to private functions and to schools upon request. The phone number at the restaurant is 367-2605. The store hours are Tuesday through Thursday 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 10 p.m. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.

### Nails by Iris

By Samantha V. Evans

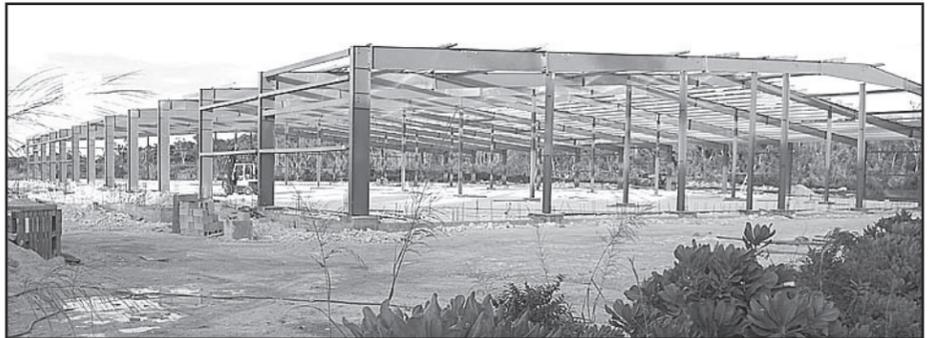
Students have an opportunity to get their nails professionally prepared at a discounted price at Nails by Iris. Located in Catherine's Beauty Salon a few doors down from the Island Bakery, Iris specializes in sculptured nails, pedicures and manicures. Iris is not new to this profession and is proud to be back offering the best nail service on the island. She can be contacted for an appointment by calling 442-7103.

## Baker's employees donated to needy



Simone Bowe organized a drive with the employees of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club to contribute food and clothing items to families in need. This was in answer to a plea by Heal Our Land as its supplies were running low. Shown here are Pastor Earlin Bailou and Mrs. Joan Baillou, both counselors with Heal Our Land; Mrs. Cleola Pinder, Secretary of Heal Our Land; Ms. Simone Bowe, Director HR and Training with Baker's Bay; Mrs. Kathleen Knowles, President of Heal Our Land; and Dr. Livingston Marshall, Senior Vice President of Environmental and Community Affairs of Baker's Bay.

## Maxwell's building is underway



Progress is being made on the new building for Maxwell's Supermarket on Pole Line Drive. Owner Chad Sawyer is hopeful that he'll be able to open in the spring. It has been designed to work much more efficiently than the original store that burned down in July.

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# More Central Abaco News

## Construction at Abaco Central High School shows progress



Two new buildings are under construction at Abaco Central High School. This shows the new administration building that will have offices for the principal and vice principal, a reception area, student sick bay, staff lounge, rest rooms and a kitchenette. It is being constructed by Jones Construction Co. Ltd and is expected to be completed early in the spring. This replaces an administration building that was burned down three years ago.



The second building is a block with three classrooms for technical training. This construction is being done by Williams & Sons Construction Co. Ltd. It will include rest rooms and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

## BEC observed Safety Month

By Jennifer Hudson

November 27th was celebrated as Customer Appreciation Day at Bahamas Electricity Corporation. In order to say thank you to its customers, the Abaco office was giving out bags of fresh fruit which proved very popular. According to Executive Secretary, Mrs. Beverley Archer, the corporation decided, instead of the normal food spread, to give away bags of fresh fruit in keeping with its theme of health and safety. Customer Appreciation Day brought to a climax Health and Safety Month which had been observed throughout November by BTC. Although observed in previous years in Nassau, this was the first year that the Abaco office has joined in. Events were held at the Marsh Harbour office.

Nurse Sears from the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic was present on two of the days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to do free blood pressure checks which, according to Mrs. Archer, were very well attended. Customers found to have blood pressure

problems were given medical advice.

Another very popular event was the Portable Fire Extinguisher Training by Sgt. Johnson of the Police/Fire Department assisted by Mr. Danny Sawyer from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. "Many people have portable fire extinguishers in their home in case of an emergency, and yet we found that few know how to use them," said Mrs. Archer. The demonstrations were very practical and extremely useful.

An outstanding First Aid presentation was given by Mr. John Pintard. He encompassed a wide range of situations which included CPR, accidents on the road, electrical burns, fractures, unconsciousness and stroke.

A National Insurance Session was presented by Mr. Gordon Musgrove, Manager of the Abaco National Insurance Office.

The Management of Bahamas Electricity Corporation was very pleased with the response to its first Health and Safety Month events.

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# Viewpoint . . . Protection does not require national park status

By J.F. Hedden

The subject of the environment and ecological health always remains a priority topic in my mind, but I would certainly not categorise myself as an earth angel.

As development takes place anywhere in the world there is a trade off between the economy, earnings and profits. To date the environment has usually taken a back seat to financial benefits. Recently, however, more consciousness has been devoted to the implementation of environmentally thoughtful designs and concepts in proposals for developmental projects.

Some of these have been genuine and for Abaco, the Schooner Bay development seems to be making a serious attempt to conserve space, resources, the natural heritage and also traditional construction designs. This for a Bahamian project is both unusual and innovative.

Conversely, we have other proposals which seem to promote environmental consciousness through rhetoric only, with no real commitment to the conservation of our heritage, be it historical or natural. One such has been the Valencia Group proposal for the Hole-in-the-Wall peninsula.

Others, of course, have sought to take advantage of public lands, obtaining them for a mere nominal valuation on their true worth. These include Winding Bay and the apparently defunct Snake Cay project.

Public perceptions and opinions have been rigorously expressed over some, and the Elbow Cay residents have voiced very loudly over the Joe's Cay proposal, with the apparent resulting success of a scaled down construction programme waiting to be approved.

Of course, the subject of protection becomes uppermost in the minds of the environmentalists, and the need to conserve and reserve areas of Abaco close to the settlements used extensively for leisure purposes most dominant. It would appear to me that over the last few years opposition to development has taken place for almost every piece of coastline around the Sea of Abaco, including the offshore smaller cays and islands. Some in my mind are valid, case in point.

The creek system behind Cherokee settlement, known as O'Neil's Creek, has been abused and over exploited for many years, mainly by the good people of Cherokee and Casuarina Point with some assistance from those of more distant habitat. Illegal netting, use of spears and compressors, harvesting of rollers (baby conch) and the like have decimated marine populations for years. It still continues. Now the move to protect it becomes real and genuine.

Other areas are perceived as being threatened, and one such is the creek system just to the south of Snake Cay, which I refer to as the Angel Cay System (ACS). This is truly a wonder to behold, not only by boat but also from the shoreline along the edge of the pine forest, full of life and obviously a thriving part of the surrounding marine ecosystems.

It always makes me consider why two such areas in close proximity have been exploited in such different ways. Both are heavily trafficked and both are fished. Yet the ACS is full of adult and immature exploited species and has been for the last 25 years. O'Neil's, on the other hand, is grossly over fished and depleted.

Now a move is afoot sponsored by the National Trust (BNT) and implemented by Friends of the Environment (FOE) to turn the whole of the creek systems from Snake Cay to O'Neil's Creek into a national park because it holds so much as a marine resource. This immediately brings several questions to mind which neither BNT or FOE have managed to answer yet. But as usual I must be slower than most. The main question is "Why does this area need to become a national park? Sure, it needs to be maintained and "protected from rampant anchor project development," but park status is not going to guarantee any greater protection than does exist now.

Another question that comes to mind is How many of these protectionists have actually traversed the cay road running through O'Neil's Creek and ending up on the edge of the Bight of Old Robinson? How many of them extensively access the wilderness areas of the west side of Abaco, which to my mind is much more significant as a marine resource and is in more urgent need of protection before it becomes too late as has happened in the case of Cherokee creeks.

Sure, the Bahamas is signatory to a myriad of international environmental treaties with a binding to protect a significant portion of our natural resources. But this does not mean that we have to turn everything into a national park to protect it. And if we do, how do we then protect it anyhow?

The Bahamas government certainly does not have the funding, and quasi governmental organisations such as the Bahamas National Trust have expressed their own concern over a budgetary shortfall of one

hundred million dollars (B\$100,000,000) for the last ten years. I guess what will happen is that in the end the public will have to shoulder the responsibility of protecting what they already do now. Makes sense to me?

Perhaps the answer really lies in proper zoning regulations and a major drive for public education. After all, isn't this what the BNT and FOE claim to be all about. Neither has proven to be either outspoken or activist even when their own boundaries have suffered insurgencies, or when the threat of anchor projects and the BEC sitting have infringed on our heritage.

My solution for this area is as follows: From Witch Point down to the peninsula of Wilson city be declared an ecologically sensitive area, with the zoning and restrictions on development to match. The Witch Point area of Crown land should be permanently designated as public land and given free and total access by the public for recreational use such as beaching, picnicking and the like.

Snake Cay should be maintained as public land and development encouraged within the co-operative framework to maintain public ownership and the perception of the same. As far as national park status is concerned, there are many other areas of Abaco and the rest of The Bahamas which are much more threatened but suffer from a severe lack of publicity and sponsorship. One example would be the Atlantic coast of Mayaguana with its miles and miles of beaches and creeks teeming with marine life.

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Kids Doing Their Part

Our local kids from Kid's Korner started a project to raise funds for kids in need on Inagua after the hurricanes hit there this past year. The children got their moms to bake homemade goodies that they took to various parts of the settlement on three consecutive Fridays to sell. Many people gave additional donations to help the children reach their goal. All together they raised \$1,240. The monies were sent to Mr. Colin Ingraham on Inagua who was in charge of seeing that it got to the most needy. Mr. Ingraham promised to have the children correspond with our children here about their experiences during the hurricanes and how their donations were utilized.

Project leader, Ellen Curry, would like

to thank the community for participating in this very worthy project. She told me how touched she was at the enthusiasm and benevolence of our children in wanting to help others less fortunate. She noted how very blessed we are and suggested that we might all like to remember others at this time of the year and do something, no matter how small, for someone else. She said, "You will see how even little things mean so much to others in need."

### Treat Packages for Thanksgiving

Again, Kids Korner kids were thinking of others as they put together a very attractive, and I might add delicious, plates of sweets for the Old Folks of Cherokee. Again, moms helped out and prepared the home baked goodies, but the packaging was really outstanding. Their goal was to make the seniors feel special and I'm sure

that's just how they felt when the beautifully wrapped packages were delivered. Ellen says this is the first year they have attempted this, but assures me it will not be the last.

Kids Korner is held every Wednesday afternoon after school with an aim towards bringing Christianity into these young people's lives. This year there are three leaders, Ellen Curry, Eleanor Jorgensen and Doreen Albury. I applaud these women for a job well done.

### Senior Citizen's Tea

The community along with the school children honoured our senior citizens with a Tea on November 26 at the W.W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee Sound. Approximately 30 people attended the Tea and enjoyed an hour of socializing with "old" friends. Many of our seniors are housebound and don't get out very often. Most of them were pleased to be able to enjoy an afternoon's outing to visit with family and friends that otherwise they don't have an opportunity to see very often. The weather was delightful, a warm 80 degrees with a beautiful blue sky and

a light breeze, which made the event even more enjoyable.

### AID's Awareness Day

Cherokee Primary School was visited by Mrs. Sandy Edwards, Curriculum Officer for the Housing and Family Development Department. The purpose of her visit was to discuss with our youth the importance of being aware of AIDS and the HIV virus. She pointed out that this health problem has been around since 1981 and over 510,000 deaths have been attributed to it since that time with very little progress being made in its eradication.

Mrs. Edwards gave a very informative presentation and brought two young men with her that have been diagnosed with the HIV virus who also spoke with the children. They were all impressed with how informed our students were and with the general discussion and question and answer period following her talk.



Many young people of Cherokee Sound attend an after school Christian club called Kids Korner at Epworth Chapel held on Wednesday afternoons. Some of them are shown here with one of their leaders, Ellen Curry.

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# Club News

## Thanksgiving on Abaco

By Rita Wieczorek  
Rear Commodore, RMHYC

Members of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club have been gathering the last couple of weeks as they return for another winter season in sunny Abaco. We have had a November social and have our regular scheduled Yacht Club meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays on the VHF radio channel 78 at 8 a.m. The men's and women's walking groups have started walking every day except Sunday when we rest and go to church services. About 70 percent of the boats have returned this year to Boat Harbour, some on the hook or on mooring balls and others at various marinas close to Abaco Beach Resort.

Thanksgiving was celebrated by citizens from the United States, joined by Canadian friends who also like to party. Robert and I attended a dinner at Anglers with about 30 other friends. We had six tables and the menu was terrific. The band played songs from the 60s and 70s. The musicians looked at the crowd and played the music of our era.

There was also a Thanksgiving party aboard the m/v John Henry for the Dock 4 crowd. I understand they had two turkeys and all the trimmings. They had two settings for the hungry group, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Of course, there were other parties aboard other boats and some at other marinas on Abaco.

The RMHYC group is organizing its work at Every Child Counts and Buck-A-Book. I expect that members will also join the food drive at the Jib Room for families

that can use extra food during this holiday season. The members are thrilled to be guests in The Bahamas, and they look forward to many community activities as a way to give back to the generous people who live and work on the island!

## Discovery Club Awards Ceremony

By Mirella Santillo

The Discovery Club, an after-school educational program for students sponsored by Friends of the Environment, celebrated the end of the first semester with a ceremony organized by the leaders and acted out by the students in front of an audience consisting of parents and members of the organization. The children were divided in two groups according to their ages. The younger ones were the Explorers, the older ones the Guardians.

One by one the Explorers took turns describing the marine mammals or the aquatic plants they had learnt about.

The Guardians acted out skits to tell the audience about their field trips or the activities they took part in during the semester. Pedro Maycock and De Shane Knowles described what they saw during outings to the shores. Sujith Swarna and Andrew Hanna talked about the coral reef. Amber Martinborough and Yael Sawyer attended the clean-up at Crossing Beach where they collected over 100 pounds of garbage. They deplored that the visitors did not tidy after themselves and thought that garbage bins would help resolve part of the problem.

In between remarks by the leaders, the students performed two songs written by Mr. Enzil Cooper one of the leaders of the club. The first one, *I'm gonna fish respon-*

*sibly*, was a reminder not to catch under-sized fish and lobsters and to respect the fishing season. The second song described the ambient marine habitat. Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Joy Chaplin were the leaders for the Guardians.

Each child was presented with marine badges and FRIENDS' membership cards by Mrs. Kristin Williams, Executive Director of Friends, and Mr. David Knowles of the Bahamas National Trust. Students who attended all the meetings and participated in all the activities were presented with a special Model Badge. Those who attended all the meetings received a Perfect Attendance Badge.

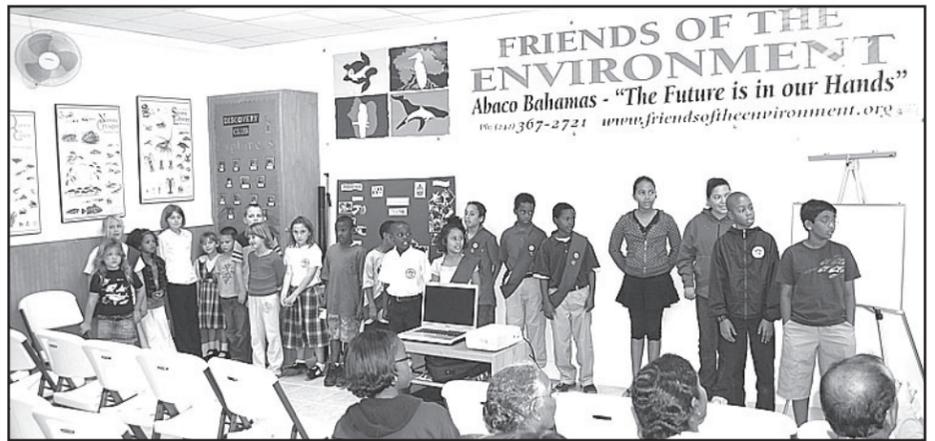
Mrs. D'Shan Maycock, Educational Officer, informed the audience that each student joining the Discovery Club was given a T-shirt, a Bahamas National Trust membership card and a Friends of the Environment membership card along with earned badges and a sash.

Parents and students were reminded that the Discovery Club will resume on January 12th when the participants will learn all about bugs.

## Anchor Club Initiation and Installation Ceremony

By Samantha V. Evans

The Initiation and Installation Ceremony for the 2008-09 Anchors was held on Saturday November 15th at Abaco Youth Ministries. A total of four schools were represented: Forest Heights, St. Francis de Sales, Abaco Central High, and Central Abaco Primary Schools. Officers serving this year are: President of Abaco Central High School, Kadesha Scott; President of St. Francis de Sales, Vickarieo Major; President of Forest Heights, Telia Burrows; and President of Central Abaco Primary School, Malesha Joseph. They all pledged to work hard to make Abaco clubs number one in the entire district.



Discovery Club members received awards for participation in the club activities. The club is sponsored by Friends of the Environment to help the youth appreciate the environment. The club members go on field trips and the emphasis this fall was on marine life.



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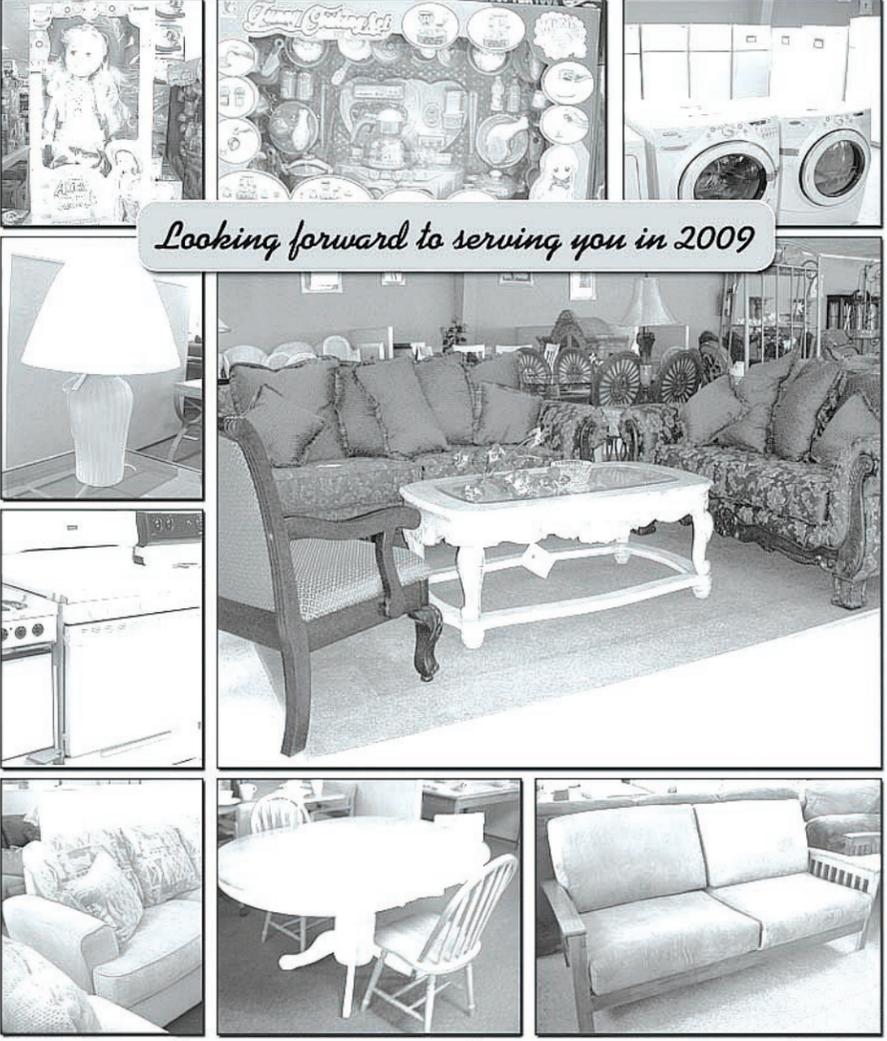
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# Abaco should consider appealing to niche markets

By Julian Lockhart

As Abaco starts to feel the pinch of the American financial crisis through the diminishing number of tourist, it is time for the Abaco Tourist Office as well as partners to look at alternative attractions to lure visitors to the shores of Abaco. This is where niche tourism plays a part in the overall specter of the business with the opportunity to reach out to a new clientele through innovative business ideas.

Some forms of niche tourism already occur on Abaco with international weddings and people coming in specifically

for fishing expeditions. While more can be done to attract fishing fans from not only America, but from around the world, it is also expensive with the cost of fuel and docking charges for individual boats and yachts. However, with the dwindling schools of bonefish in Florida, Abaco can be pushed as a destination of choice for the bonefisherman who wants to cast his fly rod on Abaco instead of just Andros and Bimini.

Abaco is known for its acres upon acres of natural forest teeming with hundreds of beautiful birds of all colors of the rainbow,

not counting the Bahamian parrot, which delight any bird watcher. Bird watching can be an attraction to those who just love to watch God's winged creatures in their natural environment, and it allows them to do so with the beach at their back door.

Thousands of tourists go to New Providence every year just to scuba dive and nothing else. Scuba diving is advertised and pushed internationally by the companies in New Providence. Guests come from all over the world just to dive one of the many wrecks or reefs off New Providence and spend a week delving into the wonders of the deep. Abaco has many more reefs than New Providence and they are prettier and more expansive, not to mention the walls, caves and blue holes which can attract the avid diver to these shores.

Scuba diving should be one of the main attractions of Abaco as those who are in-

terested in diving, just like those who play golf, travel no matter what state the economy is in for a fix of their favorite pastime.

There are numerous small entities of Abaco that, if marketed properly to the international traveling market, could entice a number of travelers to look at this island as an alternative to their usual path for relaxation.

It only takes some imagination and the partners within the tourism sector to think outside the box and look elsewhere for tourist dollars besides the norm of winter residents and boaters.

## Anchors assist with clothes drive



On November 24th the Anchors of Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School along with their advisors Neulessa Lundy-Major and Phillipa Farrington assisted Abaco Youth Ministries with its clothing drive. The Anchors made the posters and encouraged persons to stop by the booths to collect clothing that was being given away for free. This is just one of the community activities that the Anchors will take part in throughout this school year.

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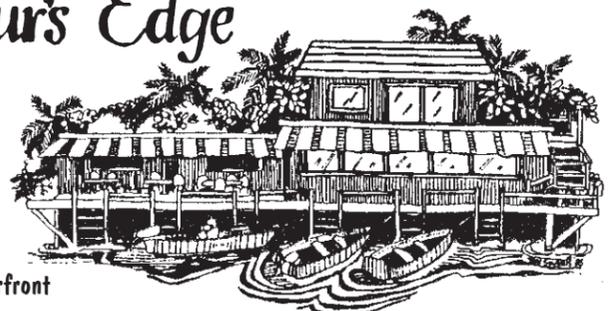
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# School News

## Awards Day at Abaco Central High School

By Mirella Santillo

On November 27th Abaco Central High School held a special ceremony to acknowledge the students who had performed especially well during the last school year.

The function was moderated by Senior assistant, Mr. Vincent Coakley, and various students participated in the event, pronouncing the invocation, addressing the welcome, performing musical pieces and introducing the guest speaker, Bishop Anthony Campbell.

Many students were rewarded, among them four who passed the BGCSE: Ashley Whilly, Bethsheba Darville, Kendero Murray and Agnola Thompson. Twelve students passed the BJC and Shaquille Johnson made the Principal's List with a 3.80 GPA. Twenty-one students were cited on the Honor Roll such as Sasha Davis with a 3.48 GPA, Rahede Smith with a 3.45 GPA, Zandria Wells with a 3.36 GPA. Two more boys followed closely, Carlos Decius with a 3.32 GPA and Jackson Jacques with a 3.24 GPA.

The subject awards were presented by Ms. Vanessa James, Principal; Ms. Dominique McCartney, Vice-Principal and the PTA President, Mr. David Lightbourn.

Mrs Sandy Edwards made a presentation on AIDS awareness explaining facts about the disease and warning the students about promiscuity.

Three students were cited for perfect attendance; they were Amelia Burrows, Rose Previlon and Jason Vilma.

The ceremony was followed by lunch

and early dismissal.

## Food Presentation Competition

By Mirella Santillo

Students from the two public high schools gathered on December 6th at Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town to participate in a cake icing, fruit and vegetable carving, napkin folding and towel creation competition. Nine students from each school, Abaco Central and S.C. Bootle High School, entered the various contests. The competitors were divided into beginners, intermediate 1, intermediate 2 and advanced.

The first event was cake icing which took place in a class room. Each participant was given one and a half hour to decorate a cake. Some recreated a model such as a car or a cartoon character while others performed free lance designs on a round cake. While the beginners and intermediates were occupied with their decoration, the advanced students separated into groups to tackle the wedding cakes, one for each school. They were allowed three hours to accomplish their task.

Outside, two tables were laid with cantaloupes, water melons and an array of vegetables, sweet peppers, carrots and radishes ready for the carving artists who would turn them into little tropical landscape masterpieces. Other tables were piled up with towels and paper napkins, also awaiting the hands that would transform them into an elephant, a snake, a rabbit or a swan.

Judges were strolling from tables to tables, making notes and commenting on the results.

At last the results were announced: S.C. Bootle won the wedding cake decorating competition, the fruit and vegetable carving and the napkin folding. Abaco Central High won the three categories (beginners, intermediate1 and intermediate2) of cake decorating.

The event was organized by Mrs. Simms and Mrs. Princess Williams, home economic teacher at Abaco Central. S.C. Bootle students were accompanied by home

economic's teacher, Ms. Michelle Clarke, and mathematics teacher, Ms. Altaliese Cartwright.

Mrs. Agatha Simms, head of the Home Economics Department at Abaco Central High School, was cooking fritters and fried chicken helped by two students to be sold to those attending. Guava duff was offered

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Students of Abaco Central High School and S.C. Bootle High School competed in cake decorating and fruit and vegetable carving at the Abaco Central school. The S.C. Bootle team arrived with caps and aprons, looking very professional. The advanced groups competed in decorating a wedding cake.

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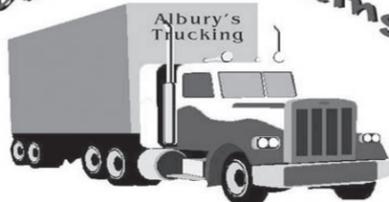
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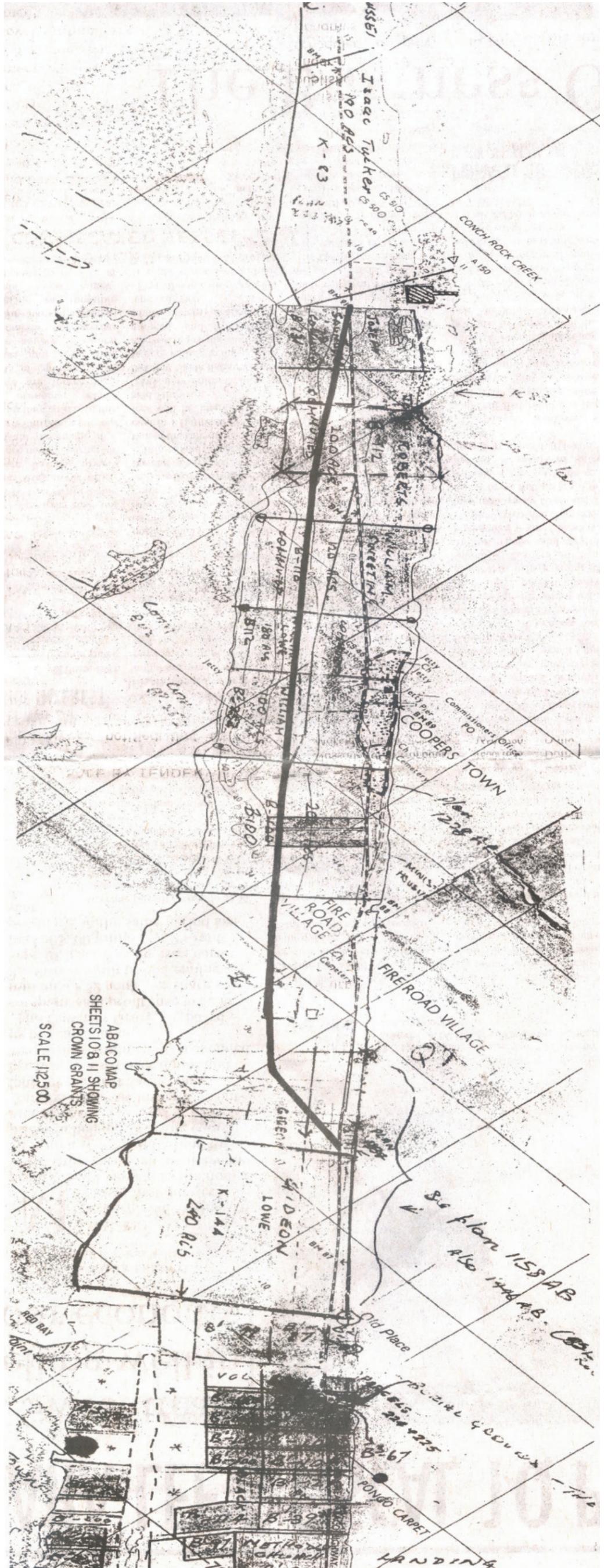
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# More School News

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## Annual Festival of Carols brought students together

*By Mirella Santillo*

Many school children from all over the island, even as far as Moore's Island, traveled to the Church of God in Dundas Town on December 5th to participate in the annual Festival of Carols organized by the Department of Education. The event was moderated by two Forest Heights Academy's students, Taj Anderson and Nasaha Bootle, who presented the performers as they read the Scriptures, sang carols or performed skits. The performers were all students with a few exceptions.

Central Abaco Primary School students

read verses from the Gospel according to Luke. Others such as Sujith Swana and Amelia McDonald from Agape Christian School acted out a nativity skit or sang carols solo such as Akeem Adderley from Abaco Central High School or with their school choir such as Man-O-War, Amy Roberts Primary and Moore's Island All Age students.

It was a festive morning aimed at putting the audience in the Christmas spirit, an audience comprised of local dignitaries, school principals, teachers and many parents.

Most musical pieces were accompanied by the Wesley College Band under the direction of Rev. Charles Carey. An instrumental medley was performed by the Abaco Central High School Band directed by Mr. Jamal McIntosh with an impressive

drum solo by Mackenson St. Fleur.

Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent, addressed her thanks to all the organizers and reminded the assembly not to forget the true meaning of Christmas. She announced the presentation of a gift basket for the senior citizens of Sibyl's House because, she said, "We believe that there should be a bond between the old and the young." The basket was handed to the

Director of Social Services, Mrs. Salomie Gibson, by Mackenson St. Fleur of Abaco Central.

Before the end of the ceremony Bishop Anthony Campbell spoke of the message of Christmas, "the never ending story of the nativity will still be there as long as there is a world," he assured. He urged people

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## Central Abaco recognized outstanding students



Students who were in grades 1-5 last school year were awarded for performing well during that time. The awards ceremony that was on November 28th. Students making the outstanding and principal's lists received certificates and trophies. The most outstanding students were Victoria Hardy, Maliyah Forbes, Adrian Russell, Basia McKinney, Tazmia Cunningham, Shiwana Gilot, Richard Smith, Briniqua Munroe, Yolnicka Jeune, Twanasha Lighbourn, Madelin St. Fleur, Ervette Knowles, Juline Russell, Destiny Seymour, Alpheneaus Kemp, Youricka Moreau, Chelshanno Adderley, Kadesha Canton, April Smith, Swanson Moss, Elizier Evariste, Wilda Cadet, and Isaiah Seymour. The students who made the principal's list were: Maliyah Forbes, Jerone Burrows, Earelle Reckley, Basia McKinney, Robert Russell, Tazmia Cunningham, Yolnicka Jeune, Twanasha Lighbourn, Amelia Gomez, and Antonyah Mackey.



Students from most schools on Abaco took part in the annual Festival of Carols that was held this year on December 5 at the Dundas Town Church of God. Students conducted almost the entire service.

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# More School News

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as they celebrate and exchange gifts with their friends and family not to forget the gift of Jesus.

The closing Christmas hymn followed Bishop Campbell's benediction as people left the church giving each other hugs and Christmas greetings.

## Thanksgiving at St. Francis de Sales

By Samantha V. Evans

On November 20th the school family of St. Francis de Sales celebrated Thanksgiving. As tradition stated, on this day all students brought their non-perishable items to give to the needy. Each grade had to decorate their box. They gathered at St. Francis de Sales Church where all of the gifts of thanksgiving were displayed. Thanksgiving Day is observed on the last Thursday in November; but due to school exams, they brought the date up one week. The service started with a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for all of His many blessings and for His continued care. A slide show was shown of the school's accomplish-

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## Students of the Month at Central Abaco Primary



Students of Central Abaco Primary School have been working hard to learn the many subjects they are required to master at their specific grade level. Student who performed exceptionally well in October were recognized. They were Benjamin Cornish, Preschool; Quinesha Bonamy Grade 1; Dwayne Saunders Grade 1; Tredon Alleyne Grade 1; Earelle Reckley Grade 2; Maliyah Forbes, Grade 2; Chinica Jean, Grade 2; Rosmichel Denyer, Grade 3; Guetly St. Fleur, Grade 4; Christina Guillaume, Grade 4; Ashanti Davis, Grade 5; Tyzel Cunningham, Grade 5; Isaac Russell, Grade 5; Jermina Davis, Grade 6; Shavante Simms, Grade 6; Marcdala Augustin, Grade 6; and Edmilvannera Curry, Grade 6.

## Ginelle Places Second in Nassau



On November 28th Ginelle Longley, the winner of the Religious Knowledge competition in Abaco, flew to Nassau along with her coach Roberta Lindsay and her parents as she competed in the National Religious Knowledge Competition. The topic for the speech was Let's Build Each Other Up. Ginelle placed second in the competition.



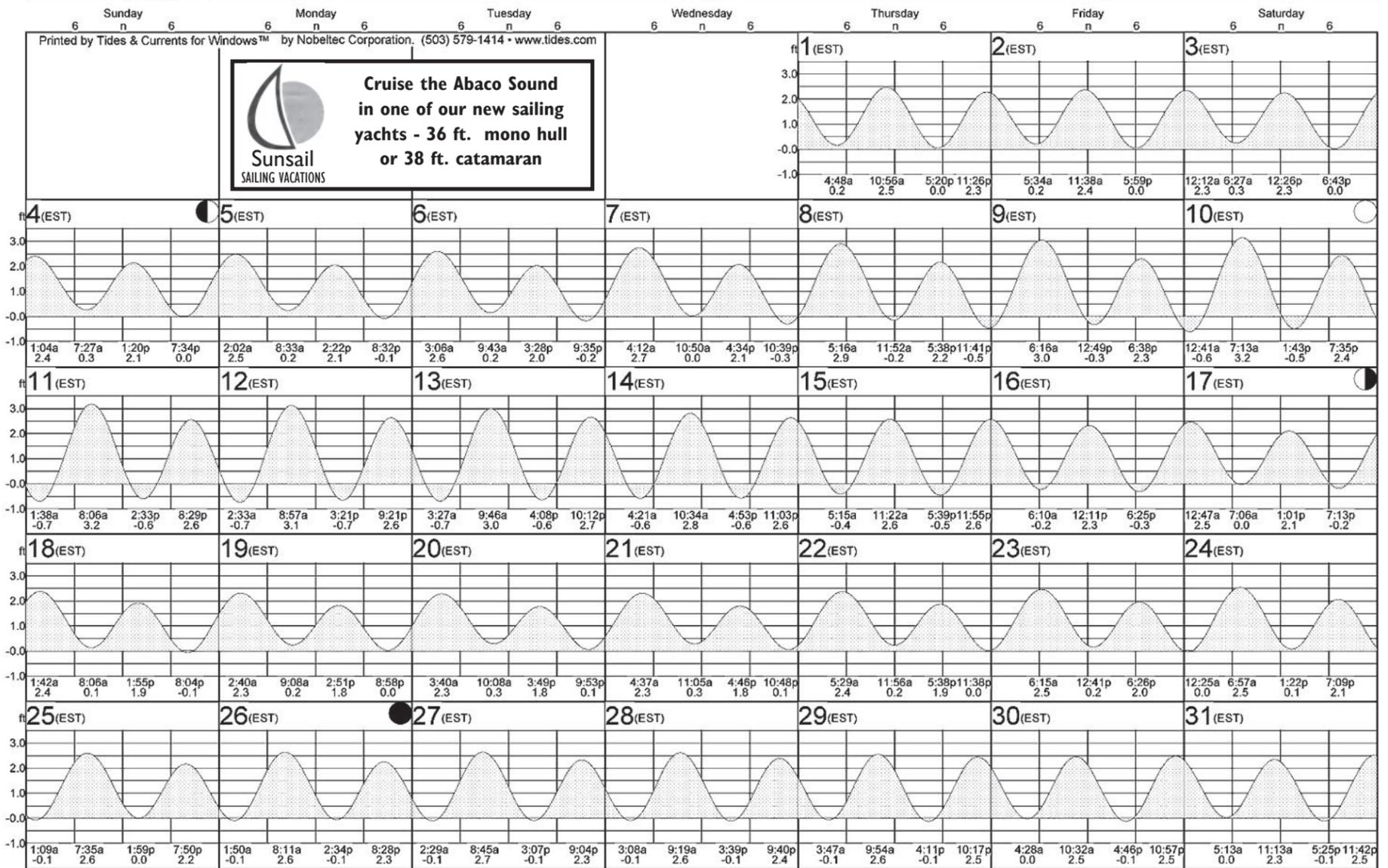
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### Tide - North Bar Channel January 2009

Average Tides  
Mean Range: 2.6 ft  
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# More School News

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ments and many blessing so far this school year, after which a skit was presented by the school's drama club. After the service, the items were separated so that they could be distributed. The items will be given to needy families across Abaco.

**Winning boy read 375 books in Boys Reading Challenge**

Once again boys from Central Abaco Primary School got a chance to improve their reading and writing skills by taking part in the annual Boys Reading Challenge held during the month of October. One hundred seventeen boys registered to participate and 55 of them were rewarded for actually taking part in this event. The theme for this year's Challenge was Re-

solving Conflicts Peacefully Without Being at War. The awards day was held on November 24th at the school. The guest speaker for this event was Det. Insp. Edric Poitier, a 28-year veteran policeman with the Royal Bahamas Police Force. The awards ceremony was lead by boys who took part in this Challenge.

The guest speaker gave the students a powerful talk on resolving conflicts and the results of being at war with each other as we are seeing manifested in society today. He began by telling them that conflicts usually begin because someone is angry with another person. He stated that anger is not a bad emotion. In fact it is natural. However, it is when a person allows anger to result in them harming another person that they lose control, get into trouble and

can break the law. There is good and bad anger. People respond positively to anger when they feel threatened or wronged but bad anger results in frustration when needs and/or desires are not met or they lose their patience. He encouraged them to find positive ways to channel their energy.

Det. Insp. Poiter told them to learn how to resolve the conflicts now while they are

small because when they reach adulthood it will become more difficult. He encouraged them to think before they act. They will live to be thankful they did.

Bringing remarks and commending the boys for a job well done was District Education Superintendent Lenora Black. She

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## Religious Knowledge Speech Competition Declares a Winner



The Department of Education held a Religious Knowledge speech competition on November 10th, an event organized by Sandy Edwards. The theme focused on improving relationships. Five students participated representing Amy Roberts Primary, Central Abaco Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, Agape Christian, and St. Francis de Sales. The winner was Ginelle Longley, grade 5, from Central Abaco Primary School. In second place was Yelena Persuad, grade 5, from St. Francis de Sales and in third place was Andrew Hanna, grade 6, from Agape Christian School. The winning students received trophies.



The winner of the Boys Reading Challenge at Central Abaco Primary was Sidney Decius of grade 5. The big prize was a bicycle along with cell phone, photo package, gift certificates, reading books, calculator, games, toys, cologne and school supplies worth over \$200.

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# More School News

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told the students that focusing on reading is a most necessary undertaking. This Challenge addresses reading which is necessary for them to get around in life. Reading is important when you travel so that you can read signs and when you use the computer. She stated that boys and girls who can read are not usually involved in conflicts as they resolve them using the many words they know. She ended by further encouraging the boys to continue reading even though this Challenge is over as they should aim to become life-long readers.

All students to participate in the competition received a certificate. Students to read more than ten books and to write a book report for each one received books as prizes. The top ten boys received books and special gifts from toys to electronics to the coveted bicycle. The winner for the second year having read 375 books and having written the same number of book reports on the theme of the book was Sid-

ney Decius of grade 5. Other winners were Isaac Russell - 2nd place, Travar Blanc - 3rd place, Loudino Box - 4th place, Brandon Meadows - 5th place, Eustace Sturup - 6th place, Recelph Mere - 7th place, Kevin Pierre - 8th place, Warren Moreau - 9th place and Isaac Miller - 10th place. Some of the prizes that the first place winner received included a bicycle, cell phone, photo package, gift certificates, reading books, calculator, games, toys, cologne and school supplies worth over \$200. The winning class teacher, Roberta Lindsay, also received a gift for motivating her students to embrace this opportunity to improve their reading and writing skills. She had the most entrants - ten.

Coordinator of the Reading Challenges, Samantha V. Evans, stated that she was very proud of the boys. This year all of the boys, but one received recognition for a job well done. To add to the excitement of the wonderful prizes obtained, Superintendent Black will treat the top ten to lunch with her. Also serving on the committee for the Challenges are Neulessa Major and

Kayla Wallace. Business were generous in donating prizes, certificates, programs and other items.

**Central Abaco Primary Receives Playground Donation**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

Earlier this year, a gospel concert was held organized by Special Touch and the PTA Board of Central Abaco Primary

School where part proceeds were to go towards the purchase of a new playground for the school. On November 24th, Gwen Martin presented principal Eunice Mills with a check for \$3,000 to go towards that purchase. The school body thanks all persons concerns for assisting in this effort.

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## November was Diabetes Awareness Month

By Samantha V. Evans

The month of November was observed as Diabetes Awareness Month and the focus this year was on diabetes in children and adolescents. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases to affect children and can affect a child at any age including toddlers and babies. A team from the Marsh Harbour Clinic visited Radio Abaco to educate the public on the dangers of

diabetes; especially in children. To climax the month, the clinic held a health walk on November 22, ending with the health fair. At the health fair residents could get their blood pressure and insulin checked, free screening for diabetes and asked questions of the trained staff on hand. Chicken souse was also given to all persons who took part in the events.

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## SECTION B



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### Big Hill challenges box cart drivers for 10th year Ricky Sweeting with New Creation wins straight line and slalom races



The Hope Town Box Cart Derby once again drew crowds to watch the competition as the box carts raced downhill in straight races and in slalom races. The top two contenders for the title "King of the Hill" are shown as they began their downhill straight race. New Creations driven by Ricky Sweeting and Custom Construction with Darryl Cole were very evenly matched but New Creations won again for the seventh consecutive year. The event raises money for the Abaco Junior Sailing Association that has three very active clubs with young people learning the art of sailing in Optimist boats.

By Mirella Santillo

By mid-morning on Saturday, November 29th, many people were making their way to Elbow Cay's Big Hill to witness the 10th annual popular Box Cart Derby. On top of the hill, ready for the race, were participants of all ages, six juniors and 16 adults standing by their carts or practicing their downhill descent, waiting for the sound of the horn that would announce the first race at noon sharp.

The vehicle creations were as varied and innovative as usual, the use of materials ranging from fiberglass to wood to clear plastic to a drain pipe, the shapes from a mini-car to a tube to a sail boat to a mere metal board on wheels.

Frequent winner, Ricky Sweeting, with his trendy New Creations was there for the seventh time in a row; other regulars from Hope Town included Colyn Lightbourne with his Flintstone contraption, Tom Hazel with #1 Pimp Mobile, Justin Thompson with Hard Times. From the mainland, the bright red vehicle of the Scurvy Few and Jib Room's Sailboat with a Heineken beer canister for an engine stood out.

Some second homeowners joined in such as Lynn Rustbridge, who drove Sunny Boy

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**North Abaco  
Christmas Celebration**  
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**Sand Dollar's Open House  
entices holiday shoppers**



Several shops in Marsh Harbour have held Open House events to showcase their merchandise. Shown here is the Sand Dollar Shoppe where shoppers are admiring jewelry. This family owned and operated business has artisans who design and create jewelry, or will custom create jewelry or shoppers can choose from the wide selection that is displayed. Besides jewelry, the shop offers a wide variety of gifts and clothing. Mr. Percy Pinder shown here is assisting the customers. See story on page 10.

**Toys for Tots held mini fair**



The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club held its annual Toys for Tots fair on December 6. The festivities featured Santa who was able to stay for several hours. These girls are enjoying time with him. Face painting, a bouncing castle and plenty of good food and drinks were all appreciated by the crowds. Big motorcycles intrigued the children, especially when they drove through town accompanied by a fire truck. The goal of the Scurvy Few is to provide 750 to 800 toys to be distributed to all towns on Abaco. Church leaders and local government officials will determine those who deserve the toys. See story on page 16.

**Hope Town held art show**

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hope Town Harbour Lodge held its 9th Annual Arts and Crafts Show on November 28. This show is held the day after Thanksgiving each year and traditionally kicks off the Christmas season of good cheer. Though there appeared to be fewer of our winter visitors here this year, those who attended enjoyed browsing the many arts and crafts and savoring the customary wine and cheese.

Fifteen artists participated this year which was somewhat fewer than in previous years, but those who took part had many lovely items for sale. There were two newcomers to the show but several of the artists whose work we have seen before have added new lines to keep their work fresh and interesting. Showing for the first time at the Harbour Lodge Show were Clark Constant and Joan Stuart. Mr. Constant was born in Haiti and now resides in Florida. He attended art school in Haiti

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# Junior and adult drivers competed separately

## Box Carts

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with her Bahamian partner, Gigi Roberts. As usual, drivers dressed up in tune with their means of transport: pimp Fred Flintstone and pirates paraded happily around. Every Child Counts brought two cars, one of them piloted as last year by young Lucas Kaighin and Sea Gulls Boat Rental had a Shark driven by Elijah Lowe.

As people went up the hill, they were hailed by acquaintances or diverted to the food or drink tables manned by volunteers selling goodies to raise money for the sailing association.

And off they went, juniors first, racing down the hill to the cheers of the specta-



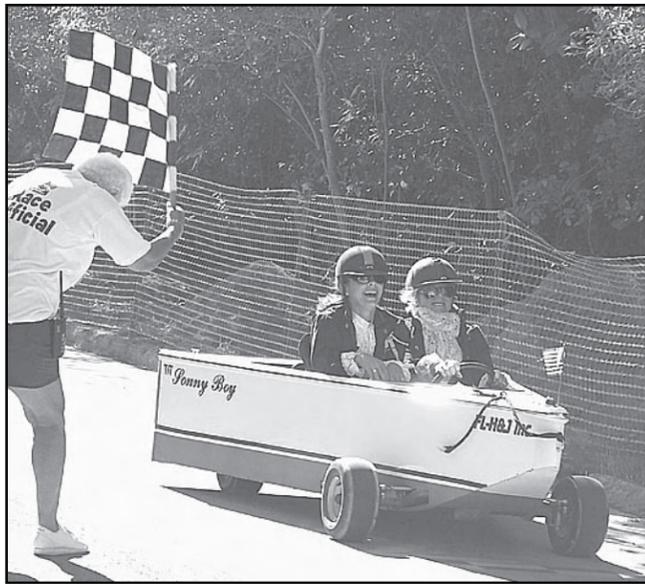
One of the carts rounding a slalom marker which tests a cart's stability. Some carts rolled over on this maneuver.



Two carts are approaching the finish line coming down a hill that is much steeper than the photo looks.

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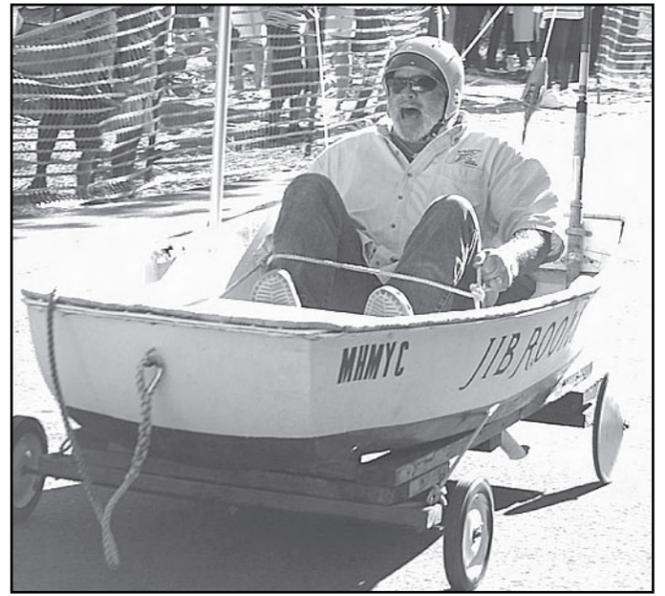
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In true racing fashion the women had one steering while the other operated the throttle, or maybe she was the navigator.



Hard Times navigates through the slalom course.



Rodney Finke looks like he has second thoughts on his bold adventure. He representing the Jib Room.



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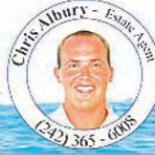


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**"Buttonwood"**  
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**NEW PRICE**

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**NEW**

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**GREAT GUANA CAY**

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- **"COCO BAY VIEW"** - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - \$291,000.
- **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 - \$167,500.
- **"CASUARINA"** - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - \$112,500.

**LYNYARD CAY**

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**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

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# Cart designs ranged from professional to amateur

## Box Carts

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tors. Elijah Lowe won the first place in the Junior category, followed by O'Brian Darville of ECC.

The semi-finals of the straight line races among the adults were disputed between Hard Times, New Creations, Challenger and Custom Constructions.

The final saw Ricky with New Creations racing against Darryl Cole's Custom Construction. And it was Ricky again winning for the sixth consecutive time the "King of the Hill" title. He was followed by Custom Construction and Hard Times.

It was great fun until the slalom. The first couple of drivers made it safely down the hill, but soon a car hit one of the markers, a tire, and overturned, the driver safe but disqualified. Then a second accident. But unfortunately, the third accident saw the cart overturned;

Tom in his #1 Pimp Mobile was injured with a broken collarbone and broken ribs. But he was able to walk away. No other injuries occurred in spite of one or two more cars overturning on top of their drivers. Others made it down the hill safely in spite of hitting a tire or a bucket.

Again, it was a clear run for Ricky piloting his New Creations. He outdid himself by winning both straight line and slalom races. Justin came second with Hard Times followed by Dan and Pat McCully's Challenger.

A third category was added this year: Showmanship which was won by Tom with Pimp Mobile. Colyn's Fred Flintstone took the second place and Thomas Bethel came third with Captain Red Bull.

The Box Car Derby is the major fund raising event for the Abaco Junior Sailing Association. The entry fees and the sale of T-shirts and food all go toward this effort.



Colyn Lightbourn crosses the line in the FlintsStone Special



One serious wreck occurred when Tom Hazel rolled his cart over on the slalom course. He suffered several broken bones. The design was perhaps less stable than the others.



As the carts collected at the bottom of the hill, they were strung together on a tow rope to be pulled to the top of the hill to compete again.

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# Harbour Lodge Show featured locals and visitors

## Art Show

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and first showed his art at the Central Bank of The Bahamas Art Show in 1995. Since then his work has found its way to many parts of the world including Europe, Canada, USA, Bermuda and Jamaica. His beautiful acrylic on canvas paintings of Haitian scenes, of which he had many to choose from, are full of fine detail and vivid colours and were very reasonable priced.

Joan Stuart was once a homeowner on Elbow Cay but now lives aboard her boat, The Conch Pearl. She trained at college in oceanography and art. Now that she has retired from her busy career as an oceanographic engineer, she has more time to devote to her second love - art. Her work,

being an oceanographer, of course, centres around sea life and ranges from original paintings and prints to Christmas cards, sea glass and shell key rings.

The young artist Caitlynd Zimmer, whose art work last year was entirely of fish and other sea creatures, has recently branched out into fantasy painting. She was showing these new paintings, which are full of movement and colour, for the first time along with her line of jewelry.

Marlee Mason, who is well known for her exquisite Silver Moon Designs jewelry, had many unusual pieces on display into which she incorporated sea glass and is now adding fresh water pearls. Two years

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Showing for the first time, Clark Constant had outstanding acrylics many of which are of his home country, Haiti. They were colorful and very detailed. The show had a variety of artwork and crafts and was an excellent opportunity to buy Christmas gifts. Although the number of artists and guests was down from previous years, everyone enjoyed the event.



A variety of art work and crafts was offered at the Art Show that the Hope Town Harbour Lodge hosts annually. The show had art that accommodated all pocketbooks. It was combined with a wine tasting provided by Bristol Wines and Spirits.



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

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

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# Hope T. Lodge hosted art show and wine tasting

## Art Show

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ago she branched out into oil painting and at this year's show also exhibited a number of these paintings depicting island living and scenes around the Sea of Abaco.

Kim Rody has added another dimension to her picture subjects this year. In addition to her paintings of large fish, which she is known for, she was showing her new more quirky paintings of scenes and people. One which drew much interest was George Wins Bingo at Cap'n Jacks. She has expanded her line of note cards to include a new Hope Town series.

Kent LeBoutillier as usual had a lovely selection of mobile copper critters and other interesting items which include shells, driftwood and sea-glass on display. This year she had teamed up with John Stanley Francois to present their very comfortable 'made to order' hand cut Adirondack chairs.

Tammy Cash can always be found with a booth next to her friend, Kent, and she also displays unique items created from her beachcombing finds. She makes festive Santas from shells, buoys and seed pods as well as pottery shard flower pots, clocks and other decorative items.

Ann Schadt's JIBart designs are varied and this year in addition to

a diversity of bags, necklaces, glasses and iPod cases she had added a line of very attractive fringed 'Junkanoo bags' in a plethora of colours. Ann's husband, Herman, was excited to have added a very bold and vivid Junkanoo picture to his usual line of Hope Town watercolours and prints this year.

Brigitte Bowyer Carey has a deep appreciation for the beauty of these islands which is evident in her wet-on-wet water colours painted in vibrant tropical colours. As usual she had a large selection from which to choose.

Building model boats comes naturally to Bill Conty who lives on a Man-O-War boat built by Uncle Will Albury in 1958. He says that his own boat gives birth to his models which he makes in various sizes right up to ones which are actually used

as tables. These beautiful models are made from mahogany and cypress.

Sea glass pictures and ornaments began as a hobby for Mary Balzac a few years ago, and she has gradually been expanding on these items. Now she has also branched out into painting and this year produced a line of note cards which she had on display alongside the sea glass pieces.

It was good to see the students of the Every Child Counts School with a booth at the show this year; they were missed last year. The young students did a good job of manning their stall very courteously and efficiently assisted by their teacher, Miss Amanda. The shell necklaces, bracelets, earrings, note cards and delightful Christmas tree angels all made by the students were very popular items with customers.

Rounding out the list of exhibitors were Christine McCully with a variety of paint-

ings and quirky hooks, Virginia Williams with her straw work and Hope Town ladies selling Friends of Abaco Animals' calendars.

A good selection of both red and white wines from New Zealand, California, Italy and Argentina were offered for tasting by Bristol Wines and Spirits and were also available for purchase. A huge array of delicious cheeses and crackers were there for the enjoyment of the patrons and they also were for sale. This is the first year that the wines and cheeses have been offered for sale and the cheeses especially were very popular. A variety of cocktail accoutrements such as wine markers, swizzle sticks and stem decorations were also for sale. The wine and cheese tasting as always added to the festive atmosphere and provided a nice opportunity for people to stop for a while and socialize.



The comfortable relaxed atmosphere at the art show held on November 28 at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge encouraged leisurely conversation.

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

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

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**Bahama Beach Club 2083 # 1079** - 4 bedroom, 3 bath ground level Phase 5 tastefully decorated & furnished condo. 1,645 s/f living space plus screened lanai overlooking beach & community pool. **REDUCED TO \$1,029,000.**

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

**Royal Poinciana #2612 # 972** - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, furnished beachfront condo, fully renovated & re-furnished in 2000. Golf cart garage. Great sea & beach views. **\$865,000.**

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

**TREASURE CAY**

**Atlantis Condo # 2202 # 987** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. "Turn-Key". Near Treasure Cay Beach **\$499,950.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2203 # 1000** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach **\$499,950.**

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

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

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

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

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**

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

# 959 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level furnished condo, overlooks marina, includes full size garage. **REDUCED TO \$279,000.**

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

# 928 - 2 bed, 1 bath 2 level unit, overlooks harbour **\$279,000.**

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

# 655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$274,000.**

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

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

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

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

**Windward Beach # 1090** - 12,100 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco, Native stone/concrete bulk head. All utilities available, great building site. **\$845,000.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

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

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

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

**Residential Parcels**

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

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

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

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

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

# 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot, near beach **\$107,000.**

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

# 567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee **\$149,700.**

**GUANA CAY**

**"Ridge Runner" # 1185** - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 sq. ft. furnished home includes main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock situated on 1.74 elevated acres with 330' of shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$2,599,000.**

**Atlantis Oceanfront Parcel #746** - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$395,000.**

**NORTH ABACO**

**Boiling Hole Parcel # 1022** - Total 11 acres sea-to-sea from Sea of Abaco to bay side. 153' high rocky shoreline on Sea of Abaco. (Also available in smaller parcels.) **\$299,500.**

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**"High Point" Seaview Lot # 684** - Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel on White Sound Bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco, Fantastic Sea Views, Privacy, near beach **\$725,000.**

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**Beach Front Parcel # 714** - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' beach frontage on Atlantic Ocean. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$349,000.**

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**Inland Lot - Near Beach** - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available **\$59,500.**

**Inland Lot - Near Beach (Ref # 756)** - Large 13,000 s/f lot near white sandy Atlantic Ocean beaches, native vegetation, Good road access. **\$38,000.**

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**Ocean View Residential Lot # 887** - Elevated, hillside corner parcel, 12,600 s/f +/-, close to sandy Atlantic Ocean beachfront. All utilities available. Ideal building site. **\$179,000.**

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# Shoppers enjoy Open House events

One of the pleasures of the holiday season for many people is attending the open house events held in several Marsh Harbour businesses. This allows the shoppers to see the newest stock the shops have, get ideas for gifts and enjoy the ambiance of leisurely shopping while conversing with friends.

## Sand Dollar Shoppe offered wide variety

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaco Gold Sand Dollar Shoppe held Open House each Friday evening beginning on November 28th and continuing to December 20. The friendly, helpful staff were at the ready to assist shoppers with choices and offer information on their newest lines. A drawing was held at each Open House for two excellent prizes and everyone who entered the doors was eligible. First prize each time was a beautiful piece of jewelry and second prize was dinner for two at a local restaurant. On December 23 a drawing will be held for an exquisite pendant and pair of matching earrings. This final drawing is open to all who make any purchase at the store leading up to Christmas.

The shop was brimming with lovely items from jewelry to ceramics and clothing, and many new and unusual products were to be seen. The Sand Dollar Shoppe carries a full line of precious gemstones and also semi-precious stones. It also carries two big lines of very affordable silver jewelry. Sterling Reputation is silver with a platinum finish "which has the look of platinum with a silver price tag," says Monica Higgs, Owner/Manager. The other silver line is sterling with painted enamel which is very colorful and eye catching. There

is also a wide range of Cubit Zirconium jewelry which looks just like precious diamonds but for a mere fraction of the price tag.

The large centre display case showcases the Abaco Gold line which is the finest hand crafted 14K gold jewelry. There are over 500 nautical and sea life designs to choose from each made on site by ninth generation Abaconians. These prove to be very popular with the tourists in particular. Although there are so many incredible pieces to choose from, customers can have the jeweler create any piece in any design they desire and can imagine. There is also a lovely selection of conch pearl jewelry. Each pearl is appraised and purchased individually from local fishermen, then set into a unique piece of jewelry. Conch pearls can also be customized into jewelry of an individual's choice.

A new line of items such as bags of bath-salts, candles and pot pouri jars for aromatherapy and relaxation called Exotic Recovery smell absolutely tantalizing, look most attractive and make delightful accessories for the home. There is a large new line of turtles, porpoise and fish figurines carved from marble with colorations and markings which are extremely beautiful and unusual. Another new line of ceramic/poly resin finish figurines is very eye catching and colorful.

The popular Fresh Produce and Guy Harvey clothing items are still very much in evidence and a new line has been added called Life is Good. This includes a variety of items such as clothing, mugs, picture frames, caps and the coziest socks you will ever find.

A brand new shipment of jewelry arrived just in time for Christmas shopping

and customers were offered a 30 percent saving on jewelry until Christmas Eve. Many other items were reduced such as beach bags 20 percent off and items on the bargain racks at the back of the store 50 percent off.

Store owners are expecting their busiest nights to be right before Christmas and seems to be customary each year. Customers were able to sit on the porch lit by the traditional nativity scene and partake of refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Mangoes after enjoying browsing the store.

## Buds N' Blooms expands in time for the Open House

By Samantha V. Evans

It is an annual tradition for the Christmas season to begin with special events and the open house at Buds n' Blooms is

one of those such events. Friday evening November 28th from 6-9 p.m. it held the open house at its new suite in Memorial Plaza. This was the first time that 10 percent discount was given off all items purchased on this night. Every year the colors of Christmas change and this year was no different. Besides the traditional red, gold, and green, brown has been added to this year's color scheme. Butterfly arrangements are new this year along with ornaments in the shape of word pillows, candy arrangements, ice cream cones, cupcakes, and other fun treats. Candles, throw blankets and hand bags with Scripture verses also make good gifts. For those persons who like non-traditional tree toppers, glittered leaves are also available at the store in

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Open House events, popular in Marsh Harbour during this month, are a time when shoppers can see friends while browsing for gifts and home decorations. This group was in Buds n' Blooms on November 28.



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# Shopping is made easy at an Open House

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various colors. Motivational wall plaques, sterling silver bracelets, and other unique gift items can also be purchased within.

Buds n' Blooms is pleased to announce its Christmas tree decorating service as well as other holiday decorating for homes and businesses. This service includes decorating Christmas trees, garlands, wreaths, Christmas arrangements and more. The shop rents chairs, tables, and chair coverings for weddings and parties. Customers are encouraged to place their orders early for fresh Christmas centerpieces, boxwood trees, wreaths and fresh floral arrangements. Just in time for Christmas, the shop would like to introduce its fruit arrangements which make great gifts and are excellent for parties, new baby showers, birthdays, anniversaries or any other function or occasion. All orders must be placed three days in advance of any event.

Coming in December, Casiah's Candy Bar and Destiny's Party Room will be opened to the public for business. The candy bar will specialize in bulk candy and chocolate, candy arrangements, gift items for children, novelty candy toys, and special occasion candy. The party rental room will be rented out for small parties, decora-

tions and lots more. Persons interested in utilizing any of these services can contact the store at 367-2837.

## Palm Cottage held an Open House

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Palm Cottage Furniture and Home Accessories Store and Wood You Furniture, located adjacent to each other on Don MacKay Boulevard, invited the community to an Open House on November 22. Mrs. Chana Albury, proprietor of Palm Cottage, was pleased with the turnout of customers who came to enjoy some wine, hors d'oeuvres and Christmas cheer while browsing amongst the many items the store has to offer.

This year the "piece de resistance" was a Christmas tree decorated entirely with nau-

tical ornaments, shells and sea glass garlands. It was much admired and many of the ornaments went home with customers to spend Christmas on the trees of homes in and around Marsh Harbour. An assortment of very nice quality Santas, elves and gingerbread people which were also for sale gave the store a festive atmosphere.

As usual the store was resplendent with a large variety of attractively upholstered couches, love seats and chairs as well as

hand painted tables and chests, rugs, cushions, baskets, pictures, lamps and novelties. There were many unusual items to be found especially nautical items, wood carvings, ceramics, glass, metal sculptures and some quirky wall signs for inside or outside the home.

Mrs. Albury continues to look for top

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*Men as well as women appreciate Open House events so they can buy gifts easily. The shop keepers are very helpful and frequently can make suggestions that will assist the shoppers in their selections.*



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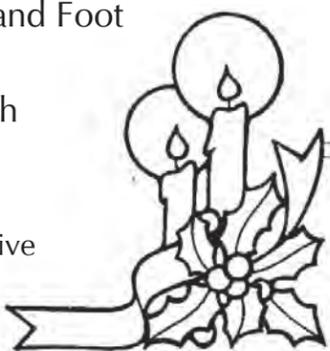
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# North Abaco News

## North Abaco News

By Vernique Russell

### Christmas in the park

The Treasure Cay Town Committee in conjunction with the North Abaco District Council will host Christmas in the Park on December 22nd beginning at 6 p.m. This year's event will feature the Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching Band and the Pop Band and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, who is also Member of Parliament for North Abaco. The event will include a Christmas carol service and activities

for the children. There will be surprises and prizes for the children. The highlight of the evening will be the lighting of the Christmas tree. This event will be at the Don Corbett Basketball Court in Treasure Cay. The Committee is inviting the public to join the festivities as they ring in the yuletide season.

### Local Government news

The North Abaco District Council continues to work to improve the communities it has responsibilities for. The Council is actively trying to provide wholesome activities and assistance in the community in

any possible way. Among the latest contribution by the district was a donation to the Treasure Cay Emergency Services. The Council presented a cheque for \$600 to help defray the expenses that they are encountering to complete the building. The Council is very grateful for the services that are being provided to the northern part of the island. The emergency services have played an active support role and for this the committee is appreciative.

The family park and recreational area project on the north end of Treasure Cay Beach is near completion. To date the pavilion of the structure is ready for the roof to go on. However, work to the project has ceased until after the holidays. When work commences, the roof will be constructed

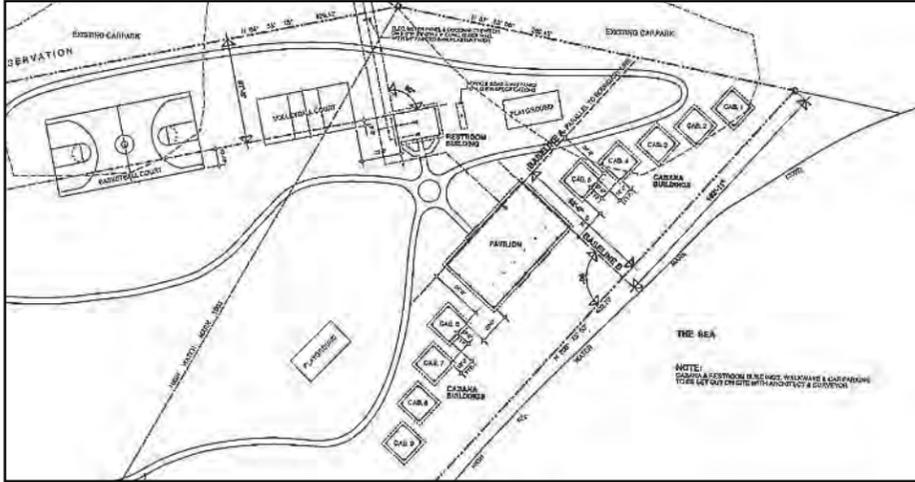
and the project will be a step closer to completion.

### Santa Claus is coming to town

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town. On December 25th at 9 p.m. Santa will land in Treasure Cay. The public is invited to meet Santa at the Topsy Seagull in Treasure Cay to collect goodies and take photos with Santa. This tradition began over 25 years ago and has continued ever since. Santa is brought to Treasure Cay

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This is the plan of the recreational park that is under construction at the north end of Treasure Cay beach. The middle of the picture shows a large pavilion with nine cabanas. Back from the beach is a restroom block. The park will have volleyball and tennis courts. Two playgrounds will provide recreation for the younger crowd. Most of the buildings are now underway and a large parking lot is already paved. This will be a place for all North Abaco residents to gather. It is being made possible by the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham. Last year each member of Parliament was allocated \$100,000 to be spent in his constituency. Mr. Ingraham felt that North Abaco would benefit from a park. More facilities will be added with his allocation for this year.



S.C. Bootle High School held a combined Thanksgiving service and awards ceremony. The students and staff collected food for the needy in North Abaco and brought it to the service. Boxes of food can be seen in this photo.

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by the Treasure Cay Property Owners Association. The property owners wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Second Homeowners Make Donation

Former Senior Medical Attendant at the Corbett Medical Centre, Dr. Ron Wilson, and his wife, Mrs. Jackie Wilson, who are second homeowners in Treasure Cay, graciously donated a variety of balls to the Physical Education Department of S.C. Bootle High School recently. The balls were enthusiastically received and will aid greatly in the athletic programs at the

school. The school thanks the Wilsons for their kind donation.

## Business news Heavenly Manna is opened

The newest restaurant in Treasure Cay, the Heavenly Manna, is open and serving an international cuisine from around the world including Jamaican, American and Italian dishes along with Bahamian dishes. The restaurant hosted its grand opening on December 6th. The evening was filled with fun and excitement as the owner cut the ribbon to officially open the restaurant. Those in attendance were treated to scrumptious delights. A prayer of blessing was uttered for the establishment. The operating hours are Monday and Wednesday

7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant will serve breakfast and lunch daily and dinner only on the weekend. An invitation is extended to the public to feast on one of the many available scrumptious specials. Heavenly Manna is located in the Brent Lowe Plaza in Treasure Cay.

## School News Treasure Cay Primary celebrates Thanksgiving

The staff and students of the Treasure Cay Primary School celebrated Thanksgiving in grand style. With an attitude of appreciation firstly to God for all the blessings He bestowed upon them, then to friends who have faithfully supported the school, the children performed songs, dances, recitations and special readings. The celebration was a grand success and

those in attendance enjoyed the show.

## Awards celebration

The Cooper's Town Primary School awarded the students in grades two through six for their hard work and accomplishment over the school year 2007-2008. The students were treated to an inspiring message to strive for excellence by the guardian counselor of the Sherlin Bootle School, Rashida Murray. They were encouraged to keep climbing the ladder for good success. Parents and well wishers gathered for the celebration and cheered the children on as they received their awards.

Congratulations to the students of Cooper's Town Primary for a job well done.

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Many students of S.C. Bootle High School were recognized for their outstanding academic records at an awards ceremony. These trophies were donated by Treasure Cay Resort Ltd., a donation that is made annually.



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## Sherlin Bootle celebrated its Awards Day and Thanksgiving Service

S.C. Bootle celebrated its Awards Day and Thanksgiving Service on November 28. This was done in the spirit of giving and receiving. Students who performed well for the academic year 2007-2008 in the different subject areas were presented with trophies and plaques. High flyers were rewarded for GPA's over 3.5. Students who worked hard were, indeed, very happy to be recognized and rewarded. This was evident by the many smiles.

Guest speaker for the occasion was

Pastor Cedric Bullard from Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town. He related some of his own experiences when he was a child. He encouraged the students to follow their dreams but most of all to put God first. For those students who did not receive awards, he told them to work harder and be a leader and not a follower. To those who performed well, he said to continue working hard.

Treasure Cay Ltd. is the sponsor for this event and the S.C. Bootle family is very grateful for this kind gesture. The special guests included Mr. Theophilus Cox, Administrator for North Abaco, and Ms. Paula Morley and Mr. Eric Collie, representatives for Treasure Cay Ltd. Math teacher, Mr. Rudolph Kawalram, presented his

BJC students with cash prizes for their extraordinary effort in the BJC math exams last year.

The students of S.C. Bootle demonstrated what it means to care by donating food items to be presented to the Anglican Church in Black Wood for distribution. Although faced with trying times, the students gave willingly during this Thanksgiving season.

## Report Card Day

National Report Card is December 18th. Principals are urging parents to collect their children's report cards. It is also a time that parents can meet with their children's teachers to find out their work habits and progress. Teachers are encouraging parents to visit the school more frequently and check on their children. Report cards can be collected between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Church News

### Christmas Productions Notice

Churches and civic organizations throughout North Abaco will host programs and productions celebrating the holidays. On December 25th the Church of God in Cooper's Town will host its annual Christmas production. The show will feature songs, dances and skits. On December 28th the Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay will host its annual Christmas production. This year's production will feature dances, skits, recitals and a grand finale dramatization of a play that will make you laugh, cry and want to see it over and over again.

### Beloved Pastor Dies

Pastor Cecil Forbes, Senior Associate

Pastor of Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay and District Presbyter for the Abaco District of the Assemblies of God Churches, passed away. Pastor Forbes had a tragic fall at Camp Abaco during the district day celebrations on October 13 and had to be airlifted to Nassau for further medical attention. He was hospitalized and underwent surgeries. Following the surgeries his healing process was coming along fine. Just a few days before he was to be released from the hospital, the community of Treasure Cay was saddened to learn that he had passed away.

Pastor Forbes was a man of integrity, loyalty and character. He was one who no matter what your disposition in life he always gave a ray of hope and showed that he believed in you. He was a loving and gentle man who did anything in his power to assist people in their time of need. He was a caring and faithful man who stood for righteousness and believed in fairness. He had a heart of gold and impacted many lives.

His funeral service was held at the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay and hundreds of people came from near and far to pay their final respect to him. Many spoke with kind words about the impact he had on their lives and the difference he had made. One thing that remained the same in all of the testimonies was that he was an irreplaceable man who has left a void that cannot be filled. A genuine man who did not just preach but practiced what he preached. The community of Treasure Cay

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Dr. and Mrs. Ron Wilson, long time residents of Treasure Cay and a practicing doctor until his recent retirement, donated many balls to the physical education department of S.C. Bootle High School. The Wilsons are pictured with students and a staff member of the school.

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and North Abaco at large has lost a great man, a fighter, a man of valor, a father to many, a friend and an example of true godly living. The community expresses their heartfelt sympathy to the Forbes family as they go through this hour of bereavement.

## Service of Appreciation

In an effort to give roses while Bishop Wright is alive, the congregation of Revival Time Pentecostal Church hosted a service of appreciation for the general overseer of that body. The service was held on November 30th at the church in Cooper's Town. People from all walks of life and all denominations joined the host church to honor a man whose contribution to the gospel is priceless. For many years Bishop Wright traveled the streets of Abaco to carry the gospel. He founded the church more than 25 years ago and served as Senior Pastor ever since. Recently he passed the pastoral baton on to Pastor Cedric Bullard, who is the grandson of the late Jeffery Cox, co-founder. His life and work have produced many fruits and for this he was honored. Men of the clergy of all denominations spoke sincere words of the impact that he has had on their lives and encouraged him. The appreciation service climaxed a week of services. The community of North Abaco joins the family of Revival Time Pentecostal in extending gratitude to Bishop Henry Wright for his work.

## Baptist Fun Day

The Baptist churches throughout North Abaco held a fun day for the youth on November 29th. The fun day was held at the Don Corbett Basketball Court. There were

lots of activities to participate in, lots of food, music and fun. The fun day was used as to unite the group, a time of fellowship and fun. Those who attended enjoyed the event and are certainly looking forward to the next one.

## People in the news Wedding Bells

On November 14th Ms. Elizabeth Huyler and Mr. Jamal McDonald exchanged vows at the Revival Time Pentecostal Church in a ceremony officiated by Rev. George Rolle. Many people gathered to celebrate with the couple. A garden evening reception was hosted following the ceremony at the couple's residence in Cooper's Town.

Ms. Desiree Lowe and Mr. Algereo Edgcombe will pledge their love to each other on December 13 with a garden reception following at the home of the bride's parents. Ms. Lowe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Lowe of Treasure Cay and Mr. Edgcombe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Edgcombe of Cooper's Town.

The community of North Abaco congratulates both couples on the start of their lives together.

## Tragic accident takes a life

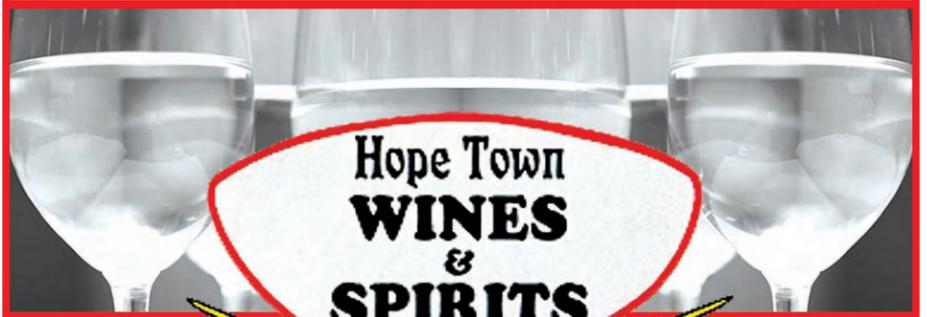
An accident that occurred on the Sherlin Bootle Highway near the settlement of Cedar Harbour on November 28th claimed the life of Felecia Laura Pritchard, 21, and left another fighting for his life. Happily, the victim that was hospitalized is now released but is still under doctor's watch. The community of North Abaco extends sympathy to the family of the deceased. It

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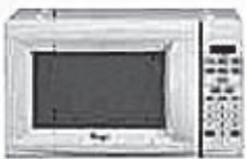
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# Scurvy Few collects Toys for Tots

By Samantha V. Evans

The 11th annual Toys for Tots was held on December 6th across from Memorial Plaza. The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club organizes this event to raise funds for this worthy cause every year. The group, made up of local Abaconians, is proud to bring joy to the lives of so many kids across this island. With the help of local churches and local government, toys are distributed from Grand Cay to Moore's Island. The group plans to distribute 750 to 800 toys this year which will total approximately \$9,000. The money for the toys will come from monetary donations and toys from the community, fund raisers like this one and from donations by the members. Toy boxes were strategically placed in banks to al-

low residents to purchase and drop off toys they would like to give to help them meet their quota of gifts. This year the group introduced donation cans which can be seen at business places primarily in Central Abaco to collect additional funds.

At the Toys for Tots fund raiser, a day of games, activities and food was planned for the entire family to enjoy. The kids were



This girl was very proud of her lion face.

able to have their picture taken with Santa, get their face painted, enjoy the bouncing castle and eat delicious food including hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, conch fritters, and beverages. Midday about a dozen Scurvy Few members rode the streets of Abaco on their motorcycles ending at the site led by a fire engine. It was exciting for the kids to see the fire truck and so many motorcycles all at once. To make the day even more exciting, three bicycles were raffled off to make three kids very happy this Christmas. The raffle was held at 5 p.m. and the lucky kids were Erwin from Dundas Town, Dakota Albury and Mariah Long, both from Marsh Harbour.



Cotton candy was a popular snack at the Toys for Tots mini fair held in Marsh Harbour on December 6. The fair was raising money to buy toys for less fortunate children on Abaco. The Scurvy Few hopes to distribute 750 to 800 toys. The members will work with church leaders and local government officials in each community for the distribution of the gifts.

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# News of the Cays

## Man of War Arts and Crafts Show

By Mirella Santillo

There were objects for everyone's taste at the third annual Man-O-War Arts and Crafts Show that took place on December 6th, the perfect time for people looking for Christmas presents. Approximately 20 vendors had gathered next to the playground to sell cookies, candies, cakes, some to eat on the spot, some in gift containers, cooked food, home made ice cream and, of course, many handcrafted items, a lot of them made of wood, the specialty of Man-O-War. The ladies displayed their wares on tables set in the middle of the tents while the men were on the outskirts.

After a necessary stop at the food tables, working your way around the tents, you would have stopped at Mrs. Mandy Sands to perhaps buy one or more of the many Androsia fabric items she had created, such as place mats, purses, tote bags, aprons and cushions. Next, the native seascapes of Ms. Sonya Albury attracted your attention as well as the clay turtles or star fish pendants, brightly decorated, hanging on a contrasting ribbon, the perfect present for a young girl. And you could not help but stop at Mrs. Crissy Eldon's display of jewelry or on a more practical note you might have found something useful at the next stand where wooden hotplates, towel holders, small boxes and driftwood picture frames were displayed. More decorated frames and mirrors, more glass beads jewelry awaited you on the opposite side of the tent. Then there were hundreds of Christmas ornaments, all made of various shells and decorated in the season's spirit

by Mrs. Netica Roberts. Near the entrance was Ms. Tuppy Weatherford's artistic photographs of local flora and fauna.

The woodwork was exquisitely handcrafted. From the multi-drawer wooden boxes, reminding one of the Art-Deco period, of Mr. Ricky Sweeting, Jr. and the wooden salad bowls and miniature vases of his father Mr Ricky Sweeting Sr, polished to a mirror shine to the wooden pens of Mr Philip Sands or the boat models of Mr Andy Albury, all were a delight to the

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Jewelry was a popular item offered for sale at the Man-O-War Arts and Crafts Show. Attractively displayed items were very appealing to the shoppers.



About 20 artisans displayed their work at the Man-O-War Arts and Crafts Show held on December 6. Many of the items were wood craft, a tradition of the community. Along with the artwork, others offered enticing food, another area that Man-O-War excels in. The crowds came from many communities to browse and Christmas shop.

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eyes. Further away children's furniture held drift wood lamps and a rocking camel was ready for its rider.

Many went on the morning ferry but not many left without a shopping bag in their hands. The weather had cooperated; it was sunny and mild, the perfect day to browse and enjoy the socializing that accompanies these functions. If you missed the event, there will be another one in spring. The organizers, Mrs Mandy Sands, Ms. Sonya Albury, Mrs. Crissy Eldon and Mrs. Netica Roberts, are already planning the next show that will take place in April during the first Man-O-War's Heritage Festival.

**Scotland Cay donates to MOW school**

Forty-two families on Scotland Cay have put together over \$10,000 in private funds that they donated to the Man-O-War Primary School on December 12th. In addition to the cash donation one resident is donating a new recliner to be use as a prize for the annual Flea Market that the Man-O-War School holds in February.

While some residents have decided to donate school and office supplies to the Man-O-War-O-War School, others are putting together donations for the annual flea market event.

These gestures by the Scotland Cay homeowners are greatly appreciated.

**Hope Town New tour business opens**

Residents and visitors will soon have a new option for exploring the beauty that Abaco has to offer. Abaco Eco, a new eco-tourism business, is opening with a focus on kayak rentals and tours. The business will be based in Hope Town and will offer tours of the Elbow Cay area with plans to expand to Marsh Harbour in the future.

The choice of name is not accidental. The word 'eco' emphasizes their goals for the business: education, conservation and

observation. "We believe that it is important to acknowledge the importance and beauty of the environment. The Bahamas offers a unique outdoor experience, and we hope to share the natural beauty that is Abaco with visitors and residents," says owner Justin Higgs.

"There's more to mangrove creeks than most people realize. We plan for all of our tours to educate people about these areas and the animals living there, and to offer them the opportunity to observe the local wildlife in their natural habitat.

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Kids of Small World Learning Center in Man-O-War Cay delivered cookies and sang carols to the elderly and shut-in folks on the island. Everyone had great time and the group looks forward to doing this again. Small World Learning Center is a Christian preschool that is in its 9th year of operation. Some of its first students are now in high school.

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Hopefully, out of that experience an interest in conservation will increase."

The kayaks are designed for two people but can be paddled by an experienced person solo. Current tours and rentals offered include exploring White Sound, paddling from White Sound north or south along Elbow Cay or a historic tour of Hope Town harbour. For the more experienced kayakers, calm days offer the opportunity to visit a portion of the Abaco barrier reef, the second longest in the Bahamas. You can cruise along the beaches of Hope Town stopping at a secluded spot, or take your snorkel gear with you and jump over to take a closer look at the coral and fish just below you.

You can contact Abaco Eco at abacoeco@yahoo.com, www.abacoeco.com or call 366-0398 or 475-9616.



A new tour company, Abaco Eco, offers tours on kayaks. This is a good way to appreciate the beauty of Abaco.

## Open House *From Page 11*

quality furniture and exceptional home accessories and likes to find things which are different to keep it fresh. Some of the new items she is bringing in are a five-piece recliner theatre set for a media room and kiddie couches and love seats.

All red and green Christmas decorations and ornaments are on sale plus two shelves of items and a variety of hand painted vanities all at 50 percent off. "I keep two shelves of items at 50 percent off all year round," stated Mrs. Albury.

Mr. Billy Albury, proprietor of Wood You, is also always looking for new things so that he can keep his stock varied. The store, which is known for its very wide range of unfinished wood pieces for every room in the house, now also carries a few finished pieces, and items can also be specially ordered. One of his new pieces is a three-way crib which begins its life as a baby crib, then converts to a toddler bed, then a regular twin bed. Many people may not know that Wood You has a website which opens up access to the entire range of products manufactured by Wood You so that customers are not limited to what they see in the Abaco store. Furniture pieces can be selected from the website and then ordered in the Marsh Harbour shop.

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# S.C. Bootle won the Volleyball Championship

*By Mirella Santillo*

The Abaco School Sports Association sponsored an inter-schools volleyball championship which ended on November 29th with games between the finalists Agape Christian School and S.C. Bootle High School. St Francis de Sales was also in the league but did not participate in the competition because of exams.

The finals took place at Ocean View Park. The students, all under 20, had practiced the previous night by playing in a jamboree with some local women's teams.

The Dolphins of S.C. Bootle won the Senior Girls' Division while the Senior Boys' Division's victory went to the Senior Boys of Agape Christian School. Trophies

will be awarded at a later date.

Volleyball is seeing a return of popularity. In October two women's teams started playing each weekend, the Spikers, a group of Murphy Town ladies coached by Randy Davis, a BTC employee, and the Divas composed of ladies from Cherokee, Spring City and Treasure Cay coached by Insp. Poitier.

Games take place Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon either at Ocean View Park or at Abaco Central High School. There will be a short break for the holidays, but games will resume at the beginning of the year.

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# Bird Watching at Baker's Bay

By Mirella Santillo

In spite of the chilly weather, a small group of local bird watchers left Marsh Harbour before dawn in the morning of November 22nd on a bird watching expedition. The ferry of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club carried them to Great Guana

Cay where they observed and recorded how many different species of birds, especially migrants, could be seen on that part of the cay surrounding the resort.

Ms. Shanishka Bain, an environmentalist, and Mr. Ricky Johnson, an eco-tour guide, both employees of Baker's Bay,

organized the trip with Dr. Livingston Marshall and were escorts for the morning. The wind and the cold did not prevent the feathered creatures from showing themselves and 27 species were observed within a few hours.

A few Royal Terns and several Rudy Turn-Stones were spotted immediately upon setting foot on the docks. A bus transported the bird watchers to the north of the island to the targeted area and during the journey more species were spotted.

The first stop was the nursery grounds which proved to be a great observation area as a multitude of different species could be seen fluttering from pot to pot and in the surrounding trees in search of food.

Next was a coppice inhabited by the usual species Cat Birds, Red-legged Thrushes, White Crown Pigeons and many Cuban Emerald Humming Birds. A little Blue Grey Fly-Catcher was spotted as well as a

couple of Oven Birds and a colorful Cape May Warbler.

The highlight of the morning, however, was a quick glimpse of a beautiful, but shy Key West Dove that darted in the bushes.

Back on the dock for the return trip, two species of gulls had joined the other birds on the dock pilings and a Kingfisher was diving for his meals.

Altogether over 70 birds were sighted.



A group of bird watchers spent a morning at Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club to record the number of species they saw. They were surprised at the number they found. They were hosted by Ms. Shanishka Bain and Mr. Ricky Johnson, both employees of Baker's Bay.

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# More North Abaco News

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is our hope that God will continue to sustain you during this time.



*Felicia Pritchard*

The funeral service for Felicia Latara Pritchard was held on December 13 at End Time Harvest Church in Crown

Haven. She is survived by her daughters Livia Brown and Marcie Moxey; father Michael Ned Pritchard Sr.; adopted mother Gwendolyn Bain; stepmother Vivienne Pritchard; sisters Alicia and Catherine Martin, Madea Williams, Makenna

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## Little Abaco Co-op holds training workshop

*By Cleola Pinder*

On December 6th the North Abaco Co-operative Society Ltd. held a workshop for its members in Crown Heaven at the New Revival Time Youth Hall. In attendance was Mr. Oscar Spencer of the InterDevelopment Bank and Dr. Marikis Alvarez of ICCA.

This Cooperative is a multipurpose Co-operative registered since July 18, 1997. Little Abaco is a fishing community in the North and therefore their focus has been more on the fishing industry. There are 60 active members of which 40 are fisherman and eight are women.

The international group is assisting the Cooperative by providing technical support training and funding to expand the

Cooperative so we can operate a marine shop, generating economic activity in the Northern end of Abaco.

The meeting is the first of many.

Officers of the Cooperative are as follows: Leon O. Pinder - President, Burnell Parker - Vice-President, Charlie Mills - Treasurer, Daniel Curry - Assistant Treasurer, Wilfred Curry - Secretary, and Cleola A. Pinder - Director.



The North Abaco Cooperative will be receiving funding that will allow the members to build a marine shop. The foundation has been started.



Members of the North Abaco Cooperative Society Ltd. attended a seminar that featured two consultants, Mr. Oscar Spencer of the InterDevelopment Bank and Dr. Marikis Alvarez of ICCA.

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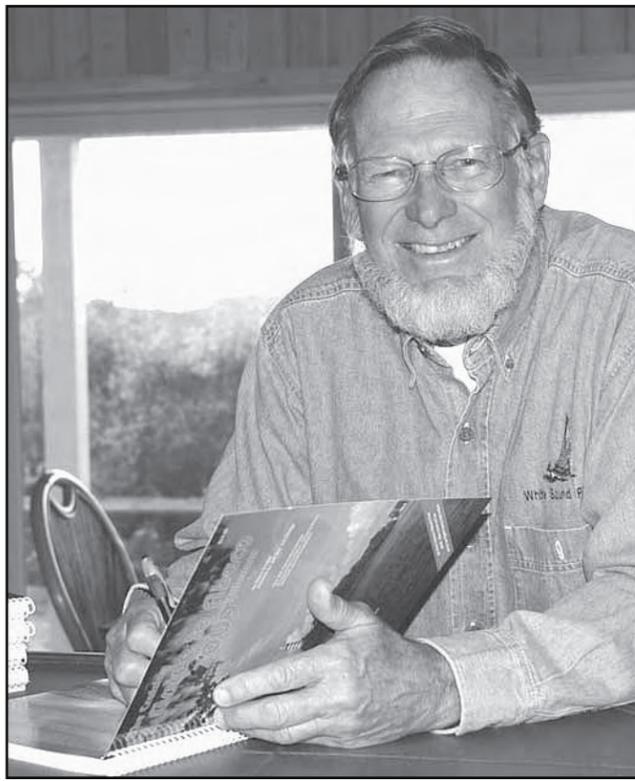
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## Abaco Cruising Guide celebrates 20 years

Steve Dodge, a second homeowner on Elbow Cay, celebrated 20 years of publishing the Cruising Guide to Abaco, updating it annually. He held a book signing at Sea Spray Resort on November 27. He taught history at Milliken University in Decatur, Illinois, until he retired recently. He is assisted in producing the Guide by his wife Marjorie and sons Jon and Jeff. After much research, Steve wrote a history of Abaco, "Abaco - The History of an Out Island and Its Cays." He has since brought out a Second Edition.



## Abaco Beach Resort held craft class for students



Abaco Beach Resort offered craft classes to young people. Bekeva Taylor, Activities Supervisor, organized the activities as part of the outreach program of the resort.



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2. Proposals are requested for a cleaning contract for the B.E.C. Green Turtle Cay office. Services will be required two (2) days per week Tuesday and Thursday.
3. Proposals are requested for the landscaping, cleaning and up-keep of the Green Turtle Cay power station.
4. Proposals are requested for the landscaping, cleaning and upkeep of the Guana Cay sub station including Orchid Bay.
5. Proposals are requested for the cleaning, landscaping and upkeep of the following Bahamas Electricity Corporation stations/substations: Crossing Rocks sub station, Cherokee Sound, Winding Bay, Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point, U.P.S. (opposite Island Breezes), Public Works Department (PWD) location, Murphy/Dundas Town (across from Grace Baptist Church), Leisure Lee sub station, Treasure Cay power station & sub station, Green Turtle Cay sub station (ferry dock location), Marsh Harbour gov' dock, Marsh Harbour stores compound, the Fox Town station & the Marsh Harbour power station.
6. Proposals are requested for a cleaning contract for the B.E.C. Treasure Cay office. Services will be required five (5) days per week Monday - Friday
7. Proposals are requested for a cleaning contract for the B.E.C. Hope Town office and light landscaping and cleaning of the B.E.C. Hope Town grounds. Services will be required one (1) day per week (Wednesday) and twice per month for light landscaping and cleaning of the grounds.
8. Proposals are requested for the landscaping, cleaning and upkeep of the Man-O-War Cay sub station & the old power station site.
9. Proposals are requested for the landscaping, cleaning and upkeep of the Moores Island power station.
10. Proposals are requested for the landscaping, cleaning and upkeep of the Sandy Point power station.

Interested persons should present a monthly cost in writing for optimum upkeep of the premises, accompanied by a valid business license and proof of citizenship in a sealed envelope with the word "tender" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Bids should be sent to B.E.C. Marsh Harbour, Abaco - to the attention of: Mr. Wenzel R. Jones, Manager, B.E.C. Abaco on or before January 9, 2010.

The corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.



## BEC TIPS for a SAFE HOLIDAY

B.E.C. takes this opportunity to give you these valuable tips to help you safely through the Christmas holidays.

- A smoke detector is your best protection. Install one now or put fresh batteries in the one you now have.
- Do not leave Christmas lights on when you leave the house or when everyone is asleep.
- Keep portable heaters and other heat sources away from Christmas trees.
- Do not leave burning candles or fragrant potpourri candles unattended or within reach of young children. Children are fascinated by candles and fire.
- To keep your Christmas tree fresh and moist, keep it in a stand that holds water. Add water to the base as needed. A fire in a dry Christmas tree can set an entire room ablaze in less than a minute.
- Do not string more than three sets of lights together.
- Check the wires on your Christmas lights, they will degrade over time and may be dangerous.
- If the wires are hot, they are overloaded and dangerous.
- All lights used outdoors must be exterior rated.
- Exterior lights are safe for outdoor use but they are not intended to be left exposed to sunlight and the elements on a year-round basis. The insulation will degrade over time.

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation - Abaco

# Many of Abaco's problems are not being resolved

By J.F. Hedden

The ongoing concern over landscape and environmental degradation has really come to a head over the last month, and of major interest are the perceived threats of mega dollar development projects, creek system degradation, the creation of aesthetic deserts on the highway hilltops, the new landfill, roadside garbage, visual pollution in the settlements, the location of the planned BEC generating plant, and, of course, the sewage disposal system for the new Spring City subdivision.

Other issues that may not be so highly visual but are equally important include the loss of public lands and public access, air quality in the Marsh Harbour area, the increased level of crime, the economic slow down and job losses, future growth, the price of crawfish on the international market, and, of course, public perception of local and central government.

To add to this state of affairs, extremes of opinions and polarisation have become the norm in our modern society. It seems as if the majority now takes a stand on issues and refuses to give ear to alternative views, suggestions and ideas. This is especially happening in politics where elected members of the House of Assembly are busy criticising plans and decisions put forward across the floor, where rather they should be working in concert to solve the very serious times the country is starting to go through. Blaming one party or the other achieves little except the frustration of the voting public. The trade unions are also at loggerheads with their membership, the government and, even worse, their own management teams. It would certainly appear to me that the economic situation has left the whole country short, and no-

body seems to know where the funds have gone.

So - why not? - blame somebody else!

In addition, we have implications of government corruption and bribery in our two most prominent public service departments, customs and immigration. The police and defence forces have been under fire for many years, and now they must be relieved to have a break. Yet the general public has known these things for years. Why now does it all come to light?

Again we see public infrastructure falling apart around our ears. Public roads are quickly becoming a disgrace, and the red rings around the potholes are overtaking the black top. The Bahamas Telecommunications Company is boasting of its new efficient GSM network that has solved all of the problems of dropped calls and poor connections. Yet I still am unable to use my mobile at home, or in many areas throughout Abaco. BEC limps along languidly, linesmen and employees always friendly and helpful, but for some reason engineering seems to be unable to provide Hope Town and Elbow Cay with reliable power and a semi continuous service.

Religious establishments seem to be strangely quiet over the state of the economy and the earnings, or lack, of faith sisters and brothers. Perhaps they don't need to because these shepherds, as good herdsmen do, must be selling off their luxury assets and welcoming the flock into their own abode for succour and warmth. After all, Christianity is a faith of sharing, from the fish to the thousands, and the talents we all have buried.

As my only friend advises, "Please don't stop the carnival."

However.....

Loss of public lands has the potential of becoming a major factor for future generations of Bahamians, as private lands and properties along the eastern seaboard of Abaco become more attractive for development. As we all know, the private lands are found along the coastline where the high value real estate in The Bahamas is also found.

However, the only highway going south from Marsh Harbour runs through the centre of the island's land mass, having been so placed for ease of transportation of harvested trees to the shipping point of Snake Cay. Feeder, or reservation, tracks run east and west towards the coast from this main artery and naturally approach the private property of the Atlantic coastline.

Historically, these have been used for coastal access, often with footpaths assisting the final journey to the beaches and bays at the waterside of the freehold properties. Unfortunately, it seems as development takes place each property feels the need for its own personal access route to the main road of the island. The result is that a plethora of spaghetti tracks are beginning to appear along the highway, ser-

ving the properties to the east. It must be understood that each road uses several acres of public property to access a private development, and also the forest is slowly becoming broken up into distinct parcels, so losing its contiguity. As this continues, the forest will become a maze of capillaries, and the average Bahamian will become the loser, as usual.

I would suggest that as part of the developmental planning for Abaco programme the government of The Bahamas include several items for zoning.

Firstly, access roads to private lands be approved for highway distances of a minimum of three to five miles, and any property utilising these access roads will be obliged to place north/south access along their own boundaries. Apart from anything else this will limit the entrance of traffic to the highway system all along its length and so provide a safety boon.

Secondly, all coastal lands be examined carefully, and portions of the coastline be designated as ecologically sensitive, and thus limited as to the type of development that will be approved for that section.

Enough already.

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# People in the News

## Coldwell Banker expands to Treasure Cay

Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty has stepped up its presence in Abaco with the appointment to its sales team of Shirley Carroll in Treasure Cay.



Shirley Carroll

This brings to four the number of agents posted on Abaco. Lightbourn Realty presently has offices and agents in

Cherokee Sound, Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War Cay, Marsh Harbour and now Treasure Cay.

"We're delighted to have Shirley on board," said Mike Lightbourn, company president. "Shirley is a hardworking,

people's person who fits perfectly into our team. Shirley was born and raised in Nassau where she worked in a dental office for almost 40 years. She and her husband, Peter, decided to relocate to Abaco. Not only are her roots here, but their son and his family moved to Abaco ten years earlier."

Shirley and Peter live in Treasure Cay and together wish to promote this "piece of heaven" as a vacation and permanent home location. For Shirley, the experience of renting and then selling their home sparked an interest in the real estate business.

Peter spent 30 years in the electronics service field and is now working on building a duplex. So Shirley, with a husband contractor, enters the real estate field on a strong footing.

They love their new life in Abaco and walking the famous Treasure Cay beach with their two Shih Tzus, Kahlua and Lukie.

## Agent earns Broker's license

Well known Abaco resident Bill Thornycraft has earned his broker's license from the Bahamas Real Estate Association. To qualify, Bill had to complete several challenging courses set by the Council of Residential Specialists as well as one designed,



Bill Thornycraft

by them, specifically for The Bahamas. He continues his work as Treasurer of the Abaco Chapter of BREA and with Sandra Evans as a valuable partner at Abaco Waterfront Properties.

## AA and AI Anon Meetings

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

The AIAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Hope Town Library.

The AA group and the AIAnon group meet in the Treasure Cay Community Center on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please call 357-6511 for additional information.

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## Marnies Landing, Elbow Cay

Lot 10B, the only waterfront lot in Marnies Landing has just come to market. Enjoy stunning sunset views from your 15,770 sq. ft., elevated lot with your private boat slip at your doorstep. Marnies Landing is a private waterfront community of half acre lots stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Sea of Abaco.

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## Treasure Cay, Abaco



This gorgeous waterfront lot is located in the secure community of Treasure Cay, Abaco. With almost 100 feet of waterfront and its preferred southeastern exposure, this 16,000 sq. ft. home-site enjoys clear vistas across the Sea of Abaco and cooling prevailing sea breezes. Treasure Cay offers golf, restaurants, tennis, marina, shopping and one of the finest beaches in the world. All of this is within close proximity of Treasure Cay International Airport.

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# Change Ministries held its annual Conference

By Mirella Santillo

For four days Change Ministries International celebrated its yearly fall conference under the theme of Kingdom Announcement. Pastor Samuel Cornish's wife Mrs. Carmen Cornish, explained that the function was aimed at boosting people's morale and putting them in a positive frame of mind to face the end of the year, especially now that the economy is not doing well.

The event was very well attended by residents not only from the central area but also from Sandy Point, Cooper's Town, Mount Hope and Fox Town. They came to hear renown guests speakers, pastors and evangelists who visited Abaco not only

from other islands of The Bahamas, but also from other Caribbean islands and the United States.

From Nassau Apostle Raymond Wells from Living Waters Ministries addressed the congregation during two mid-day sessions; Evangelist Denise Madther from Freeport preached to a full house assembly on the topic We Have Inherited all the Covenants' Promises; from the Turks and Caicos Bishop Coletta Williams; from the U.S. Psalmist Myron Williams entertained the audience with music and gospel singing; and Pastor Jonathan McKnight, the author of the book Prayer is a Must and a CD Seven Prayers of Victory, left the

attendants completely enthralled on the last night of the conference.

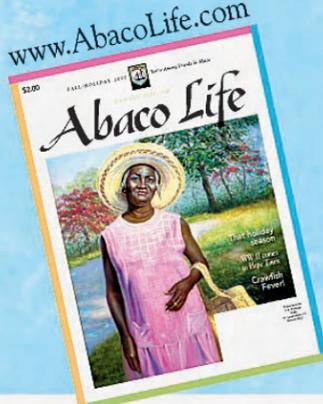
On the second night the host Pastor Samuel Cornish spoke on The Authority of the Believers and Pastor McKnight from the Sanctuary of Praise in Orlando, Florida, gave the assembly a message of hope in his sermon by comparing a new positive phase in life to the birth of a baby. When the Water Breaks. People felt renewed and left

with the feeling that they could keep going forward, said Mrs. Carmen Cornish.

Every evening prizes were drawn and some were lucky enough to win a weekend at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, compliments of the resort, gift baskets offered by John Bull, dinners for two at Anglers Restaurant and several \$50 gas coupons donated by Change Ministries.

### Hints for Helping Our Environment

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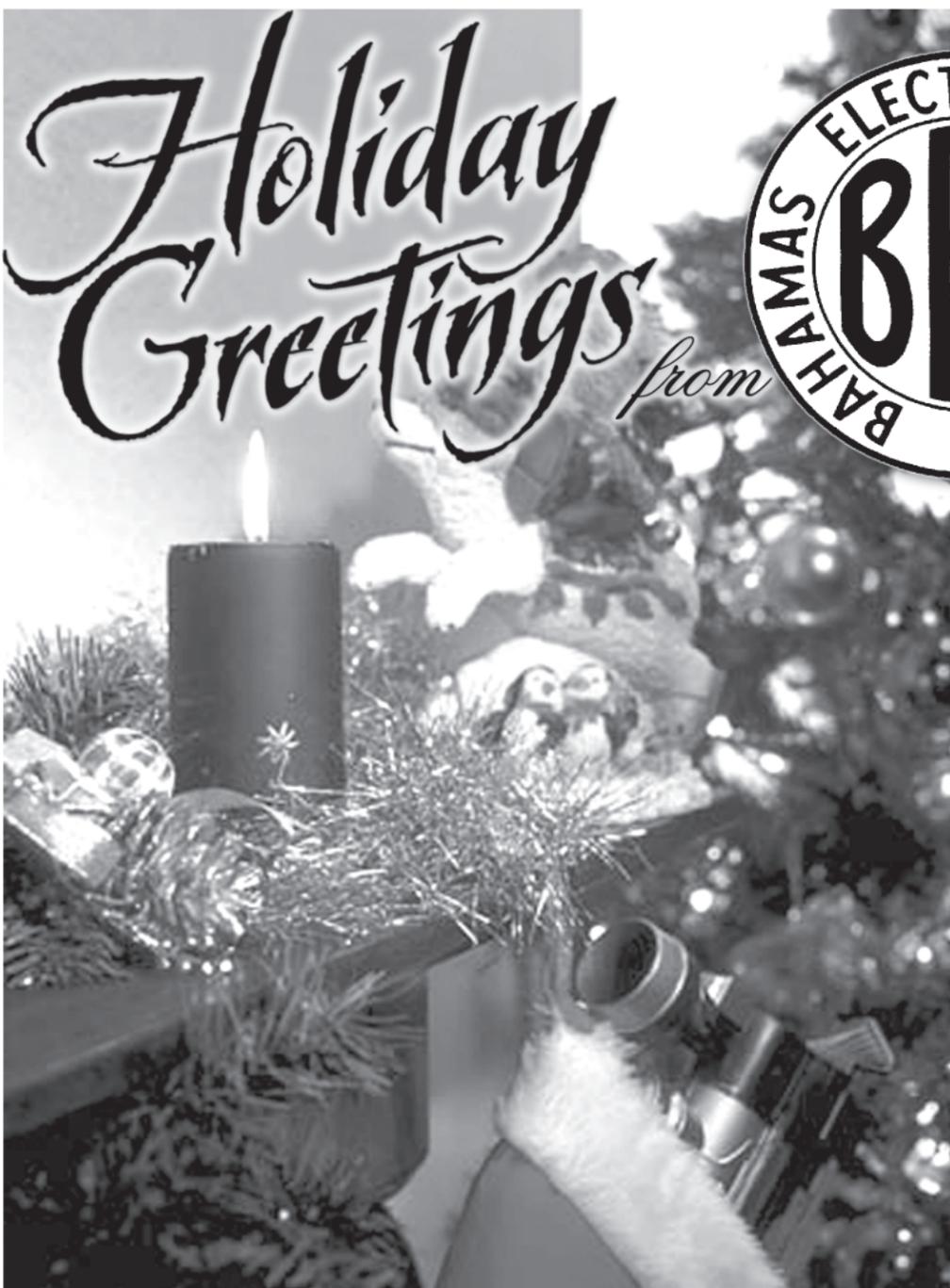
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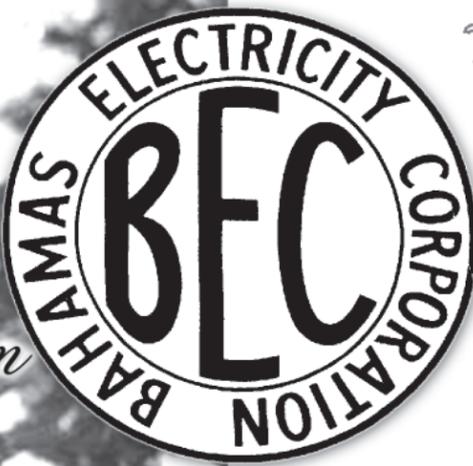


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## THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT (Chapter 233) DECLARATION OF INTENDED ACQUISITION

WHEREAS it appears to the Prime Minister, the Minister responsible for the Acquisition and Disposition of Lands that the land described in the Schedule hereto is needed for a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE Notice is hereby given by the Promoter, the Minister responsible for Public Works, that the said land is needed for a public purpose, namely, construction of a public road and for uses related thereto and that the said Promoter intends to acquire the said land for the said public purpose.

ALL PERSONS interested in the said land shall within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice in the Gazette or the posting of the same, state in writing to the Promoter, whether by hand-delivery or by post at P. O. Box N-8156, Nassau, The Bahamas, the nature of their interests in the said land, the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for such interests and provide the relevant documents (if any) supporting those interests.

The Survey Plan of the said land may be inspected at the Department of Lands and Surveys situate at Bay and Armstrong Streets, New Providence between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Dated the 1 st day of December A..D. 2008

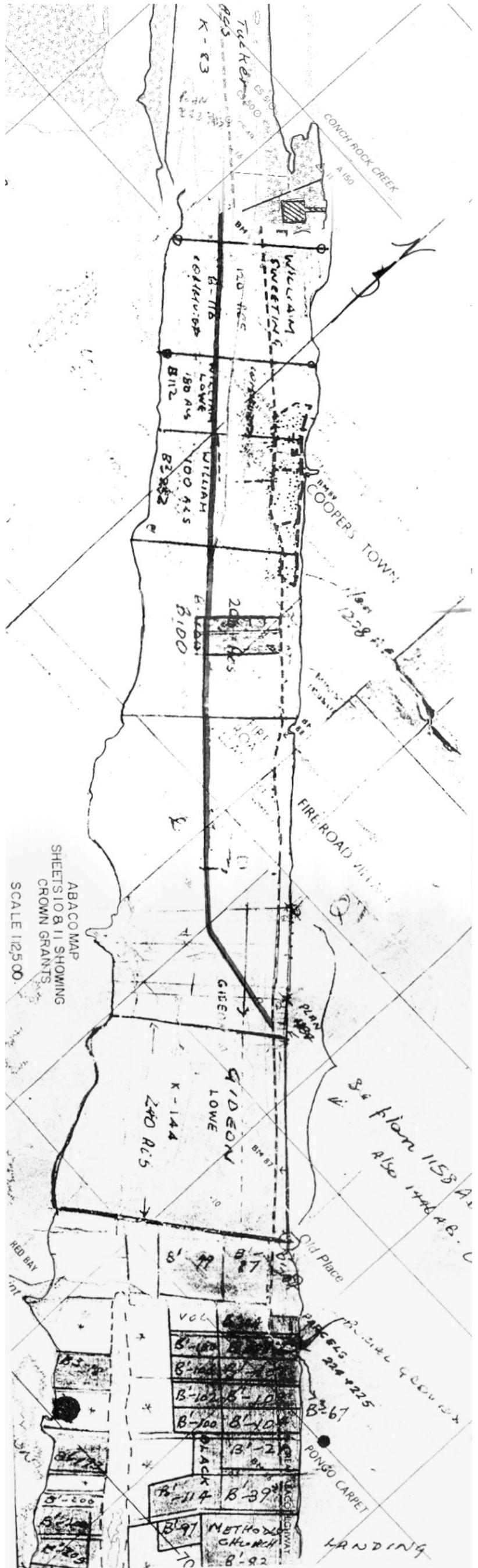
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Minister Responsible for Public Works

### SCHEDULE

ALL THAT certain piece or parcel of land being a proposed highway 100 feet wide and shown on an extract of a map of Abaco sheets 10 and 11 in the Department of Lands and Surveys and situate in the area of the settlements of Fire Road and Coopers Town On the Island of Abaco in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

ABUTTING AND BOUNDING from the Main Abaco Highway through land granted to Gideon Lowe K144, through land south of Fire Road thence through lands granted to William Lowe B100, B2-252, B112 thence through land granted to William Sweeting B116 and thence through land granted to John Roberts B 112 thence through land granted to Joseph Saunders B 131 to the Main Abaco Highway or however else the same may abut and bound which said piece or parcel of land or highway is more particularly delineated and shown coloured red on the plan of the area



## Christmas Bird Count is Dec. 20

The fifth annual South Abaco Christmas Bird Count will take place on December 20 and the count will be in an area about a mile south of the "Y." This is an area where parrots feed and also included a wetland area near Crossing Rocks where West Indian Whistling Ducks have been seen. The area also include a beach, freshwater lowlands, mangrove, tidal flats and disturbed areas such as dumps. Some of the areas will be monitored more than once to include birds active at dusk and dark. The tidal flats will be monitored at low tide

when there will be more wading birds. Friends of the Environment is organizing the bird count and asks anyone interest in joining them to call them to let them know how many to expect. There will be areas with varying difficulty to access. Easy terrain will be for those wanting to stay in cleared areas with trails and minimal walking. Moderate terrain will include some overgrown trails and will require walking about half a mile. For those wanting more challenge, the bushwhackers must be willing to go through bush and not be afraid of poisonwood.

### It Finally Happened!

*It finally happened after playing golf regularly for almost 17 years. Flirting with a single digit handicap for the past 12 years, as low as 7 in Aruba and presently a 9 at Treasure Cay and a 10 at Winding Bay, both home courses on Abaco. And, of course, being a Guinness World Record Holder with my partners Daniel, Harold and Piet (we played 290 holes in 24 hours in Sweden).*

*I got a HOLE IN ONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yeah!!!! On Saturday, December 6, 2008, Treasure Cay. Fourth Hole, Par 3. 152 Yards, 7 Iron. Witnessed by Robert Pinder and Al Van.*

*After a rough 2008, it was great to have a little sparkle close to the end of the year.*

*I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I certainly hope that 2009 will be a better year.*

*Just can't keep a good man down!*

*John Neophytou*



John Neophytou with his hole-in-one ball

## Thanks A Million



Joseph and Unamae Sawyer would like to say thank you to the many businesses in downtown Marsh Harbour, Abaco, who helped them with their medical expenses after the operation on Joseph Sawyer's leg.

Many thanks to:

- The Rotary Club of Abaco • The Rotary Club of Nassau
  - Pastor Symonette of Full Gospel in Treasure Cay
  - Pastor Campbell of Church of God in Marsh Harbour
  - Brother Larry Williams of Dundas Town • Sister Anglar Cash of Marsh Harbour
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  - Gary Sawyer • Scott Weatherford of Standard Hardware
- and to all the churches that prayed for us while in the hospital. also at this time I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Christmas and all the best for the New Year of 2009. Love is a action word and you prove to us that you love us, and because of your actions which speak much louder than words.  
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LOT NO. 60 Unit 2 / Section III  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence,  
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PROPERTY SIZE: 11,340 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Property is 265 yards west of the intersection of West Regency Drive and Brighton Drive.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$132,300
9. **GRASMERE, UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 3 Block 15  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence,  
3 beds / 2 baths  
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,500 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Glenburn Drive and East Indian Road  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$147,000
10. **FREEPORT CITY SUBDIVISION - CENTRAL AREA - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 5 Block "O"  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Storey Commercial Complex  
PROPERTY SIZE: 65,341 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: On the Mall at the Ranfurly Circus  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,260,000
11. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 22 Block 16  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence,  
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PROPERTY SIZE: 16,300 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: On Iverness Lane  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$259,000
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence,  
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PROPERTY SIZE: 0.26 acres  
LOCATION: The property is located on the northern side of a cul-de-sac in the Collector Street area on Yorkshire Drive.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$256,500
13. **YEOMAN WOOD - FREEPORT**  
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PROPERTY SIZE: 0.27 acres  
LOCATION: The property is located at the end of a short unnamed and unpaved cul-de-sac which connects to Spinney Road.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$122,000
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LOT NO. 75  
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PROPERTY SIZE: 19,055 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: The property is located on Bonita Lane and Bluefish Street.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$567,000
15. **HERITAGE SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 3 Block 8  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence,  
3 beds / 2 baths  
PROPERTY SIZE: 19,219 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Intersection of Independence Avenue and Sergeant Major North Drive  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$173,280
16. **MALIBOO REEF ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 104  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Residential/ Duplex  
PROPERTY SIZE: 11,866 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Galleon Avenue & Outrigger Court  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$300,000
17. **FREEPORT CITY SECTION 2 - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 113  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Four-plex Apartment Building  
PROPERTY SIZE: 12,564 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: North of Nansen Avenue and East of Forbisher Drive  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$200,000
18. **GRAND BAHAMA EAST SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 210 Block "C" Section 2  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Two Single Family Residences,  
1 bed / 1 bath each  
PROPERTY SIZE: 9,594 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Along the southwestern section of the intersection of Knowles Way and Wallace Avenue  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$80,000
19. **ROYAL BAHAMIAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 5 Block 17  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residences,  
3 beds / 2 baths  
PROPERTY SIZE: 15,000 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: North along Dominica Avenue and East of Beach Way Drive  
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1. **DERBY SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 13 Block 2 Unit 2  
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APPRAISED VALUE: \$33,000
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APPRAISED VALUE: \$57,000
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LOT NO. 1 Block 12 Unit 12  
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family Lot, 21,108 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Intersection of Langton Avenue and Fulston Drive  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$43,000
5. **LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 29 Block 5 Unit 1  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 13,800 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Facing east of Brinkhill Road  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$32,000
6. **LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 3 Block 16 Unit 2  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 20,250 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Southern side of a minor street called Fulton Lane and East Sunrise Highway  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$47,000
7. **LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 46 Block 16 Unit 5  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 13,800 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: Southern side of Moor Drive & Moor Close  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$31,000
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LOT NO. 6521 Section 8 East  
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9. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 19 Block 20  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.27 acres  
LOCATION: Western side of Perth Court cul-de-sac  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$27,000
10. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 28 Block 19  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.25 acres  
LOCATION: Northern side of Columbus Way.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$26,000
11. **DEVONSHIRE SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 24 Block 11 Unit 1  
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex Lot, 11,500 sq. ft.  
LOCATION: West on Ashwater Drive.  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$25,000
12. **FREEPORT RIDGE SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NOS. 500 and 501  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lots, 0.27 and 0.28 acres respectively  
LOCATION: Property located on the curved section of the a minor cul-de-sac on Penryn Place (unpaved road).  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$12,500 EACH
13. **LUCAYAN GLEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 1 Block 7 Unit 5  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.37 acres.  
LOCATION: Southern section of the intersection of Edgeware Street and Edgeware Road  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$15,500
14. **LUCAYAN GLEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 37 Block 17 Unit 1  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.37 acres.  
LOCATION: Northern side of Total Avenue  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$15,500
15. **SUNRISE PARK SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 57  
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex Lot, 0.29 acres  
LOCATION: On Gladstone Terrace  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$26,000
16. **LUCAYAN GLEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 17 Block 25 Unit 6  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.37 acres.  
LOCATION: East of Sussex Drive  
APPRAISED VALUE: \$15,500
17. **MALIBOO REEF ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT**  
LOT NO. 12 Block 6  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family and Commercial Lot, 0.82 acres  
LOCATION: North of the intersection of Beachway Drive and Brigantine Boulevard  
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LOT NO. 25 Block 8 Unit 1  
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Canal Frontage Lot, 0.72 acres  
LOCATION: Along the end side of a minor cul-de-sac called Stansted Place and Stansted Road  
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		3		2	6			
		6					7	3
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# Viewpoint . . . Night entertainment is too restricted in Central Abaco

By Julian Lockhart

The lack of entertainment or activities to do at night or on the weekends in Marsh Harbour is very evident. Besides the restaurants and bars along and a few clubs along Don MacKay Boulevard, there are very limited choices for adult entertainment.

On the weekends Abaconians and visitors flock to Bay Street for great music, the flowing drinks and dinner at restaurants such as Snappas Bar & Grill, Mangoes and Curly Tails. For the most part these spots are the only adult entertainment on a consistent basis for locals and visitors that offers a safe and energetic form of nightlife. All three restaurants stop serving dinner between 9 and 10 p.m., then switch to live

music or a disc jockey to entertain their patrons and give them an opportunity to dance, chill and have a few cold drinks.

So on Friday and Saturday nights hundreds of people walk between the three options and hang out for hours, that is, until 12 midnight when for some strange reason the music has to be shut off to reduce noise levels. So all of these people either have to stay and hang without any music or leave and find alternative methods of entertainment for the rest of the night. These businesses then have to shut down as their patrons leave and thus lose a lot of necessary revenue and watch it walk out the door prematurely.

All of this because the homeowners across the harbour on Pelican Shores com-

plain about the noise coming from Bay Street and make enough noise themselves where they force the music to be shut down at 12 midnight.

It is not like these homes are right next to these restaurants and bars but across the harbour. Yes, everyone wants ultimate peace and quiet. Should these few affect the businesses and bottom line of others and also stop the entertainment of others?

Bay Street is supposed to be the visitor strip on Abaco, and it is not only so in the day, but should also be so in the night. Shouldn't visitors to Abaco have an option of nightlife and an opportunity to stay up and party until they feel like heading in?

In Hope Town the restaurants and bars

stay open until the last patrons leave on the weekends giving their guests an opportunity to fully enjoy themselves instead of being forced to leave at midnight.

By staying open later, places like Snappas, Mangoes and Curly Tails would have an opportunity to make more money, attract a larger clientele base and thus the workers would make a lot more money.

At the end of the day it comes down to whether business or catering to a strong clientele base is more important to local government and the decision makers than keeping a few people happy. Just ask the owners of these establishments, their workers and patrons, and you will surely get the right answer.

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# Viewpoint . . . Cable Bahamas gives terrible service

By Julian Lockhart

It seems as if every week Cable Bahamas has a new or reoccurring problem in Abaco. As I am, I am sure the majority of the consumers in Abaco is becoming fed up with the consistent lack of service.

Cable Bahamas is doing a great job of forcing people to use other providers for internet service, as they consistently have drops in service throughout the day or the internet goes off completely. One will be in the middle of watching a movie and all of a sudden the signal will go and five or 10 minutes of the movie is lost while you wait for the signal to come back.

Then you have the complete loss of internet and television service for hours which seems to happen on a weekly basis now and

no explanation as to why there are the consistent problems in Abaco. This leads us to the biggest problem of all here on Abaco when it comes to dealing with Cable Bahamas. There is no office here and it is a complete lack of respect for Abaconians.

Abaco is the third largest island in The Bahamas when it comes to population, Cable Bahamas has thousands of subscribers on Abaco and yet one has to call New Providence or Grand Bahama for help. When you do, they never have any idea of what is going on here. They have to send technicians from Grand Bahama to fix any major problems that occur here. To pay a bill you have to go to the bank and to query a bill you can only do it on the phone.

Cable Bahamas used to have an office in Abaco but cited high rent prices and not enough activity to keep the office open. However, with the vastly growing population of Abaco and with all the new developments on the horizon, the population will only continue to grow in the near future. Thus more demand for home internet and television services. So as their product demand grows, the company continues to stay away and continues to offer substandard services.

It is time for Cable Bahamas to put an office back on Abaco and to offer better service or else they will lose clients to other internet providers.

Too bad there is only one cable provider in the country.

This is the answer to the puzzleon page 32.

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**87 Volkswagen Cabriolet Convertible** \$3500 OBO. Call 365-8417 or 365-8507 or email [jkc@ntrs.com](mailto:jkc@ntrs.com)

**92 Ford Ranger.** Asking \$4,500. Call 367-2895/ 477-5644

**02 Ford F250 Super Duty** 7.3L power stroke diesel, automatic, 4WD, A/C, power windows and locks, tool box, etc. Very clean & solid truck. \$21,000 Call Billy 577-6211 or 366-2806 after 6 pm

**05 Ford F-150** pick up, black, standard shift, \$9,995. Call 367-2452

**05 Dodge Ram 1500**, silver, double cab, excellent condition, fully loaded, 33,000 miles. Asking \$28,000 Call 367-3181

**05 Honda Recon 250**, 4 wheeler, low hours. Asking \$4,000 Call 365-6143/ 365-6115

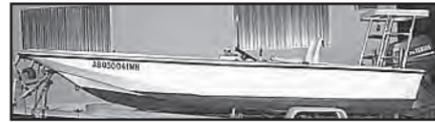


**07 Chevy Silverado**, one owner, low mileage. Call 367-3197 after 6 pm or 242-359-6354 or 365-6193 after 6. \$19,000 OBO

**Golf cart, 2002 Club Car Villager**, gas, 2 passenger. US \$4,000 Call 367 -3262

### BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

**13' Whaler/ 40 hp Mercury w/ trailer** 2nd homeowner boat, very low hours. DUTY PAID over \$9000 invested asking \$5500 located (Located Lubbers Quarters) available for viewing December 20th thru Jan. 6th or email [nataliegoff@bellsouth.net](mailto:nataliegoff@bellsouth.net)



**16' Wahoo 1985 Boston Whaler copy**, 70 HP 1994 Yamaha, trailer, poling platform to bonefish, rigged & ready, runs great, dutied \$4500 Call 561-248-1098 or 359-6699



**17' Maverick Flats Boat**, 97, 90 HP Yamaha, 200 hours, trailer, excellent condition \$10,000. Phone 561-743-4732 or [neandrossest@att.net](mailto:neandrossest@att.net). Boat in Treasure Cay

**17' Boston Whaler** w/ trailer. Asking \$9,000 Call 367-2895/ 477-5644



**19' Boston Whaler**, '96, very well maintained, center console, w/ T-top (side & front wind screen) outriggers (new) 120 HP Johnson, twin batteries, full electronics (new in boxes \$2,000+) full cover, trailer, and + + +, documented, DUTY PAID. \$15,000 E-mail [lexkeeper@mac.com](mailto:lexkeeper@mac.com)



**19.5 Spanish Wells** built 2004, 115 HP Yamaha. \$27,000 OBO. Cell 359-6890, Ph. 365-4402 or 365-4033

**22' Com Boat**, 96, includes Bimini top, dive board, ladder, VHF radio, cooler & fresh water tank. Asking \$7,000 Call 365-6143/ 365-6115

### BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE



**26' Shamrock w/ Cummins 210 Diesel**, REDUCED! Runs great, very reliable, cuddy cabin, extras. OWNER MUST SELL! \$15,000 ONO 366-0722 or 577-0277



**26' Pursuit w/ Twin 200 HP Yamahas**. w/ aluminum trailer. Asking \$16,500. Call 367-2700



**27' Grady White Sailfish**, twin Yamaha 225 HP engines, mint condition, cuddy cabin w/ head & sink. A/C at shore power. \$43,900 OBO Call 577-0004

**28' Custom Michael Fitz**, center consul day express, w/ tower and dive platform, single screw 250 HP Cummins diesel (Over Heated). Located in Green Turtle. Asking \$12,000 Call 772-419-5119 or [danny@mobymarine.com](mailto:danny@mobymarine.com)



**39' Carver Motor Yacht**, 2005, loaded, Volvo 350 HP diesels, Zodiac Rib on a hydraulic lift included, under 500 hrs, 2 beds/2 baths, great shape, ready to go. Must see at slip 11 at the Conch Inn. \$395k. Call 386-679-7170



**44' Sea Ray 44eb 1996**, twin low hr 350hp cats, 8.0k Westerbeke genset, beautiful condition throughout. \$149,000 or will trade for open fisherman. Located in Man-O-War harbour. Call Andrew 561-389-8891 or e mail [andrewwhymanb@aol.com](mailto:andrewwhymanb@aol.com)

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Waterfront property featuring a two storey, furnished 3 bedroom main house, 2 bedroom cottage, garage, shared boat dock, lots of patios, and a generator.  
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**ELBOW CAY**  
3 bedroom, 3 bath hilltop cottage enjoys overlooking Hope Town and its famous lighthouse. Completed by a private 140 ft. dock. Ideal family home or vacation getaway.  
**\$2,395,000. Ref. PS10662**



**GREAT GUANA CAY**  
Immaculately maintained 2 bedroom, 2 bath island retreat complete with generator, tools, and utility vehicle. Near the beach, restaurants and shopping.  
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Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of 1,600 sq. ft. This two storey villa is highlighted by a private balcony, ocean view deck, and is just one lot away from the beach.  
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**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Collection of 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses overlooking the sea in a gated development offering a pool and private beach.  
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**HOPE TOWN**  
Waterfront estate with 85 ft. on the Sea of Abaco and comprising a two storey building totalling 5 bedrooms in 2 separate units. Ideal rental business or private family retreat.  
**\$899,000. Ref. PS10645**



**VILLA PASHA**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**  
Luxurious Caribbean style beachfront villa on 0.84 acres. This 5,750 sq. ft. home has 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, fully equipped kitchen, and wrap around porches.  
**\$2,545,000. Ref. TS10581**



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**ELBOW CAY**  
Well located waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a well equipped kitchen, large living area, wrap-around deck, amazing views and possible dockage.  
**\$1,190,000. Ref. PS10565**



**LAS BRISAS**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Fun-filled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, turn-key home on 21,089 sq. ft. overlooking the ocean with decks, loft/office, "widows walk", workshop area, 2 car garage, and 2 dock slips.  
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**LONG BEACH**  
Brand new, two story home with 5 bedrooms and 3 baths in 4,000 sq. ft. of well-appointed space. Set on an 18,700 sq. ft. lot overlooking an incredible beach.  
**\$899,000. Ref. AS10905**



**TRESCAPE**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath home hidden amid lush trees and vegetation. Enjoy views of the sea, access to the Lucayos dock and the nearby beach.  
**\$798,000. Ref. PS10596**



**GUANA RIDGE HOUSE**

**GUANA CAY**  
Elevated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath guest apartment and water vistas. Set on over an acre and completed by a deck and protected dock.  
**\$1,390,000. Ref. AS10945**



**ISLAND PARADISE WEST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Centrally located 4 bedroom, 4 bath canalfront home with dock pier, brand new tasteful decor, a large modern kitchen, and a spacious covered back porch.  
**\$950,000. Ref. AS10917**

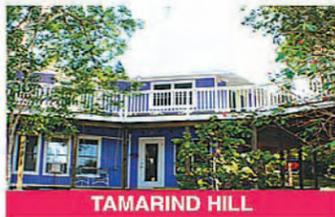


**CENTRAL ABACO**  
5 acre beachfront tract situated between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations provide scenic sea vistas. Utilities are available at the nearby highway.  
**\$650,000. Ref. AS10756**



**ONLY TWO**

**GREAT GUANA CAY**  
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath ocean view home set high on a hillside. Features include high quality finishes, modern kitchen, a screened-in covered porch, and sun deck.  
**\$475,000. Ref. AS10968**



**TAMARIND HILL**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Elevated 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment below. Set on an acre of land with gorgeous sea views. A community dock is just steps away.  
**\$1,295,000. Ref. PS10649**



**ISLAND PARADISE EAST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Offered with brand new tasteful furnishings, this 4 bedroom boater's haven features 10 ft. ceilings, a large covered patio, dock pier, and a relaxing ambience.  
**\$1,000,000. Ref. AS11006**



**BAY WINDOWS**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Elevated 3 bedroom, 3 bath waterfront home with a 130' dock, relaxing decks, pool, cabana, guest apartment, and a 2 car garage. Nearby a white-sand beach.  
**\$3,900,000. Ref. PS10639**



**YELLOW WOOD**  
Two adjacent lots of 1.033 acres each set between Winding Bay and Cherokee Sound Settlement.  
**\$100,000 ea. Ref. AS10973 & AS10974**



**WHITE SOUND**  
Gorgeous 15,500 sq. ft. beachfront lot with 75 ft. of amazing water frontage, endless views of the ocean, and views of White Sound and Seaspray Resort.  
**\$299,000. Ref. PS10618**



**AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY**  
Stunning 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 foot elevations providing picturesque views of the Atlantic Ocean and White Sound. Community dockage available.  
**\$364,000. Ref. PS10661**



**TILLOO CAY**  
16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a quiet and private island community just minutes to Marsh Harbour. Nearby a large community dock. Electricity to be completed soon.  
**\$150,000. Ref. PS10630**

**FEATURED RENTAL**

**ISLAND PARADISE EAST**  
Great Abaco Club, Marsh Harbour

Luxurious 4 bedroom, 4 bath vacation home within a spectacular waterfront estate. Island Paradise East sleeps 8 comfortably and includes boat dockage for boats to 55 ft. and a shared pool with bbq. area.  
**\$3,750/week. Ref. AR10565**

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