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Students won awards at Special Olympics Every Child Counts athletes excelled in swimming, track and field



Twenty-five students of Every Child Counts traveled to Nassau to compete in the Bahamas National Special Olympics in swimming, track and field. Many came back with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards as well as other awards for their accomplishments. They were competing with children from Nassau, Grand Bahama and Long Island, a total of 225 participants. Their successes were very encouraging for them and they are anticipating competing the end of the year in basketball. Every Child Counts is a school in Marsh Harbour for developmentally disabled children who are not able to learn in normal classrooms. Children come to the school from all over Abaco where they receive special help geared to their specific needs.

May 24th was a banner day for a team of 25 Special Olympic athletes from Abaco who competed in the Bahamian national Special Olympics in Nassau. The team was formed with the assistance of the Every Child Counts School in mid-March and although their time to train was brief, they came home with 11 Gold medals, 15 Silver medals, 16 Bronze medals as well as nine 4th place ribbons and three ribbons for 5th place.

Swimming, Track and Field were the sports for this national competition that is held annually by Special Olympics Bahamas. Athletes from New Providence, Grand Bahama and Long Island competed side by side with our Abaco athletes. In keeping with Special Olympics International guidelines, athletes as young as 8 years old are allowed to compete.

For the past eight weeks, students at the school have been preparing for the track & field events with daily conditioning sessions and weekly trips to the track at the Murphy Town Park for specific event practice. Athletes were coached by teachers Mars Lawley and Rita Salvatore with assistance from part time Abaco resident Janet Hamilton. Fund raising was started right away to cover the airfare expenses and thanks to the efforts and contributions

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Plans are shown for Snake Cay development



A proposed development for Snake Cay called Angel Cays Resort will have a marina with 180 boat slips, a 100-room hotel, 100 townhouse units and 71 residential lots. Plans also call for a restaurant, convention center, spa, shops and chapel. The existing dock will be rebuilt and extended north to provide protection for the marina. The company has been given approval by the National Economic Council for a scaled-down project. The developers originally wanted to acquire Tuggy's Cay and Bunk's Cay, both behind Snake Cay. The company now has to present to government an Environmental Impact Assessment and their financial plan before they will be granted further approvals. See story on page 4.

Illegal Immigrants Apprehended in South Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Police, Immigration and Customs officers were all involved in the apprehension of a group of illegal immigrants in South Abaco on May 7. Following information received, seven Dominicans were apprehended in the Sandy Point area where they had been hiding out in the bush since the previous evening. After spending the night in the bush with no food or water, two men went into the settlement the following day to obtain provisions and were spotted, the Police and Immigration Departments were informed and officials arrived and made the arrests.

The seven Dominicans along with two Cubans, who had arrived by boat, appeared in the Marsh Harbour Magistrates Court the following morning. It was discovered that the Dominicans had been dropped off by an unmarked plane and had each paid \$5,000 to the pilot. Judge Crawford McKee stated, "The fact that they were all trav-

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Nomination Day for Local Government

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ECC athletes did well at National Special Olympics

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of the Abaco community, Mrs. Mary Gottlieb purchased tickets on BahamasAir for a crew of 25 athletes and 16 teachers, parents and chaperones. Housing was generously provided by Special Olympics Bahamas. In addition, Fleet Feet in Stuart, Florida, very generously donated a brand new pair of running shoes for each athlete on the team.

The competition started off on the right foot with Abaco swimmers Eric Mernard, Miles Cornish and Patrick Darville placing 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the boys 100m freestyle swim. Shortly after that Miles Cornish took the Gold in the boys 25m freestyle and 50m freestyle with Eric Mernard taking the Bronze in the 50m event. The 4x25 meter relay team comprised of Miles Cornish, Eric Mernard, Patrick Darville and Roberto Darville brought home the Silver.

After a brief lunch break the Official Opening of the Games was held and Abaco was honored to have young Keith Clarke be the torch runner representing our island. The torch was brought in by the Nassau Police who hold a Special Olympics torch run event every year to raise funds for Bahamian National Special Olympics. The Police, running in formation, handed the torch off to young Keith, who then ran it to the next athlete from Grand Bahama, who then ran it to the athletes from New Providence and Long Island. Following the torch run, Abaco athletes Patrick Darville and Karen Swain led all the athletes in the Special Olympics oath "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt!" With that, the games were opened and the track

events began.

Abaco's first Gold medal in the track events was brought home by Savieon Dean, who did the 20 meter assisted walk. Savieon walks with the assistance of a special 4-wheeled walker. Shortly after that Vincent and James Major participated in the 50 meter walk and then Myron Sawyer brought home the Bronze medal in the 50 meter dash, with Eric Sawyer in hot pursuit. The 200m run was hotly contested but Ashtonique Murray brought home the Gold in her age division and Karen Swain, Deangela Murray and Madelaine Auguste brought home the Silver, Bronze and a 4th place ribbon in their age division. The 4x100 meter girls relay team made up of Madelaine Auguste, Roneisha Jean, Anastasia Sawyer and Karen Swain brought home a Bronze and the boys' team made up of Miles Cornish, Roberto Darville, Eric Mernard and Tony Russell brought home a Silver medal.

In the 400 meter events Abaco had a very strong showing with Gold medal performances by Anastasia Sawyer and Karen Swain. Natalie St. Luc and Roneisha Jean took silver in their age groups and Ashtonique Murray and Deangela Murray brought home the Bronze in their age groups.

The boys were not to be outdone. Tony Russell took the Gold in his age group. Roman Adderley, Roberto Darville, and Miles Cornish each took Silver in their age groups while Nathaniel Hall, Joe Bodie and Anthony Garcon took the Bronze in their age groups. Wilgene Jean and Keith Clarke pulled in 4th and 5th place ribbons.

Abaco also performed well in the 100 meter dash. Anastasia Sawyer brought home the Gold in her age group while Ashtonique Murray, Roneisha Jean, Ro-

man Adderley, Miles Cornish and Tony Russell all brought home Silver in their age groups. Natalie St Luc, Deangela Murray, Nathaniel Hall and Roberto Darville all brought home the Bronze in their age groups. Karen Swain, Joey Bodie and Eric Mernard all took 4th place ribbons.

In the field events O'Brien Darville brought home the Gold medal in the tennis ball throw and the Silver medal in the softball throw.

As the competition drew to a close, music brought the athletes together for some dancing and socializing. Lots of cheers and handshakes were shared and it is sure that memories of this event will last with these athletes and their teachers for a lifetime.

The next Bahamian National Special Olympics event will be a basketball invitational in the early part of December. This time our team will go up against not only

athletes from the Bahamas but also Cayman Islands and Jamaica. With this length of time to train, the athletes should be ready for the stiff competition they'll be sure to face. Our Abaco athletes were already in planning mode for this as they were on the plane headed home on Sunday morning!

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with disabilities year-round training and competition in 30 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. To get involved as a coach, volunteer or supporter, please e-mail Lyn Major at lyn.truman@abacoinet.com or call ECC at 242-367-2505.



Police officers took the Bahamian National Special Olympics torch to the opening of the games and relayed it to eight-year-old Keith Clarke. They helped him hold it until it was passed on to the next runner.

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Snake Cay project is announced

Long standing rumors of a development on Snake Cay were confirmed in early May when the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, confirmed 14 projects pending for Abaco with a combined value of \$2.5 billion. A proposed project was included for Snake Cay. Other than saying the tentative approval was for a scaled-down project confined to the single island cay of Snake Cay, he gave no further details except to say that he was not enthusiastic about it.

Approximately two weeks later on May 21, preliminary details were given by Mr. James Vaughan, owner of Mangoes Restaurant and one of the developers, at a presentation to the Central Abaco District Council members and Marsh Harbour Town Committee members.

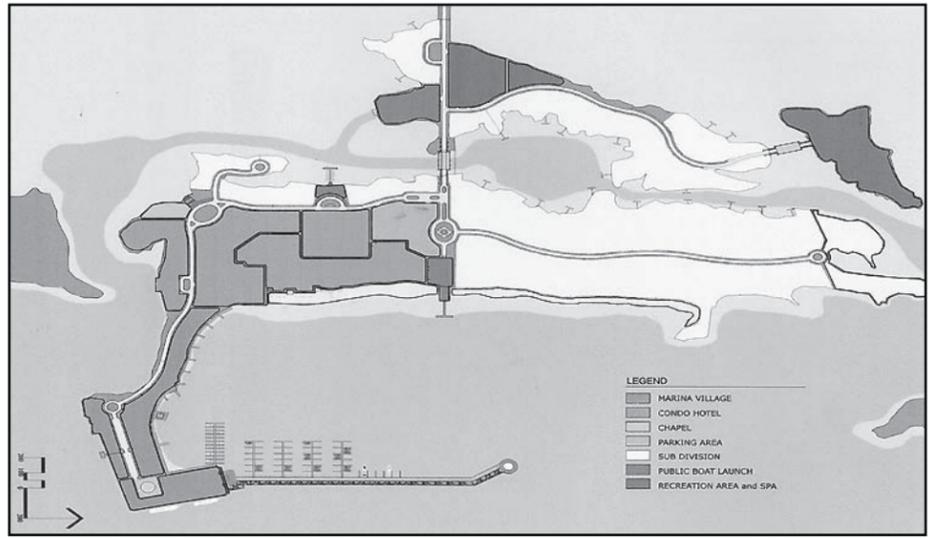
The following facilities were originally scheduled for the project named Angel Cays Resort which included Snake Cay,

Tuggy's Cay and Bunk's Cay off the north end of Tuggy's Cay.

- 180 slip Blue Flag marina
- 100 room condominium hotel
- 100 marina townhouses
- 71 residential waterfront lots

- Facilities and amenities will include
- a swimming pool, beach bar and restaurant
 - spa, recreation area and convention center
 - wellness center, tennis courts and games center
 - a ship's chandlery and assorted shops
 - a chapel and public boat ramp

The project may be in a state of flux as different artists' renderings show different marina configurations. However, in all cases marina development is shown on the front or east side of Snake Cay with no marina activity on the south in Rouse's Hole channel area.



This is the site plan of the proposed Angel Cay Resort. Lower left is the marina and marina village. Above the dock is the hotel and condominium area. The light areas are slated for residential lots. In the upper area is Tuggy's Cay which will also be residential. The two dark areas are reserved for recreation. The shoreline in front of the hotel will be made into a beach.



This aerial photograph shows the causeway joining Snake Cay on the right and Tuggy's Cay on the left. The developers of Angel Cays Resort are proposing to replace the causeway with a bridge and dredge the entire creek behind Snake Cay. This would allow docks to be built along both sides of the waterway and give access to a boat ramp they are proposing on the south end of Tuggy's Cay.

Mr. Vaughan explained that the developers intended to construct a bridge between Tuggy's Cay and Snake Cay coupled with dredging a water-flow channel behind Snake Cay to improve water conditions in the extensive flats north and south of Snake Cay.

In making his presentation to local government members, Mr. Vaughan asked for their support in re-instating the inclusion of Tuggy's Cay and Bunks Cay as the developers felt these two islands were crucial to the development's success.

He was equally adamant that the landfill project inland from Snake Cay must be moved. It is midway between Snake Cay and Spring City on the access road, about one and a half miles from Snake Cay. The developers are prepared to assist in the re-

location of this facility. To this end those present were shown an aerial photo with a proposed landfill site about half way between Spring City and the Marsh Harbour airport.

Snake Cay has been an Abaco landmark since 1959 when it was the base of the Owens Illinois logging operation. It has remained vacant since the Owens Illinois sugar operation ceased in 1970.

Snake Cay is in the center of a 10-mile stretch of tidal flats from Witches Point to Bucaroon Bay and interspersed with isolated cays is known as the Angel Cays. It is a vast marine nursery area.

Mr. Ingraham stated at the earlier meeting that the developers have a one-year

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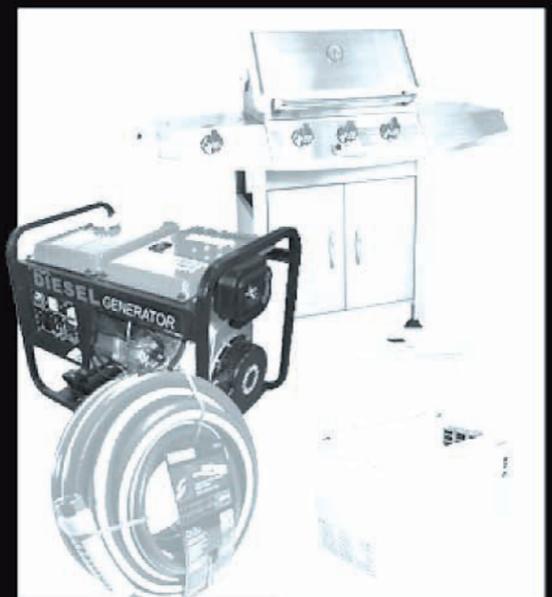
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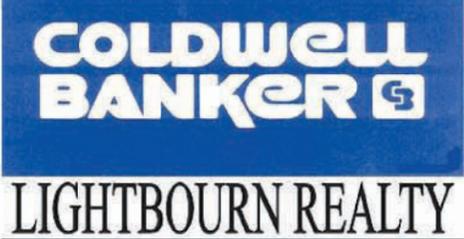
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Fidelity held seminar for women

By Julian Lockhart

Fidelity Financial, the new kid on the block, is flexing its muscle against the old vanguard within the banking industry here on Abaco. With less than a year of service on Abaco, Fidelity is putting a new face on the banking business for consumers and showed its commitments to its customers and future customers with a free Women's Only Seminar on money management.

The bank is reaching out to Abaconians and the seminar dubbed *Increase Your Wow, Your Worth and Your Wealth* saw over 50 women get together at New Vision Ministries to learn about becoming more money savvy and to increase their financial portfolio.

Fidelity president Gregory Bethel said, "We can live up to all of our promises because not only do we have the finest products, but our people deliver those products and services, and they are held accountable for every promise I made today. We are interested in a long term relationship, rather than a quick profit on a quick transaction. We aren't stupid. If people believe that we really want to help them and want a lifetime relationship, we will get that lifetime relationship. You have to show them in a tangible way and that is money. Money matters more than promises. We have opened a branch on Abaco, and it was time to come and introduce ourselves to the women of Abaco and talk to them about their special needs and requirements. We are interested in all sectors," Mr. Bethel added.

The seminar focused on *How to Increase Your Wow, How to Increase Your Wealth, and What Your Bank Doesn't Want You to Know about Fidelity*.

Mr. Bethel said they decided to have a



Mr. Gregory Bethel, President of Fidelity Financial, addressed the Women's Only Seminar on money management. He gave them very practical advice on saving, spending wisely and investing.

seminar for the women because women run the households. He said women control the money and have influence over the men in their lives and will sit down for three hours and listen to advice to better their lives.

Branch manager Victoria Albury was very happy with the turnout though they didn't have as much foot traffic as she would have liked. She thinks everybody took a lot away from the seminar, and there has been such a resounding enthusiasm that there is an expressed desire to go out into the community and spread the word.

Alana Sawyer said that there is no measurement with the other banks and Fidelity because it is definitely on top. She was "wowed" by a lot of things that were said during the seminar.

Arleen Farquharson said, "The seminar was extremely enlightening. Being a young professional, I am very concerned about my future in respect to my future goals and

family. Fidelity's presentation offered a lot of insight, and I am happy that I came because I got a lot of information that is going to help me make better decisions," she added.

Mr. Bethel said Bahamians are consumer driven but need to focus on long term assets such as property, investments and homes. The bank offers life cycle products depending on where a person is in their lives.

Senior Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator, Ms. Selena Archer, said before she came to work for Fidelity she didn't know what a financial plan was, but Fidelity has helped her save towards owning her own house and saving for the future.

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Weather Conference was about hurricanes

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco attended the annual Weather Conference held in Freeport on April 11. This conference, which was attended by more than 100 meteorologists from around the world, was hosted by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. The new Director of the National Hurricane Center, Mr. Bill Proenza, was introduced and Mr. Max Mayfield, former Director of the National Hurricane Centre, was facilitator.

"This year there was a tremendous focus on storm surge and wave heights," commented Mr. Mills. "Wave heights for The Bahamas are a critical issue, and meteorologists are now especially interested in a number of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) buoys that are placed in the Atlantic, east and north of Abaco. These give forecasters the actual height of waves during a storm. A reading of the exact amount a buoy rises during a wave is transmitted via satellite. For coastal communities this information gives pretty good lead time to get a warning out if a big wave, such as a storm surge or Tsunami, is approaching."

"Focus was placed on the geographical location of this island. The only land east of Hope Town is Africa so a wave coming off the African coast would have nowhere for the storm to break until it got here. That is an area that The Bahamas, and especially Abaco, has to pay special attention to particularly in late July, August and September. Abaco's concern is in the late season when storms which form in the Gulf also cause equally dangerous wave action."

"Another concern which was addressed was that of building codes and their enforcement. It appears that The Bahamas is farther ahead regarding building codes than many states of the East Coast of the United States. Many East Coast states have been fighting mandatory codes suggesting that they will shoot up building costs and also delay construction. Counties are saying that rather than a blanket enforcement, they will self regulate."

"Concern was expressed over the use of plywood for hurricane shutters. A video demonstration was given showing how dangerous that method is. Plastic or metal shutters were the only ones recommended

as being safe.

"Mr. Arthur Rolle, Director of the Bahamas Meteorological Office, frequently addressed the conference on The Fear of Global Warming and the Adverse Effects It Will Have on Places like The Bahamas, stating that the rise in sea level could turn Nassau into a reef very quickly and called on his colleagues to embrace the need to go green."

Dr. William Grey of Colorado State University in an interview stated that he continues to disagree with Al Gore's theory that weather is impacted by global warming and that the severity of hurricanes is connected to global warming. He states that he is satisfied that hurricanes go through a 20-year cycle. We have been



Weatherman Silbert Mills

through a low season since the Hurricane Betsy period and are now in another peak season. Dr. Grey pointed out that during the 1930s when storms were frequent and equally as strong and powerful as today there was no air conditioning putting out the gases that there are now. The only difference today is that the loss of property may be greater since more people live on the coast but the loss of life is actually less because there are greater advance warning systems."

Mr. Mills asked the Bahamian forecasters to be more current in their bulletins so that when they receive information from the Hurricane Centre it would be broadcast within the next 15 minutes and not hours later as is presently the case. They replied that they feel they can do more towards achieving that.

This was the 12th session to which Mr. Mills has been invited by the government, and he found it to be a "very good and very informative" one. The information gained from these conferences he uses to improve his forecasting abilities.

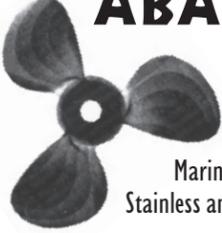
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The Editor Says . . . Why can't they ask us?



Abaco's growth has been unprecedented and mostly without a plan. Towns have expanded as best they can with narrow roads, small lots and insufficient parking. With the exception of Treasure Cay, most of Abaco's settlements were established in the late 1700s without the benefit of any organization. Residences were built on grants along the coast or in a harbour for protection.

Roads were footpaths that accommodated wheelbarrows. As time passed the footpaths widened to allow small wagons to deliver freight brought by the fortnightly mailboat. Wheelbarrows or small wagons may have taken harvested sisal, pineapples or citrus from nearby plots to the boat for the trip to Nassau markets.

Mr. J.B. Crockett made Abaco's first road of consequence in the mid-1950s which led from Marsh Harbour to his farm five or six miles south. Part of it followed an old railroad right-of-way left from the Wilson City logging era of 1910. He extended the road south to Big Mangrove which was the boat landing used by Cherokee residents. We are told that the extension to big Mangrove was quite minimal.

There were no other roads. Transportation was by boat, mostly sail boats.

Treasure Cay, and on a grander scale Freeport, had the benefit of being laid out by a master plan. Roads were laid out and development filled in the blank spaces. The benefits of this type of growth are obvious.

Now in Marsh Harbour we contend with narrow roads and small lots. With no zoning and no planning, growth issues are determined the Town Planning Board which has not exercised its authority with these issues.

The new Central Pines Estates is an example where a new subdivision was planned to be single-family residential in nature but which has sprouted duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. There are weaknesses within the Local Town Planning Board and a lack of enforcement within the building inspection process. Another example is the recent approval for the Crossing Condominium project close to Marsh Harbour's Crossing

Beach. Growth has overtaken us with no end or relief in sight.

Government, through its Department of Public Works and other departments, occasionally doles out some improvement to a town or island, often just before an election. These improvements are usually welcome since they are a government gift and are usually a desirable addition to the community. It is rare that the community is ever consulted as to location, desirability, size or asked for local input.

Projects arbitrarily put into Central Abaco this way have included

- the original well field around Marsh Harbour's airport.
- Abaco Central High School's eastern campus
- the dump on S.C. Bootle Highway now adjacent to a growing residential area
- the BEC plant which is now behind Central Pines subdivision
- the recent well field expansion beside the highway to Spring City
- the commercial lots now evolving into junkyards on the S.C. Bootle Highway
- the new landfill on the Snake Cay road.
- the trash transfer station on the Cherokee Road

For the most part, these amenities or facilities were put onto vacant land of which there is an abundance. Little thought was given to future growth. Each agency chose a convenient site suited to its purposes, with some consideration for its own expansion as the island needed more of the service they were providing. Little thought was given to the possibility that civilization's expansion might clash with their facility.

Two recent examples of this are the well field expansion and the landfill site.

The well field was expanded south of Marsh Harbour in the woods parallel to the highway. That was convenient as the power line was along the road and the site was easily accessible. It may have another ten years of useful life before Marsh Harbour's growth overtakes it as south is the only direction for Marsh Harbour to expand. Perhaps the well field will have served its purpose by then.

The more recent example is the landfill that was put in the hills beside the Snake Cay road with great care as to appropriate location. That is appropriate to the specifications for a land fill site. Apparently little thought was given to its appropriateness when viewed in a larger context.

The developers of the proposed Snake Cay project now are adamant that the landfill must be moved as it is not compatible with their project even though it is more than a mile from their proposed resort. They are willing to participate in its relocation. It was interesting that two alternate sites proposed by the developers appear at first glance to be likely to be overtaken by Central Abaco's growth within a few years.

Why is it that an engineer or land-use designer 100 miles away with certificates and diplomas on the wall and reference books at hand knows better where these things should go than those of us that live here and must contend with these civil works for years.

We accept that there may be scientific logic which sets the parameters for many civil projects. However, scientific logic must be applied in partnership with local knowledge. Projects that move forward in cooperation with locals are better accepted

and will serve the public for a longer time frame.

A recent instance of this partnership was the construction of the Marsh Harbour port facility. The present site was one of several proposed. Public meetings were held, engineering studies were presented and alternate sites were publicly discussed. Eventually, the present Marsh Harbour site was chosen because the majority of local persons supported that site.

It is a shame that this process cannot happen more often. In general, developers look at optimizing their chosen site with little thought to the greater community.

BEC moving in to the Wilson City area and the Lantern Head project moving into primitive coastal areas have both touched raw nerves with environmentalists and our amateur archaeological sleuths and heritage fans. Bulldozers have blazed new roads to suit the development's singular purpose without regard as to what lay in front of the machine.

Developments, roads, electricity, water, landfills and the other amenities we require are all needed and must expand, but there is no reason to have them arbitrarily located without local consultation as to what else is affected by that project. We may not have all the answers and are probably not aware of all of the consequences. However, local persons are very likely to have good reasons why modifications, location changes, site orientation or other issues may be relevant. Local knowledge and input should be considered.

The consultation process used to establish the port location should be re-established for these public works projects and private developments.

Letters to the Editor

Correction concerning Great Abaco Club

Dear Editor,

This quote appeared in your April 15th issue of the Abaconian in an article about Real Estate in Abaco. I take great exception to the comments made by Margo Albury, particularly regarding the rentals at the Great Abaco Club. Ms. Albury states, "In June of last year was the first time in the history of the Great Abaco Club that we had 90 percent occupancy in the rental homes," stated Ms. Albury,

Perhaps this is true of H.G. Christie's involvement with the rentals at the Club. I developed and managed the rentals at the Club through my company, Vacation Planning Services, from 1996 until 2006 when I left Abaco. I can personally attest to the fact that we were full with a waiting list over a period of many years during the

months of May, June and July, directly due to the combined factors of early school dismissal in Florida bringing many families to Abaco, and the fishing tournament business at Boat Harbour Marina.

I just wanted to set the record straight and thank you for giving me a voice in your wonderful newspaper. My staff worked very hard during those years to cater to our clientele and insure that they returned year after year. H.G. Christie Ltd is now reaping the benefits of all of that hard work.

I look forward to visiting Abaco later in the year and to seeing all of the friends I made during my time there.

Cindy Hayworth
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Comments about medical issues

Dear Editor:

Please print the following Oath which is the current one in use by the World Medical Association. I know that I am not alone on Abaco when I make comments about some members of the medical profession on the island. There are doctors who practice medicine here that think that people only get sick Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and that emergency appointments must be scheduled weeks in advance. Don't forget, closed for lunch from noon til 2 p.m. In addition, many of the private practice physicians on Abaco refuse to see visiting persons, even when they are the private doctor on call.

I would also like to comment reluctantly on the sip-sip which is going around in some of the black Bahamian community relating to Conchy Joes frequenting the Marsh Harbour Community Clinic (also known as the Government Clinic) more so

than in the past. There is no sign above the door at the MH Community Clinic which states "only serving non-whites." This is absolutely the lowest form of reverse discrimination that I have heard of. Never has anyone at the MH Community Clinic even hinted at such a racist view. On numerous occasions of having been treated at the MH Community Clinic, I have observed impartiality to race or ethnic origins on the part of nurses, doctors and staff. Why than should some members of the Abaco community stoop so low? We are not in Zimbabwe!

It really is a shortsighted view considering the lack of equipment and supplies which the hard-working persons at the MH Community Clinic contend with on a daily basis. Maybe those persons who are complaining that us Conchy Joes should go to private doctors might realize that the more voters go to the MH Community Clinic and see what is needed, the more the politicians can be bothered to fulfill on their promises. Abaco needs a properly equipped trauma center and hospital. It has the staff and is only lacking the facilities. We don't need to wait on this one for the next go-around of election promises. We need this now.

Thank you.
Liann Key Kaighin

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Firefighters, Thanks

Dear Editor,

If you have ever woken up one Sunday morning to discover that there is a fire burning right next to your house, you will know it is no picnic. That was our experience just a few weeks ago. The large section of undeveloped land which borders our home and property on Stede Bonnet Road caught fire not by accident but because of a purposely set fire involving newspapers near a clearing, according to the fire department.

The fire that burned along the ridge to the east of Pole Line Drive started out small; but once the high winds and dense, dry underbrush came together, the fire became a real cause for alarm. For the most part the fire burned slow, hence the reason

we were overcome with smoke from all directions for a full seven days. The bush was so dense that it was just impossible for the fire department to do much to put it out.

Our initial call to the fire department that Sunday morning did not receive an immediate response; however, both Jessica and John came to assess the situation. John brought the fire truck by himself and tried to reach the fire but was only able to dampen the area. John, already exhausted from fighting fires all over Abaco, continued to check on us every couple of hours. He brought us an industrial-sized water pump and several lengths of fire fighting hoses to pump our swimming pool water onto the fire to keep the perimeter of our property near the house wet and to put out any fires that got too close for comfort.

Sleep was simply impossible. As soon as we would try to close our eyes, the smell of smoke would intensify, our signal that the fire was getting closer and we needed to wet down the area again. We began sleeping in two-hour shifts, knowing that John would be by a few times during the night to keep an eye on things. At one point we awoke to find him putting out a huge blaze just a few feet from our wooden tool shed. If he had not been there, we could have been in real danger if the tool shed had caught fire as we slept.

As the days wore on, the fire got closer and closer; it started on the southeastern boundary of our property but as the wind shifted and increased with a front that moved through, the fire crawled its way around three sides of our house in a horse-shoe shape. We had to use the water pump

and swimming pool water to wet down a few hundred feet of perimeter by dragging the heavy firefighting hose from one side of the house to the next every few hours. The one time we left the house for less than two hours, we came back to find the fire had come right up to our fence and our gardener was trying to keep it at bay with a garden hose. On the second to last night of our fire dilemma, it got incredibly worse and suddenly it seemed as though Marsh Harbour finally realized there was a large fire burning. Fire trucks kept watch on both sides of the fire as close as they could get, given the large area of inaccessible bush. On the last night of the fire, John and I were up from 1:30 a.m. to about 4 a.m. keeping watch and hosing down as

necessary.

We are completely convinced that without the generous help of John and the loan of the large water pump and hoses, our house would have been in considerable danger and could possibly have caught on fire. No amount of thanks will ever be enough.

Until you are faced with such a fearful and dangerous situation as an uncontrollable fire, you cannot fully appreciate the hard work of our Marsh Harbour VOLUNTEER Fire Department. We implore everyone, especially during this time of so many fires, to donate to the Fire Department. You never know when it might be your home they are going to have to save.

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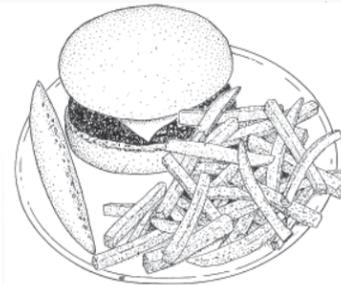
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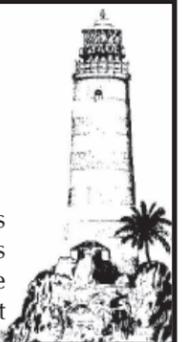
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Central Abaco News

Fun Fishing Tournament

By Linda Leffler

On May 16th and 17th the Jib Room & Marsh Harbour Marina Yacht Club hosted its annual family Fun Fishing, small boat tournament. Approximately 15 boats from the Marsh Harbour area fished the two-day tournament. Friday night was "bring your own fish and tell your fishing story night," and Saturday night was dinner and awards night. Daily prizes were awarded for the largest fish in each category and eight prizes were awarded for various final prizes from Top Junior Angler to Top Boat; sixteen awards were given out in total. Many fish were caught, and fun was had by all. The largest food fish was a 72-pound Wahoo caught by Ernest Albury, the most billfish were released by *Wrangler*, the top

junior angler was Alexous Albury on *Reel Fun* and the youngest junior angler was five-year-old Logan Thompson on *Week-end Therapy*. The tournament also raffled off a pair of reels to raise money for Every Child Counts, a non-profit special education school located in Marsh Harbour.

Sponsors of the tournament were K & S Auto, Abaco Gold, Drill Rig, Abaco Insurance and the Jib Room. Thanks for everyone's support to make this annual event happen.

Appreciation for Abaco's assistance

By Jennifer Hudson

Following the devastation to Long Island and Cat Island by Hurricane Noel last November, the merchant community of Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and Guana

Cay generously provided funds to purchase 27 refrigerators and stoves for deserving people on those islands. This effort was coordinated with local help and thanks also go out to Marco Air Conditioning and Refrigeration of Abaco and Master Technicians in Nassau.

The people of Long Island and Cat Island have expressed their thanks through their Local Government representatives.

Wally's Restaurant is under new ownership

By Jennifer Hudson

Wally's Restaurant in Marsh Harbour has been a very popular eatery noted for its distinctive atmosphere and fine dining for the past 22 years. It was purposely built as a restaurant in 1986 by Mr. Wally Smith, who designed it in the attractive old colonial style with the restaurant downstairs and residence upstairs. In early February

of this year the restaurant was taken over by new owners, the PFC Company Limited. It is now 60 percent Bahamian owned and 40 percent American owned and is managed by Mr. Troy Cornea, one of the partners.

"Our goal was to maintain Wally's just as it has been for the past 22 years and make the transition as seamless as possible so that, hopefully, the clients would not even be able to tell that ownership had changed," stated Mr. Cornea. "There was no need for any major changes as the restaurant already had an outstanding reputation which is why we bought it. All of the feedback we have received from people who have been coming for years has been positive with people saying that it is still the same old Wally's. The key to achiev-

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Winners of the Fun Fishing Tournament held at the Jib Room and Marsh Harbour Marina were rewarded the winners with framed reprints of paintings by Carey Chen, a very well known marine artist. The winners are Ted Pearce, Stacey Thompson, Ernest Albury, Randy Scarlett, Matt and Tommy Malone. The boy is standing in for a winner.



The dump for Central Abaco is crowding closer and closer to the S.C. Bootle Highway. It is not burned regularly and garbage is piling up in a very unsightly and unhealthy way. No date has been announced for the opening of the solid waste facility south of Spring City even though it has been under construction for several years. When this dump is burned, depending on the direction of the wind, the smoke blows through Central Pines, irritating the residents there, causing respiratory problems.

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ing this has been keeping the entire staff, all of whom have been here for a long time and can run the place by themselves. Every person stayed and we are proud that the restaurant is 100 percent Bahamian run.”

A few minor infrastructural changes have been carried out to make the establishment more operationally friendly but these have all been behind the scenes. Things which needed fixing have been fixed and equipment updated. The only change people will notice is the attractive new entranceway from the street which has been landscaped with pavers and pots containing palms and flowers. Mr. Cornea says that the new owners intend to do more upgrading in time but mainly to the landscaping.

Opening times have remained the same. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and dinner on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The restaurant remains closed on Sundays and holidays. A boutique is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The menu has also remained the same

but with the return of a few items which had disappeared over time such as escargots. The supplier had been lost but a new one has been found so this delicacy has been re-added to the menu.

When asked if business has been good since the takeover, Mr. Cornea replied that it has been very good both from tourists and locals. In fact, during the first three months of operation figures showed that it had actually done a bit better than during the same period last year.

PM discussed Spring City subdivision

The Prime Minister spoke in Parliament concerning a Resolution for the conveyance of 88.279 acres of land in Spring City as part of the government’s housing program. Housing demand in Central Abaco is considerable he told the parliamentarians. “We are going to deliver for the people of The Bahamas hundreds and hundreds of service lots where we are going to sub-divide the lots, put in the utilities and make available to hundreds of people the

opportunity to be able to buy a lot, build their own homes and facilitate them in terms of getting a mortgage to do so where they need such assistance,” Mr. Ingraham noted. He added that the government will also facilitate aspiring homeowners in securing mortgages to build homes on the lots should they require such assistance. He also made it clear that the government will not condone favoritism with regard to providing property for Bahamians.

Fashion boutique opens

By Samantha V. Evans

On May 16 Abaco had another store added to the fashion industry in the Marsh

Harbour area. All-About-U-2 opened in the Ryan Archer Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive under the management of Ronisha McIntosh. A live remote was held as Radio Abaco broadcasted which attracted a lot of people. Refreshments were provided. This boutique specializes in ladies’, men’s and children’s clothing and footwear and is unique because it caters to the needs of the people including casual elegant and church wear. Additionally, it caters to the growing child between the ages of 10-15 years

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of age. The store hours are 9 to 6 Monday through Saturday. Even though this location is new, the All-About-U-2 store in Cooper's Town has been open for five years and carries the same line. The phone number there is 365-0177 and is located near the Revival Time Pentecostal Church.

Ambulance service has moved

By Samantha V. Evans

The ambulance service for Central Abaco has moved from the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic to the Dean Shipping Company building near the freight dock. The move officially took place on May 19th but all phone numbers remain the same. The office number is 367-2911 and the mobile

number is 359-6282. The Emergency Ambulance Services handles pre-hospital care to all injured or ill patients and offer these services 24 hours a day. The office manager of the Abaco office is Mrs. Shadell Munnings-Smith. The Emergency Ambulance Services comes under the Public Hospital Authority in Nassau.

Graham Real Estate partners with Cabela's Trophy Properties

Graham Real Estate has announced that it has been selected by Cabela's Trophy Properties as the exclusive company to market Cabela's properties throughout The Bahamas. Graham Real Estate is one of the oldest and respected real estate firms in The Bahamas and specializes in luxury tropical vacation estates and properties in

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understand why our clients' love The Bahamas, and appreciate the unique characteristics of vacation and recreational properties."

New fires threatened Marsh Harbour

By Mirella Santillo

During the week of May 12th the Marsh Harbour Fire Department was faced again with fighting threatening fires. It is supposed that the fire started from a pit used by Haitian people to make coal. Fueled by a northeast wind, the fire spread towards the dump and the airport. According to Fire Chief John Hall, on the 16th the wind shifted to the west sending sparks and

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Firefighters of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and a few from the Casuarina Volunteer Fire Department fought a persistent blaze that threatened businesses, schools and homes from the Marsh Harbour airport to Cove Estates. Here one of the firemen is cooling an electric pole. Several poles caught fire because the brush had been allowed to grow up around them and will now have to be replaced.



The Farmers' Cooperative of Central Abaco elected a new Board to manage the co-op on May 15 and an oversight committee was formed. Pictured are Board members, committee members and a team of three from Nassau. Seated are Ruby Rolle, Nadine Beneby, Cleopatra Burrows and Liann Kaighin. Standing are Frank Davis, Alex Francis, Cubel Davis, Augustine Williams, Gilbert Davis, Lennie Etienne, Stafford Symonette and Nathanie Adderley.



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embers across the newly cut highway towards Forest Heights Academy and Cove Estates. Because the vegetation was very dry, it caught immediately, threatening also Abaco Petroleum, St. Francis de Sales School and buildings along Don MacKay Boulevard. It became a major situation. Many structures had to be protected.

It took five trucks, four from Marsh Harbour and one from Casuarina Point, eight hours to get the fire under control. Areas had to be cleared south of Cove Estate and behind Abaco Petroleum to prevent the fire from spreading too close to the buildings. The firefighters were also concerned that the fire could spread across Don MacKay Boulevard towards Sweeting Village.

The firemen had to be called again on May 25th when a car crashed on an electric pole in an area that was still smouldering. For now the situation is under control, said Mr. John Hall, at least around Marsh Harbour, but the forest is still burning in North Abaco. Fire breaks had to be cut in

Cedar Harbour to protect houses and the Treasure Cay Fire Department was recently called to put out a fire at a house located near the Treasure Cay airport.

Farmers Cooperative elects officers

Seven officers were elected by the 19 co-op members attending a May 15 meeting at Abaco Central High School. Conducting the election was a team of three from the Department of Cooperatives in Nassau: Mr. Nathanie Adderley, Director; Mr. Richard Moncur, Department of Cooperatives; and Frank Davis, Manager, Bahamas Cooperative League.

Elected to the Board for a one-year term were Augustine Williams and Alex Francis. Cubel Davis, Jr. was elected to serve for two years while Lennie Etti- enne, Liann Kaighan and Rev. Stafford Symonette will serve a three-year term. Staggered terms provide for continuity over time with the Board not experiencing a complete change of members at any one election.

Unique to the co-op program is the

election of an independent Supervisory Committee which has access to the co-op's books and other records. The committee reports as appropriate to the co-op members and the co-op Director in Nassau of any irregularities. Three members were appointed to constitute this watchdog committee: Ms. Ruby Rolle, Ms. Nadine Beneby and Mr. Hilbert Davis.

It was explained that the co-op books will be routinely audited and assets reviewed. Their operations will be monitored for the next six months under a national registry clean-up operation conducted by the Department of Cooperatives.

Encouragement was given to the Abaco Farm sod project as the Cooperative League in Nassau wants to see this project succeed. Figures were given for the sod project as follows:

Sales	\$130,000
Expenses	\$114,000
Profit	\$ 15,000

In a short presentation by the Nassau team, it was said without further comment that the Abaco Farms sod project

was not as successful as expected. A co-op member felt that they had been taken advantage of as specialized equipment was brought in at what was believed to be an inflated value with no independent appraisal.

Farmers considered the onion project successful with 300 50-pound bags being sent to Nassau and smaller 3- and 5-pound bags prepared for local stores on Abaco. Concerns were expressed that the October planting of the onions was too late and an August and September planting would have given a higher yield.

To a complaint of a shortage of bags for the onions, it was stated that this is one of the things the co-op must anticipate and order accordingly.

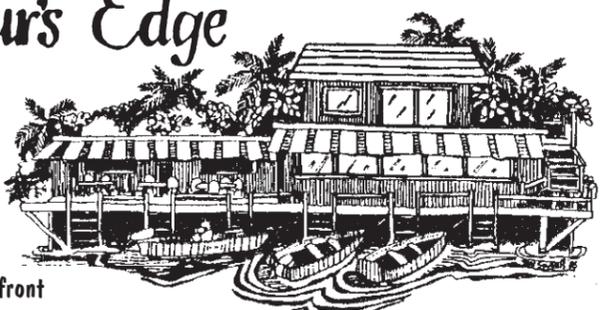
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By Samantha V. Evans

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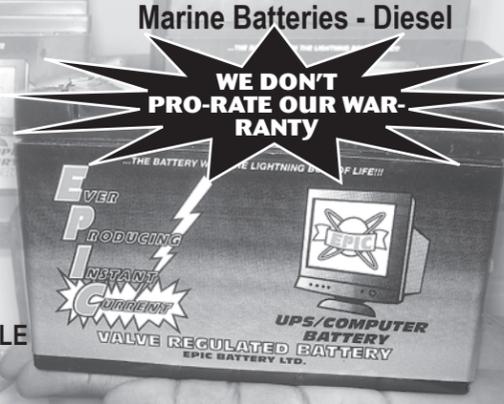
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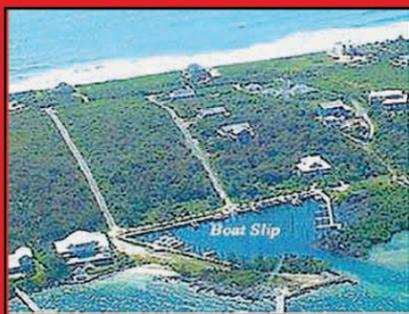
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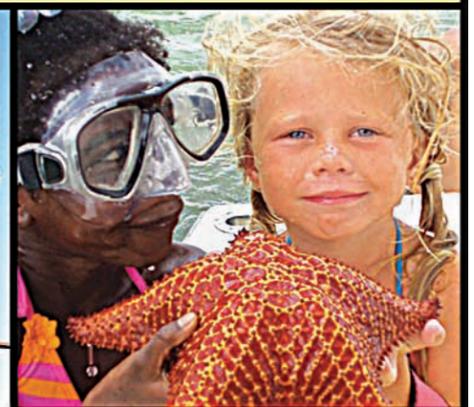
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official to show their employees that they value their service and commitment to the company's success. One such organization saw fit to show appreciation to their employees on May 8th at the bank's location as a part of their "Thank You Campaign." First Caribbean International left no stone unturned as they showered their staff with love, prizes and surprises at a staff appreciation bash.

Manager of the Abaco Branch, Ms. Iris Henchel, stated that the "Thank You Campaign" is a new initiative as a part of the Helpful Partners Program. Therefore, the "I Will Show My Appreciation" slogan has been adapted as a part of the "Thank You Campaign." She explained that the bank has been very successful over the past few years, and they owe this in part to their employees because of their dedication and

commitment to giving excellent service above all the rest. They have all truly done a great job! She can honestly say that the staff of First Caribbean Bank has ensured that the needs of their customers were met in the timely fashion with little or no delay. First Caribbean across The Bahamas and the Turk's and Caicos Island will show appreciation to their customers later in the month.

All of the employees received a gift and a certificate for half a day off from work that the bank will grant once the selected time off is convenient to the bank. The appreciation bash was loaded with fun and the employees surely laughed as they watched their co-workers take part in the games selected just for them. It was clear that the 23 employees at this branch have a very good working relationship. There were lots of games, trivia and giveaways, lots of food, drinks, and sweets and good music.



Employees of First Caribbean International Bank were treated to an appreciation party on May 8 when the bank organized games and lots of food.

The Residences at Abaco Beach Resort

By Jennifer Hudson

The first phase of the upgrading of the Abaco Beach Resort into a really upscale community has been realized with the completion of Building A of the condominium residences. The new Director of Sales and Marketing at the Abaco Beach Resort, Mr. Kurt Melnechuck, is spearheading what he describes as "a massive marketing campaign designed to get the word out and bring people into the resort." To assist in accomplishing this goal, a U.S. marketing company has been brought on board and the real estate community on Abaco is being rallied. "The entire condominium project when completed will consist of 100 units and will most probably be the largest on Abaco. These condominiums mark a step forward for the resort and we are

now moving in a phenomenally great direction," stated Mr. Melnechuck.

Since the start of the marketing campaign on April 3 of this year, four of the units in the completed Building A have already been sold. After the sale of the next unit, ground will be broken for Building B which will contain 20 units. At various stages expansion of other areas of the resort will also begin.

All of the condominium units are two bedroom except for the penthouse units which contain three and "every square inch has been master planned." All of the interiors are beautifully designed and appointed with solid wood elm cabinets, granite

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The first condominium building with 20 condos at Abaco Beach Resort is now complete and several units have already been sold. The resort expects to begin the next building soon. When completed, the resort will have 100 units. Owners will be able to turn their units back to a management company for renting.

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countertops, G.E. monogram appliances, full washers and dryers and state-of-the-art IP (Internet Protocol) televisions. "This new type of television, which is only just coming to the Bahamas, is new, high technology and provides the user with many options," explained Mr. Melnechuck. The second bedroom in each unit is designed so that it can become a separate suite which can be "locked off" if the owner desires to rent it separately. All of the units may either be purchased for the owner's sole use or put into the rental pool.

The middle size units are approximately 1,800 square feet while the smaller are 1,560 square feet and the penthouse units, which are two storey, are considerably larger. All units have a balcony with absolutely glorious views of the marina and all are wrap around except for the smaller units. Windows in the living areas are floor to ceiling to take full advantage of the view and are constructed of impact-resistant hurricane-strength glass. Owners can purchase a furniture package with their condominium or can opt to bring in furniture of their own choosing.

"People these days are becoming very environmentally conscious, and we are the first development here to recognize that," stated Mr. Melnechuck. "We have built to a Green Standard and instead of traditional air conditioning units have incorporated a chilled water system so that no Freon gases will be emitted into the atmosphere."

Concierge service is provided for the condominium residents which, in addition to cleaning, will provide assistance for shopping, sightseeing trips and satisfaction of all of the client's needs and desires. The units are served by the only operating elevator on Abaco. The customer base is varied with a diverse clientele, all of whom will be a part of the Abaco Club with all its amenities. In order to encourage purchases by the boating community, a 40-foot boat slip has been included in the purchase price.

Mr. Melnechuck spoke of the amazing plans which are lined up for the resort. These will consist of full refurbishment of all the hotel rooms into one bedroom suites, total upgrade of the cottages and a new spa and fitness centre. The whole of the pool, restaurant and fitness areas will be revamped and the layout will be restructured

so that the beach will be more prominent and will be accessed straight from the pool area. An indoor/outdoor restaurant will be built along with a convention centre. The goal is to bring the class level up without losing the existing charm of the resort by adding both better service and amenities.

"Mr. Bob Kramm is the new General Manager and COO of the entire property and he and the owner see the same vision of moving forward and will be bringing in support staff to make it a resort others will aspire to," stated Mr. Melnechuck. "We hope to have the project 90 percent completed within the next three to five years and everyone outside will reap the rewards."

Disaster Committee met

With the hurricane season approaching, the Disaster Committee for Central Abaco was convened to review preparedness.

An annual challenge is to find suitable buildings to be used as shelters during a storm. After a storm there are many buildings that can temporarily house displaced persons. The Central Abaco Primary School is perhaps the best public building for shelter use during high winds. However, restroom facilities are across an open courtyard which can be dangerous to cross in high winds.

Another problems with schools used as shelters is getting persons to leave after a storm has passed so the facility can be returned to classroom use. School cannot be held if there are displaced persons still living there when classes are scheduled to resume.

Several private buildings would make suitable shelters, but the owners are reluctant.

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tant to make them available. Housing 50 or 100 persons for 10 - 20 hours or more, can leave the best managed shelter in shambles. Physical damages are another item as there is no provision for making repairs and the buildings' owners must undertake any restoration expenses.

It was noted that a hurricane is the most likely event which might make use of disaster preparations. However, the sinking of a ship or an event at the airport could also require disaster assistance.

Most of the disaster committee members are senior government department heads with a few NGO persons assisting.

It was agreed to make use of radio announcements in English and Creole to warn residents in low-lying areas of the dangers of flooding and the need to seek higher ground. This is particularly true for the residents of the Mud area as residents there had four to five feet of water in their houses after Hurricane Jeanne.

Abaco Humane Society Meeting

By Jennifer Hudson

Members of the Abaco Humane Society met on May 21 to discuss the stray dog problem and ways in which they can do something about it. The meeting was called by Bernadette Hall of the Abaco Tourist Office in response to the many comments the Tourist Office has been receiving in their airport exit surveys about the problem of stray dogs on Abaco from tourists. It is a problem which has been around for some time and which residents have tended to become complacent about. But our visitors find the problem very disturbing and offensive, and ways have to be found to deal with this dilemma.

It was agreed that another large-scale spay and neutering program needs to be undertaken, but the organisation of one is enormous and arrangements must be made for the surgeries to be done at a time which fits into Dr. Bailey's schedule. The possibility of having vets from the United States

helping was discussed. Firstly, funds must be raised. Many and varied suggestions were put forward for fund raising events. It was finally decided that a walk-a-thon should be held in November in which dogs may walk with their owners. A gala ball will be planned for an evening in December.

The subject of fostering/adoption was discussed. Several members are either fostering puppies themselves or know of people who are fostering large numbers for which homes need to be found. Ms. Hall is presently looking after a beautiful, protective 18-month-old stray female who is in good health and needs a good home and which she has named Stella. If anyone could give Stella or a puppy a good home, please call Ms. Hall at 367-3067.

The next meeting of the Abaco Humane Society will be held at the Ministry of Tourism's office on June 17. Animal lovers wishing to help will be welcome.

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

Please call 357-6511 for additional information.



The Disaster Committee for Central Abaco met on May 1 to review the level of preparedness and the areas that the committee needs to improve on. The Committee is co-chaired by Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper and Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco.

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2nd billfish tournament held at Boat Harbour

By Julian Lockhart

Matt Rabensteine and the crew of Miss Annie knew they had to have a strong final day of the Marsh Harbour Championship leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship to have a chance at winning.

The crew of *Miss Annie* didn't disappoint as they reeled in five white marlins to push their way to the front and hold off *Loose Crew* for the win with 3000 points at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour. *Loose Crew* finished second with 2700 points and *Cerveza* finished third with 2100 points to complete the second leg of the five leg championship.

Mr. Rabensteine said, "We had a great day of fishing and really it was all my crew. We had seven shots and caught five white marlin making it a banner day of fishing. With how tight it was. We knew we had a shot, but we also knew we had to have a big day of fishing. Everybody just came together, and it was a fantastic day of fishing. Last year we ended up third place overall and we are looking to win it all this year," he added.

The win on the second leg helped *Miss Annie* get back in the chase for the overall championship after finishing third last year. There are three more legs, the Har-

bour Island Championship, Treasure Cay Championship and Boat Harbour Championship, and Mr. Rabensteine feels they are back in the fight and just have to be consistent the rest of the way.

Leading the way in the race for the overall title is Pete Linville and the crew on *Mama Who* with a total of 3,600 points, barely ahead of *Loose Crew* in second with 3,400 points and *Miss Annie* in third with 3,100 points.

Mama Who got off to a fast start at the Central Abaco Championship in Treasure Cay held on April 14-18. They finished with 2,700 points, 900 ahead of the closest competitor with *Liquid Gold* finishing with 1,800 and *The Edge* in third with 1,700 points.

Mr. Linville said, "We just did enough today to stay on top with the overall lead. We got lucky yesterday (May 1) to catch a white and a blue today (May 2). We pulled a couple of fish out the first two days and doing what we can. We decided after the first tournament that we weren't going to try and win anymore. We were just going to try and stay consistent and keep our point lead all the way through. We are looking to win the overall trophy. It helped tremendously to win in Treasure Cay and

got out to a very big point lead. We are lucky enough to come in with 900 points this week," he added.

Even though it was a great week of fishing, the tournament saw only half as many yachts this year. There were 70 boats competing last year and only 35 took part this year.

Operations manager at the Abaco Beach Resort, Kevie Thomas, said it is because of the fuel prices and the sinking American economy that is leading to a lot of owners not making the trip to compete this year. Diesel is \$5.60 a gallon and gasoline is \$5.65 a gallon at the resort.

Mrs. Thomas said, "Last year it was fishing regulations and the economy was good

and the fuel prices were not too bad. This year the fishing regulations have changed, and it is like you can't win because fuel has gone up. It is fuel, the economy, election year, all of these. It is very disappointing, but we expected this with the fuel prices going up. We were expecting something like this, but we didn't know the tournaments would be down 50 percent. This is hurting the economy bad. Everyone is feeling it right now. People are trying to conserve fuel, and it is a lot more than it was like last year, though it is better than being in the States where it is a two-hour boat ride to get to the fishing grounds unlike here where it is only 15 minutes," she concluded.

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Agriculture policies are failing

By John Hedden

The modern Bahamas does not encourage or foster the development of local entrepreneurship beyond services and merchandising simply because the Bahamian economy is geared towards foreign capital investments and attraction of the US\$ dollar, specifically in hospitality and financial services. All well established global economies however have a sound footing in industries that revolve around primary production, as seen in the United States, Japan, the European Union, Australia, South America and Canada. Under-developed economies however tend to rely on imported essential basic commodities for one reason or another; these include the majority of the Caribbean states and many countries in Africa. One of the main characters of developed nations' dominance in the agricultural sector is the continued use of agricultural subsidies to bolster industrialised agriculture. The lesser developed nations cannot afford to replicate these practices and so suffer at the marketplace, both domestically and internationally.

Diversification of national economies is essential for provision of some insulation from global slowdowns and recessions. A country such as the Bahamas, which relies almost totally on imported essential products, thus becomes an easy target for changes in global economic health. The Bahamas presently relies on a basic economic model designed over 50 years ago and does not take into account any sense of the need for national security, be it in food, culture, education, or even energy. We do make a pretence at localised production of agricultural products, all of the production inputs being imported, but the overall eco-

nomie chain is not beneficial to the local entrepreneur.

The agricultural sector in the Bahamas has steadily declined over the last century, and continues to do so for many reasons. These include the lack of a definitive governmental policy towards the sector, and the mental image of farming in the Bahamian mind. Until these are addressed, no real advance in the sector's development will take place, and the perception of agricultural production will continue to be the realm of the 'ignorant,' the Out Islands, welfare and subsistence survival. Some of these perceptions may be real because, apart from ornamentals, there does not exist today any example of successful agricultural enterprise within the country.

With recent changes in global circumstances the world has seen several important threats to lifestyles, including the increased cost of energy and food, a worldwide recession, the start of climate change and an increased threat to the natural environment. All of these factors will have a significant impact on world food production and food availability. Many countries have already seen food related violence in the form of riots and population displacement. It should be pointed out that the Bahamas is not immune to external forces and, as such, needs to begin making serious inroads into these areas in order to mitigate some of the threats.

The most immediate and devastating of these forces are the cost of energy and of food. Unfortunately, the Bahamas financial and monetary policies do not favour the poor and indigent sectors of our population, with these investing a much higher percentage of their income in food and

transportation than the better financially equipped members of Bahamian society.

The Government of the Bahamas (GOB) needs to address the looming food crisis in the form of an immediate approach and the use of long term planning in order to avert perceived supply shortfalls in the population centres. Ironically the Out Island communities are still relatively resistant because vacant land is still available and the technique of subsistence food production has not yet been totally lost.

Short term strategies do not imply the need for long term implementation but should include a contribution from both (GOB) and the merchandising sector. Government can and should remove all excise and import associated taxation from basic and essential food and health products. This in itself will lower the cost of essential items at the port of entry by several percentage points. The private sector should also be encouraged to lower percentage mark-up on these products to a level where their bottom line is not affected, and a savings can be passed on to the consumer. This will further lower the retail price and hopefully take some burden off the cost of living for those in lower wage brackets.

Longer term strategies will be much harder to implement, but out of necessity require the GOB to put together and implement a rock solid Agricultural Policy (AP) which will encourage more investment in primary production. It is essential that we begin to diversify now rather than procrastinate in order to retain some of our dollar earnings within our borders. Foreign currency inputs to our economy will surely not be maintained during a world wide recession. Primary production has been in

need of resuscitation for the last 50 years and the present is an ideal time to start. By no means would I imply that we will move towards self sufficiency with any food production programme, but certain areas can be improved and these include seasonal fruit and vegetable production and an increase in the production of small ruminants such as sheep and goats. This will only happen when GOB puts together the agricultural policy.

Incorporated into the agricultural policy should be the facets listed as well as others that I have failed to note. These include

- Land tenure
- Labour
- Infrastructure
- Education
- Grades and standards
- Access to capital
- Environmental enhancements
- Government investment through excise exemptions

Each of the above needs to be examined and thoroughly researched preferably by a private enterprise group such as the agricultural sector and farmers' associations, and results and recommendations forwarded to the GOB for implementation. The GOB needs to be prepared to make substantial investments in infrastructure and concessions in order to equate an essential economic resource to the presently over encouraged anchor project schemes existing today.

If we don't act now, there shortly may be a large number of angry, hungry people on the streets.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Hubert "Captain" Miller**, 73, formerly of Cedar Harbour was held on May 17 in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his mother Advilda Darville; son Hubert Miller Jr.; sisters Dorothy Bethel and Alice Miller; stepsisters Rita and Dorcas Williams; stepbrother Ernest Williams; grandsons Hubert III and Deangelo Miller; granddaughter Lakana Miller; aunts Roselee Miller; uncle Melvin Miller; nieces Melanie Russell, Arlene Moss and Wilmae Smith; nephews Craig Kemp, Benjamin, Frederick, Kirk Bethel, Christopher Brennen, Bernard Robinson; grandnieces Shekera Forbes, Lakeitra Moss, Shakeva, Shavonne, Simone, Candia, Britney, Megan, Fredsheka, Fredricka, Shanny, Christomara, Chivantee, Shanness, Shanae, Kushanna Kemp and Aireza, Tonya and Nova; grandnephews Kirkwood Jr., Fredricko, Frederick Jr., Keith Jr., Christopher Jr., Jeremine, Vaughn, Raymond, Ramond; great-grandnephews; daughter-in-law Anastaysha Miller; sister-in-law Pastor Mildred Ferguson; nieces-in-law Melissa and Jasmine; brother-in-law Howland Bethel; and many other relatives

and friends.

The funeral for **Rev. William Grant**, 79, formerly of Fox Town, was held on May 22 in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife, Mother Cynthia Grant; children, Rev. Ishmael William Grant, Sandra Grant-Rolle, Cynthia Grant Cooper and Sgt. Marlon Grant; sons-in-law Richard Rolle and Elder Lyvade Cooper Sr.; daughters-in-law Evangelist Missionary Avalyn Grant and Natishka Grant; grandchildren Marlon Jr., Marlisha, Marissa, Alpheus, Colette, Rhonald and Shaneece Grant, Shawayne and Laverne Rolle, Ryan and Chandra Rolle, Devard and Shereka Bain, Alexis, Ebony Bain and Lyvade Cooper Jr.; great-grandchildren Shawayne Jr., Charlotte and Shandrea Rolle, Akeil, Asia and Dekimo Bain; brother Alexander Grant; sisters Pearlene Lightbome, Dorothy Thomas and Mazie Moss; sisters-in-law Vionelle Grant and Maria Forbes; brothers-in-law Hawton Forbes, Albert Forbes and Hilton Moss; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Bethsheba Clarke** of Dundas Town was held on May 25th at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Rev. Jean Joseph officiated assisted

by Bro. Craig Cornish. Internment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

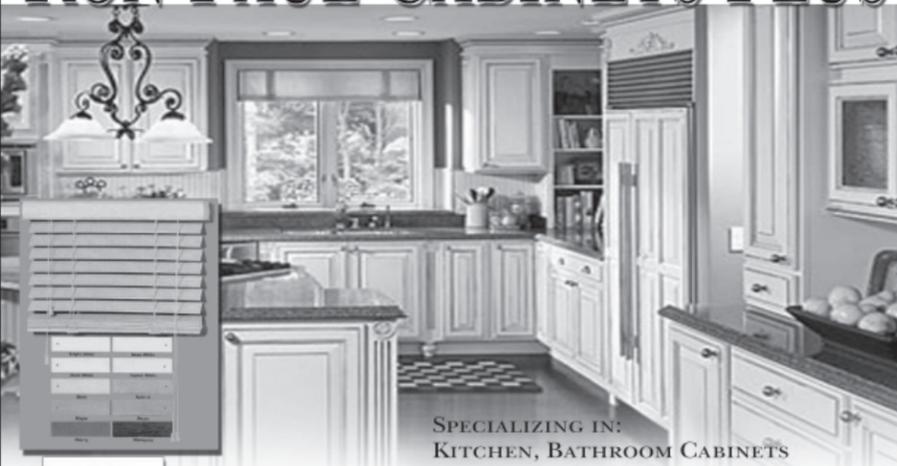
She is survived by children Geneva Strachan and Milton Albury Jr.; stepson Neville Clarke; daughter-in-law Rosena Albury; niece Annamae Anderson; grandchildren Keith Albury, Judy Wilmore, Cyprianna Williams, Advardo Major, Wanda Major-McIntosh, Ricardo and Lamanda Johnson, Centina Sawyer, Rapunzel Newry, Raquel Rice, Lynden, Luther, Lafae, Laru and Lecious Albury; great-grandchildren Anthon Adderley, Anvonne Bowe, Antonio, Ashley and Ashton Wilmore, Nakia, Jermaine, Julian, Jyles and Nakoya Williams, Faith Douglas, Angel Newry and Erwin Nelson, Alexis, Alecia and Raj Sawyer, Twanishka Dorsett, Dawnishka Morley, and Habriyah McIntosh, Adnado, Areeba and Advardia Major, Rolanda Williams and Rashawn Adderley, Ricaffia and Larissa Johnson, Lafayette, Martin and Lauren Albury, Mariah, Ianna, Alecia, Alexia, Elijah, Jabez and Josiah Albury, Lynden Jr., Damarjia, Quiede and Laniyah Albury, Chelsea Albury, Bianca, Jermaine and Ricnie Thompson, Danny, Demetrius and Dedrick Lightfoot; great-great-grandchildren Nakara Adderley, Jermeka Wil-

liams, Darron Douglas Jr., Aniya and Arianna Major, Ricasha McKenzie and Tre'Vaun Wells; god children Felemease Sawyer and Fritz Bootle; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Marie Brunache Thervil**, 60, affectionately called Gro Marie, of Treasure Cay was held on May 24 at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. Pastor Rudy McKinney officiated assisted by Pastor Efenor Charles. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Treasure Cay.

She is survived by her husband Willie Thervil; father Jean Brunache; daughters Gerda Thervil and Mary Tazie Gillot; son Marc Antoine Thervil; grandson William Roberts Jr.; brothers Louike, France, Davis and Bernave Brunache; sisters Norcilia Basian, Gertrude Brunache and Luciane Joseph; adopted daughters Philomene Toussaint-Alphonse, Nerlande Mitchel, Chantal Dartilus, Evanya Roberts, Carnie McKenzie, Wilgerda Joseph, Anna-Rose Artiste; adopted grandchildren Janaldo, Shalinda, Caithn and Robinson Pierre Jr.; nieces; nephews; cousins; son-in-law Wilner Maurissaint; niece-in-law; nephews-in-law; god children; and many other relatives and friends.

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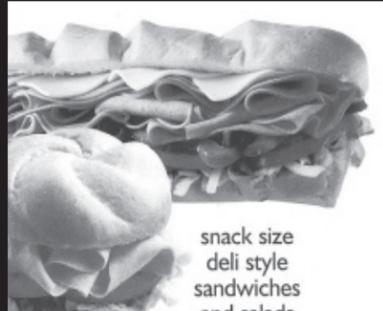
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North Abaco News

Blackwood Public Beach Landscaped by SC Bootle

Mirella Santillo

If one decided to patronize the Blackwood public beach on May 10th, he or she would have found a busy crew of approximately 20 people either trimming the casuarina trees or in the process of various landscaping activities. Some were digging holes, others were planting an array of native plants, coconut trees, silver buttonwood and more, others watering them with water from the nearby blue hole. They were all members of S.C. Bootle High School, including Principal Mr. Huel Moss and teachers Mrs. Nadine Beneby and Ms. Laura Davis as well as students. The group spent most of that Saturday working on the beach.

The plants had been donated by Friends of the Environment, bought with a grant from the Nature Conservancy organization. S.C. Bootle High School has adopted that particular beach, putting regular efforts in cleaning it and landscaping it, but the lack of garbage receptacles is a problem. A dumpster is badly needed to remove the various discarded appliances and broken car pieces that have been disposed of in the bush along the way to the beach and other trash that has accumulated on the side of the path.

Child Abuse Protection Month

By Vernique Russell

Educate, Inform - Child Abuse is Wrong! was theme of the Department

of Social Services for the observation of Child Protection Month held during the month of April. To celebrate, a youth rally was held at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Youth leaders and their groups came from Murphy Town to Crown Haven to participate.

There was lots of entertainment such as dances, songs, recitations and a skit by Leroy Thompson and the youths of Zion Baptist of Murphy Town. Short sermonettes were delivered by Nurse Charmaine Cornish, who spoke on the health aspect, Mr. Huel Moss, who spoke on abuse in the school system, Mrs. Laura Davis, who spoke on abuse among teenagers, Pastor Rudy McKinney, who gave the Biblical perspective, and Pastor Jollian McIntosh, who spoke about parenting the Bible way.

All of the speakers did an excellent job in conveying their messages. While there is nothing with discipline, child abuse is still wrong. We must train up children the right way. Speakers took time to clarify the different types of abuse such as emotional, physical, verbal and sexual abuse that society sometime overlooks. The packed church listened attentively as passion for the fight against child abuse was portrayed by each speaker.

Mrs. Salomie Gibson, in charge of Social Services on Abaco, attended the celebration and brought remarks. She thanked the people of North Abaco for their contribution and support and once again expressed the joy she receives working with the people of the North. The service was educational, inspiring and gave all in attendance food for thought.

Business News

Jayshell features shells

By Vernique Russell

Jayshell is a new business that opened a few months ago. It is located on Gunpowder Creek Drive and is in the first yard on the way to the Dormy Villa neighborhood in Treasure Cay. It sells authentic Bahamian conch shells, turtle shells from Bahamian waters and other shells found along our shores. You can contact the Russell's residence for further information or stop and view their inventory.

Pizza Parlor and Deli opens

By Vernique Russell

Chino's Pizza has opened for business and is located in Cooper's Town facing the McIntosh Plaza. It is serving scrumptious pizzas, subs and other snacks and bakery items. Its doors are open until late evening and the staff is ready to cater to your every need. The owner/proprietor is extending an invitation to try a hot pizza off the oven. You're guaranteed to try another one. For further information contact Mrs. Lathera Kemp.

Spanky's will hold cook-outs

By Vernique Russell

Every Friday the public is invited to dine under the cabana at Spanky's in Treasure Cay. Cook-outs will be held every Friday beginning at 11 and the menu includes fish (your choice of grunts, snapper or barracuda) and chicken or conch served with banana pancakes or pea's n rice and macaroni or cole slaw. There will also be conch



The students of S.C. Bootle High School have adopted the public beach near Blackwood to maintain. They recently cleaned it up and planted native trees and bushes to landscape it. They were not able to remove large appliances and other debris that had been dumped on the road leading to the beach.

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Sports Basketball Tournament

Drew Large Crowds

By Vernique Russell

The HOYTES (Helping Our Youths Through Education and Sports) tournament was held in Treasure Cay on March 27th through the 29th at the Don Corbett Basketball Court. The tournament drew large crowds to watch our youths display their talents and abilities. Teams came from various settlements throughout Abaco, Grand Bahama and New Providence to battle for the opportunity to be crowned the king of the court. Games were played in the under 10, under 14 and under 16 divisions. Both girls and guys team hit the court to show their teams' worth.

An official opening ceremony was on Friday and it led into an evening of exciting games that lasted well into the early morning of Saturday. Teams headed back to the court on Saturday evening to participate in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and championships. At the end of the night the emerging winners were Showtime in the Under 10, Marsh Harbour in the under 14 and HOYTES in the Under 16 in the boys division. In the girls category Showtime defeated Treasure Cay Sport Club.

The New Addition

By Vernique Russell

The Treasure Cay Youth Sporting Club has now made room for young ladies to be part of the club. Yes, ladies, you heard me correctly. You can now become members

of the Treasure Cay Sports Club and be active in basketball. The girls who have enrolled already have been practicing hard to enhance their skills and receive vital training. Coach Godfrey Rolle, who is assisted by Drexel McIntosh and Mrs. Paula Thompson-Knowles, faithfully gather at the court in Treasure Cay on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings to cater to the young ladies. The club has extended its invitation to young ladies between the ages of 7-16. The team was able to show off their skills at the Easter Tournament in Treasure Cay and finished as the first runner-up. The team is well on its way to a successful future and is inviting other interested young ladies to meet them at the court this Saturday.

People in the News A Doctor of Our Own

By Vernique Russell

The community of North Abaco has proudly produced a number of prominent citizens



Dr. Kenneth Strachan

who have risen to the challenge and dared to follow their dreams and aspiration. Among those individuals are the present Prime Minister, lawyers, police officers, teachers, the present District Education Superintendent and the list continues. These persons have accepted the call of duty to serve mankind and their country. Today the communities of North Abaco, espe-

cially Fire Road, can proudly boast that from these streets a doctor has risen. Mr. Kenneth Strachan is, indeed, no stranger to the people of the local communities in North. Graduating as the Valedictorian of the Sherlin Bootle High class of 1997, he continued in his quest to become a doctor.

Today Kenneth Strachan has successfully completed all the required studies and can be officially called Dr. Kenneth Strachan. Having graduated on May 3rd with his official medical degree from St. George's in New York, Kenneth has made us very proud. He was the top student in a class of 600 and studied general medicine specializing in diabetes. Dr. Strachan will practice in Manhattan, New York, at the Lenox Hill Hospital. He is the son of proud parents Anthony and Valedrine Adderley.

The communities of North Abaco would like to congratulate Dr. Strachan for a job well done. We are truly very proud of him and wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

North Abaco student excels

By Vernique Russell

Hard work with discipline, dedication and determination guarantees success. This quote has proven itself to Mr. Javaughn Tooté when he graduated on May 10th with a Bachelor's Degree from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina. Javaughn has obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and was the only Bahamian to finish in the top ten of the program. He was showered with many awards and certificates for his outstanding performance in many subject areas during his time at the college. Javaughn is a former graduate of the Agape Christian School who successfully completed his studies. His parents are very proud of you.

Welcome to a new nurse

By Vernique Russell

If you have visited the Cooper's Town Government Clinic lately, you would have noticed that there is a new face employed there. Nurse Shakeria Brown has been here

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for awhile and has been working hard to keep her patients all in good health. Since she has been here, her services have been nothing short of excellent. She has already proven that her service is productive because the work she is doing is speaking for her. We extend a very warm welcome to Nurse Brown and we look forward to your continued service in our communities.

Businessman Dies

By Vernique Russell

Business man Wayne Sands of Treasure Cay passed away on May 17th. Mr. Sands was the proprietor of Sands Electrical Company that has provided electrical service for many years. He was married to Mrs. Elmer Sands and they had one daughter, Allison Sands Khan. Mr. Sands gave unselfishly of himself and rendered service that was second to none. His contribution to the local community of Treasure Cay has benefited the residents here in many ways.

The community of Treasure Cay expresses sincere condolences to the family, and it is our prayer that the warm memories that the couple shared will comfort Mrs. Sands as she goes through this time of mourning.

Sherlin Bootle Student Receives Scholarship

By Vernique Russell

Leondardo Simms, Head Boy at S.C.



Javaughn Toote

Boo - tle High School, was the recipient of a full scholarship after attending an honors

conclave for graduating male students in Nassau. The conclave is sponsored annually by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., chaired by Dr. Valentine S. Grimes. Leondardo was the only student representing Abaco among students from Nassau, Freeport and other Family Islands. He had to enter an essay competition which he won. The students traveled to Nassau for the weekend of April 25 where they took part in several activities including a church service, convocation, a general knowledge exam, workshops in health, making the best out of college and group work. The scholarship is to be used at the College of the Bahamas for as long as he is a student in good standing.

The communities of North Abaco and the family at the Sherlin Bootle High School congratulate him on a job well done! Keep up the good work because the future is surely looking bright for you.

School News Teachers worship

By Vernique Russell

With the school year winding down and Teacher's Appreciation just being celebrated, the teachers of North Abaco with Mrs. Lenora Black, District Education Su-

perintendent for the island came together to worship at the Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay. The teachers of various schools in North Abaco came to give thanks to God for his goodness and grace that He has bestowed upon them and the students that were entrusted into their care. Mrs. Black brought remarks on behalf of the teachers in which she took time to address both her staff and parents. She one

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The parents of the sixth grade class at the Cooper's Town Primary School organized a party to honour their children's teacher, Mrs. Arlene Cornish. They felt that she had taken a personal interest in their education and had motivated them to learn. They showered her with gifts as she will not be teaching after this school year finishes.

The 7 Marsh Harbour Town Committee Members Appreciate Community Support

We the members of the local government for the Marsh Harbour Township would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and individuals for their support, financial and otherwise, for the following projects.

The seven members of the Marsh Harbour Local Government Committee have all served for a minimum of six years with the exception of Mrs. Yvonne Key, who has served for twelve years

If there is anyone that we left out, please know that it was an oversight and we do appreciate all the help that has been given in the past.

Signed: Yvonne Key
Chairman, Marsh Harbour Committee



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- The formation of the Marsh Harbour Community Library in memory of Dr. E.F. Gottlieb when it was started in February 1998 until the present. We would like to thank the following:
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- We would like to thank our previous Member of Parliament for his contribution in re-landscaping the airport round-about and carriage way during his term in office.
Mr. Robert Sweeting, Former MP

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We would like the public to know that a contract has been given to Bahamas Hot Mix to resurface the bad road condition on Fire Road between BTC and Every Child Counts.

We would also like the public to know that a contract has been given to JMJ Electric to install a traffic light at K & S Auto Parts on Don MacKay Boulevard at the intersection of Crockett Drive and Albury's Lane.



Robert Claridge



Dale Hill



Candy Pinder



Kim Roberts



Chad Sawyer

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again pledged her allegiance to ensuring that the Abaco District become the best in The Bahamas.

PTA Appreciation Dinner
By Vernique Russell

The 6th grade parents association of the Cooper's Town Primary School, led by Mrs. Arlene Cornish, hosted a dinner reception to show their appreciation and gratitude for the teacher who has had the responsibility of teaching their children. The parents along with their children gathered at Richie's Restaurant on May 24 to honor Ms. Tamanca Castello in grand style.

The parents of the graduating class all described Ms. Castello as the best and agreed that since she has been working with their children, they had taken an interest in education and have dedicated themselves to excel. Ms. Castello was showered with gifts and was overwhelmed by the warmth she was showed. She thanks the parents of the graduating class for their cooperativeness and support throughout the school year. They have worked along with her and gone an extra mile to ensure that their children are very successful. She wants to

encourage them to never give up on their children but to always encourage them and be there for them at all times.

Anytime they may need help with homework or projects, her doors are open and she will always be there for them. She will be leaving her class but that does not mean they have lost her as their teacher, she will always be their teacher.

It's Graduation Time!
By Vernique Russell

The bells are ringing indicating the closure of another school year that was successfully completed. Students are making preparation for their final departure to higher grades while others will go out into the world. Whatever the end of this school

year will take them, one thing is certain that only their hard work will be rewarded. Throughout The Bahamas schools both large and small are awaiting their graduation ceremonies. In North Abaco the schools of North Abaco proudly invite the public to share in this memorable occasion as their students graduate. The majority of graduations will be held in the morning this year, and parents are encouraged to make a special effort to be a part of them.

Treasure Cay Primary will host its service at Unity Baptist Church on Sherlin Bootle Highway at 10 a.m. on June 10th. Cooper's Town Primary will hold its service at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town at 6:30 p.m. on June 10th.

Sherlin Bootle High School will host its service at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay at 10:30 a.m. on June 10th. Fox Town Primary will hold its service at New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope at 10:30 a.m. on June 11th.

Parents, concerned citizens and well wishes, let's make that special effort to share in this once-in-a-lifetime celebrations with our young people.

Preschool Graduation
By Vernique Russell

The principal, staff and students of Success Kids Academy invite the public to join

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them on June 6th for its commencement exercise at the Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town at 7 p.m. Share in the joy and excitement of this group of preschoolers who are making the change from the little league to the big world.

Church News

Women's Conference 2008

By Vernique Russell

The national Church of God under the leadership of Pastor Jollian McIntosh held its annual women's conference on April 7th through the 13th. Services were held at the local church in Fire Road nightly. The theme for this year's conference was What is the cost of your oil? with scripture reference in St. Matthew. Speakers included Min. Yvette McIntosh, Min. Charmaine Cornish, Mother Doreen Mills and Min. Chantell Cox. Women gathered from near and far to worship and fellowship together seeking a word from the Lord. Souls were revived, dreams were birthed and a new direction was found as those who imparted the word challenged the hearts of those in attendance.

Fishermen's Thanksgiving Service

By Vernique Russell

The fishermen of North Abaco held their annual service of thanksgiving on April 5th at the Public Dock in Fox Town. At the start of the crawfish season the local fishermen gather to ask God's guidance over them as they work through the season. Likewise at the end of the season the men gather once again to say thank you. This past crawfish season was a safe one. The association did not lose any men who

are enrolled. Although the season wasn't as fruitful as those in the past, the men are very grateful for all that have been able to obtain during this past season. In the spirit of thanksgiving, men and women of the community joined them as they celebrated and sang praise unto the King of Kings and Lord of Lord for His grace and mercy that was extended to them once more. The men are very grateful and are looking forward to the opening of the season in August.

Outreach Program is planned

By Vernique Russell

The public is invited to join the committee members of the non-denominational outreach program on June 1st at the Treasure Cay Primary School. The committee will once again be taking the message of salvation to the streets of North Abaco. The service will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited. The committee's is to ensure that the good news is spread to everyone, firstly on Abaco and then in The Bahamas.

Revival

By Vernique Russell

New Hope Baptist Church held three nights of services on April 2nd through 4th at the church and the guest speaker was Pastor Collie of Temple of Praise Ministries in Nassau. People gathered to worship with the Pastor John McIntosh and the family of New Hope. Pastor Collie made no apology for declaring the Word of the Lord without fear but boldly declared the Word. One thing that rang clear throughout the revival was that the church body must unify themselves and come together as one. The revival services concluded on April 6th during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Pastor McIntosh and his church family

thank everyone who worshiped with them and look forward to your continued support.

Latter Rain Ministries

Outreach Service

By Vernique Russell

The Latter Rain Church held an outreach service for young people at the basketball court in Blackwood. They brought their drama, dance and praise and worship team to render special selections in preparation for the Word that was delivered by Min. Newbold. Youth groups from various churches in North Abaco come out in support of the event. The message that rang clear throughout the night was that no matter who we are and what we aspire to be, we all need God and we ought to seek Him while He may be found.

Revival Time Women's Conference

By Vernique Russell

The Women's Ministry of Revival Time

Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven hosted its annual Women's Conference on May 19th through the 25th at their church. The women held nightly services with a special climax service on Sunday. The services featured a variety of speakers who were from local congregations and congregations abroad.

Snake Cay

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window of opportunity to make environmental studies, formulate their financing and present final plans to government for final review and approval.

A public presentation facilitated by the Abaco Chamber of Commerce is expected. More information, photographs and several artists' renderings of the project can be found on the web site <www.snakecay.com>



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Immigrants

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eling together suggested some organized activity.”

All pleaded guilty along with the Cuban boat captain and his mate. The seven men, who were believed to be en route to the United States, were charged with illegal landing and sent to Her Majesty’s Prison at Fox Hill for a period of nine months.

The Cuban boat captain and his crew member, who had previously cleared Customs in Freeport, were charged with overstaying their time and were granted a conditional discharge and had to sign a bond agreeing to be of good behaviour for a period of 12 months. The crew member

was also fined \$1,000 for being in possession of 11 grams of marijuana.

The boat, which was a rental boat from Florida, arrived at Sandy Point the same day the Dominicans landed and was suspected of being involved in a plan to pick them up. According to the Superintendent of Customs, the boat would be returned to the Cuban captain and his mate following their conditional discharge.

Officials continued to search the Sandy Point area as it was suspected that there may be another group out there. The following morning it was reported that nine more Dominicans had been apprehended including one female. A number of Bahamians are under investigation.



Seven Dominicans were spotted in Sandy Point and were picked up by the Police. They appeared before Magistrate Crawford McKee, who sentenced them to nine months at Fox Hill. Two are shown here with Immigration Officer Gerald Hutchisson. The boat captain and a crew member, both Cuban, had to agree to good behavior for 12 months and the boat was returned to the men.

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By Vernique Russell

Local Government in North Abaco has been very busy over the last few months

making improvements and upgrading facilities that are of great importance in the area. With another election just around the corner, the present Council has ensured that they are doing everything in their power to enhance their communities.

The work carried out during this term by the Treasure Cay Town Committee follows.

- The Don Corbett Basketball Court in Treasure Cay received much needed repairs to the bleachers. New benches for the teams were constructed and a new shelter to accommodate the equipment and score keepers was also constructed.

- Through the neighborhood of Madeira Park a new multi-purpose community park has been constructed. This park will host a basketball court, volleyball court and tennis court.

Local Government in North Abaco

- Rebuilt the road to the dump at Treasure Cay
- Isabella Drive was paved extending to the back of that area where the Claridges reside.

These projects were accomplished by the North Abaco District Council.



The North Abaco District Council has worked to make the Treasure Cay airport more attractive. New floor tile is the first part of the upgrade that they hope to continue.

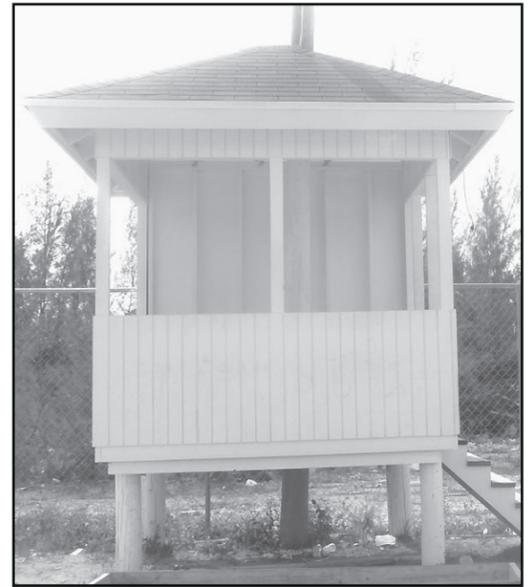


A new bathroom block is under construction at Regatta Village at the ferry dock at Treasure Cay. It will be complete in time for this summer's big events to be held there. It is a project that the North Abaco District Council has undertaken.

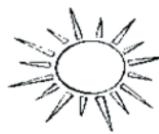
- The Treasure Cay airport has received new tiles throughout the terminal and work was done to the outside roofing area that needed repairs in order to provide shelter for the security officers in inclement weather. This is one of the first in a number of projects to be completed at the airport in an effort to upgrade and renovate that facility.

- At the Regatta Village at the ferry landing site new bathrooms are being constructed. Work has already begun and should be completed in three weeks.

These are just a few of the projects that were accomplished by Local Government. The Council is satisfied that they have done a good job and those running are looking forward to complete the works that they have started and do even more.



The Treasure Cay Town Committee has made many repairs to the Don Corbett Basketball Court. These included a new shelter for equipment and score keepers.



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Green Turtle Cay

Cocobay Cottages	6 cott	365-5464
Island Properties +	34 hse	365-4047
New Plymouth Inn	9 rm	365-4161
Ocean Blue Properties +	34	365-4636
Roberts Cottages	3 cott	365-4105

Guana Cay

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

Hope Town

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

Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages	4 hse	366-3121
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Man-O-War

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

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse	367-2719
Alesia's	3 rms	367-4460
Ambassador Inn	6 rms	367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms	367-3980
Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
D's Guest House	6 rms 3	367-3980
Great Abaco Club +	12 hse	367-4151
Island Breezes Motel	8 rms	367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff	367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott	367-3600
Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns)	32 eff	367-0148

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp	8 rm	366-6334
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Sandy Point

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

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083
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Treasure Cay

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

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel	19 rm 3 villa	365-2222
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Web Sites with Abaco Information

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



Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation

Compliments of The Abaconian
www.abaconian.com
 Area code 242 unless noted otherwise

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

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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru	
Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$ 6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$ 10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$ 10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$ 2 each
Jib Room	\$ 3 each
Solomon's Super Center	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$ 6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$ 7 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$ 9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea.	
Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$20 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$14 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$8 + \$4
Moxy	\$18 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$24 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$24 + \$5
Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee	\$44 + \$10
Black Wood	\$18 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$55 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$60 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxy	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Chaulks - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-0329
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Center - Jacksonville	904-641-0300
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

Items of interest	
Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole in Wall lighthouse - last mire very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach	
Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes	
Abaco Ferry Service VHF Ch 16 • * to or from White Sound	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:00am* 8:50 10:20 12: pm 1:55 3:55* 5:40
Return	7:55 am 9:30 11 12:30pm* 2:55 5 6:15
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	7am 12pm 3:15 Return 7:40 1:10 4:25
Fare - Anytime round trip \$25	
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 6:30
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War	10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30* 4 5:45*
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* 4:30
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	* Not on Sundays
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45* or holidays
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 6:30*
Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, •• Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

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

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

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

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

The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours
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Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	.....50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	32..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0431

Points of Interest	
Albert Lowe Museum	.....Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	.....Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	..... Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	.....Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	.....Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. ..Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	.....Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry-	.....Little Harbour
Working boatyards	.....Man-O-War cay
Pocket beaches • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
Miles of beach are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay	
• Guana Cay • Man-O-War Cay • Elbow Cay • Casuarina Point	
• Bahama Palm Shore • Sandy Point & more	

Bonefish Guides	
Sandy Point	Cherokee
Patrick Roberts .. 366-4286	Theodore Sawyer ... 366-2111
Nicholas Roberts	Will Sawyer..... 366-2177
Derrick Gaitor	Marty Sawyer..... 366-2115
Ferdinand Burrows 366-4133	Noel Lowe 366-2107
Vernal Burrows	Randy Sawyer 366-2284
Kendall White	Casuarina Point
Anthony Bain 366-4107	Junior Albury 366-3058
Floyd Burrows 366-4175	Buddy Pinder..... 366-2163
Links Adderly 366-4335	Hope Town
Valentino Lightbourne	Maitland Lowe 366-0234
Ricky Burrows 366-4233	North Abaco
Marsh Harbour	O'Donald McIntosh .. 477-5037
Jody Albury 375-8068	Pope McKenzie 477-5894
Terrance Davis 367-4464	Orthnell Russell 365-0125
Justin Sands 367-3526	Alexander Rolle 365-0120
Danny Sawyer..... 367-3577	Edward Rolle 365-0024
Jay Sawyer 367-3941	Green Turtle Cay
Man-O-War	Ronnie Sawyer 365-4070
David Albury 365-6059	Jeff Survanace 365-4040
Crossing Rocks	Ricky Sawyer 365-4261
Tony Russell 366-3259	

To Abaco by land and sea from Florida • Take Discovery Cruise Line (954-971-7347) from Ft. Lauderdale or CloudX ferry (866-473-3779) from West Palm Beach to Freeport • Bus to McLeans Town • Ferry to Crown Haven • Bus to Green Turtle Ferry or Marsh Harbour • Taxi to Marsh Harbour ferry dock • Ferry to Hope Town, Man-O-War or Guana Cay • Its an adventure



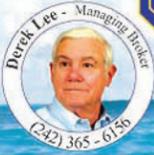
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Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers.....	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's.....	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird.....	\$\$ 367-2922
Island Cafe.....	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place.....	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken .....	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Poppa Georgio's	\$
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snapps	\$ 367-2278
Subway .....	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge.....	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$ ‡ 366-0065
Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's.....	..... 366-3139
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus .....	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar.....	..... 365-6501
Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill.....	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay .....	..... 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts.....	
Harbour Cafe .....	..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House.....	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe .....	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest .....	..... H Cafe Open Nights Only
Sundowners .....	..... 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Nancy's	
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge 366-4477



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Marsh Harbour
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NEW

"Sublime"

Elbow Cay Hope Town
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath
- 2,200 s.f. Residence
- 1,000 s.f. Porches & Deck
- Boat House & Private Dock on Hope Harbour
- Fabulous Harbour Views
- Great Rental History
#HTH1104 - \$1,150,000.

NEW

"Sonn Light"

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

NEW PRICE

"Paw-Paw Patch"

Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
- 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,200 s.f. Residence.
- 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box
- 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f.
- 17 KW Aux. Generator
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Partially Furnished
#MWH11024 - \$525,000.

NEW

"Sea-to-Bay"

Great Guana Cay
- 11.5 Acres
- 1,198' of Waterfrontage
- Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage.
- Superb Building Sites
- Good elevation
- Fabulous Views
- Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate
#GGV1008 \$9,995,000.

NEW

"Fast Bites"

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

NEW PRICE

"Schooner's Landing" - from Ocean

Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 2 & Unit # 4
- 2 Bedroom, and Bunkroom
- 2 Baths
- 1,100 sq. ft. - Porch - Balcony
- Central A/C
- Fully Furnished Equipped.
- Fresh Water Pool
- On-Island Management
- Great Rental Property.
#MWH1070,72 \$455,000.

NEW

"Prince's Trust"

Great Guana Cay
- 12.5 Acre Estate
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
- 1,760 s.f. Residence
- Covered & Open Decks
- 593' of Ocean Beach
- 664' on Sea of Abaco
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Private Boat Basin
#GGH1096 - \$8,995,000.

NEW PRICE

"Harbour Light"

Man-O-War - Dickies Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 1,560 s.f. Residence.
- 1,040 s.f. Verandahs
- 1 Bed, 1 Bath Guest house
- 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. Point of Dickie's Cay
- Private Dock, Aux. Gen.
- Superb Views
- Furnished.
#MWH1099 - \$2,200,000.

NEW PRICE

"Schooner's Landing" - Unit #3 Balcony View

Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 3
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 920 sq. ft. - Porch - Balcony
- Central A/C.
- Fully Furnished Equipped.
- Fresh Water Pool
- On-Island Management
- Great Rental Property.
#MWH1071 \$395,000.

NEW

"Watch Hill"

Great Guana Cay -
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
- 1,686 s.f. Residence
- 725 s.f. Open Decks
- 80' of Prime Beachfront
- Over 1/4 Acre
- Superb Ocean Views
- Semi-private Dock
- 30 KW Aux. Generator
- Great Rental History
#GGH11075 - \$1,380,000.

NEW PRICE

"Viking"

Man-O-War - Dickies Cay
- 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths.
- 3,360 s.f. Residence.
- 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck
- 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea
- Private 136' Dock.
- Auxiliary Generator
- Superb Harbour Views
- Furnished.
#MWH1001 - \$1,995,000.

NEW PRICE

"Schooner's Landing" - Beach North of #5

Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 1 & Unit # 5
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,130 sq. ft. - Porch
- Central A/C.
- Fully Furnished, Equipped.
- Fresh Water Pool
- On-Island Management
- Great Rental Property.
#MWH1073 \$430,000.

NEW

"Art Cafe"

Great Guana Cay - Settlement - Commercial
- at Main Public Dock
- Best Location in town.
- 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg.
- 400 s.f. Cov. Verandah
- Commercial Grade Kitchen
- Land- 96' x 84' - 8,064 s.f.
- Great Restaurant or Retail
#GHH1109 - \$1,200,000.

NEW PRICE

"Sunsplash"

Man-O-War Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 1,921 s.f. Residence.
- 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 400 s.f. Guest Cabin
- 172' Ocean Beach Front
- 1.189 Acres
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Semi-Private Dock
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1019 - \$1,700,000.

NEW

"St. Charles Place"

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

NEW

"Beach House"

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

NEW PRICE

"Bonnie Dune"

Man-O-War Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 660 s.f. Residence.
- 240 s.f. Studio
- Dock House
- Land - Sea-to-Sea
- 36,775 s.f. - 8442 Acre
- 100' Ocean Beach Front
- Private Dock On Creek
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1018 - \$1,650,000.

NEW

"Summer Camp"

Scotland Cay
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,300 s.f. Residence
- 300' of Ocean Beach
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- Guest House
- "Playhouse" with Bar
- Covered & Open Decks
- Fabulous Ocean Views
#SCH1094 - \$2,140,000

NEW PRICE

"Junkanoo Splash"

Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 1,150 s.f. Residence
- 760 s.f. Covered Porch
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 490 s.f. Apartment
- Workshop
- Great Views
- Near Settlement
#GGH1015 - \$550,000.

NEW PRICE

"Coconut Grove Cottage"

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

NEW PRICE

"Blessing House"

Scotland Cay
- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1600 s.f. of residence
- 785 s.f. wrap around porch
- 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land
- 180 degree views
- 250' to the Atlantic Beach
- 240 s.f. garage
- 28,000 gallon cistern
- Fully furnished
- Runway & Dock access
#SCH1093 \$895,000.

NEW

"Garden Walk"

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

NEW

"Lookout"

Man-O-War Cay - The Creek
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 974 s.f. Residence
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 268 s.f. - Dock House
- Land - over 1/2 Acre
- Private 66' Dock.
- Superb Views
- Furnished.
#MWH1021 - \$1,395,000.

NEW

"Bountifully Blessed"

Tiloo Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath
- 800 s.f. residence
- 3.75 Acre, sea to sea
- 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic
- Boat basin with lift
- 170' of dock
- Swimming Pool
- Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage
#TLH1086 \$1,595,000.

NEW

"Sandcastle"

Great Guana Cay - Guana Seaside Village
- 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths.
- 960 s.f. Residence
- Covered Porch
- Land - 5,000 s.f.
- Dock Access
- Furnished.
#GGH1011 \$375,000.

NEW

"Fresh Wind Landing"

Man-O-War - Dickies Cay
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SECTION B



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Hope Town boy is top national sixth grader Town celebrates James Boyce's top honour with golf cart parade



James Boyce was named the top sixth grade student by the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. When James returned to his school, Hope Town Primary School, after his major accomplishment in Nassau, he was greeted on the dock with the entire student body as well as top education officers. A decorated golf cart parade through town ended with a brunch at a local restaurant. James is shown here with his trophies. He is flanked by Ms. Felamease Sawyer, Mrs. Lenora Black, Mr. Michael Rolle, all officers with the Education office in Marsh Harbour, and Mrs. Candace Key, Principal of the Hope Town School.

By Candace M. Key

James Boyce, 11-year-old Grade 6 student at Hope Town Primary School, was chosen as the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year during ceremonies held in Nassau on May 16 and 17. He was chosen from a field of 100 of the "best and the brightest" students selected by their schools, both government and private on 14 islands throughout the archipelago.

The selection process involves sending a portfolio of nomination from the student's teacher and principal, former teacher, letters of referral, report cards, newspaper articles, accomplishments and awards, letters of reference, notations of involvement in community activities, sports and hobbies that they have been involved with for the past three years. Nominated students should exhibit leadership skills and good character. The student is required to submit a 400-word essay on *The Bahamas, My Pride and Joy* and a shorter Mission Statement of what they hope for the future of the Bahamas. The portfolio is submitted to the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation in Nassau where they are then judged by a highly respected panel headed by Dr. Davidson Hepburn, former Ambassador to the United Nations. Oth-

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Schooner Bay Project was presented

By Jennifer Hudson

On May 22 the Abaco Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. Michael Albury, welcomed Mr. Keith Bishop and Mr. Kevin Main to a luncheon meeting to present their concept and plans for a new development at Schooner Bay. On display were artists' renditions giving a clear pic-

ture of the proposed layout of the development and attractive architectural design of the residences. The Schooner Bay development will be located on the Atlantic side of Great Abaco 26 miles south of Marsh

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Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town will have Town Committees

Hope Town District Council will be Schedule II

Beginning with the Local Government election to be held on June 26, the Hope Town District Council will be a Schedule 2 District rather than the present Schedule 3 District. This means that each town, Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town, will each be electing five members on June 26 that will constitute individual Town Committees.

Since 1999 the District was a Schedule 3 District. This meant that the voters directly elected Council members. Under this pattern, the Council did the work of the five Statuary Boards.

The three new Town Committees will elect members of their committee to form a District Council to be made up of one member from Guana Cay, two members

from Man-O-War and two from Hope Town. This new Council will then appoint the required Statutory Boards: Town Planning, Licensing, Hotel Licensing and Port Authority.

These four new boards will meet monthly and resolve issues related to building permits, business licenses, port matters that relate mostly private docks and hotel licensing.

It is stipulated that the Councils appoint members for a single island-wide Road Traffic Board. It is not clear if the new District Council will participate in Road Traffic.

This information was received late on May 29, two working days before Nomination Day on June 3.

Junkanoo winners are announced



The Junkanoo Committee announced the winners of the Junkanoo Competition held on February 21. The Angel Academy was the only pre-school that competed and are shown here with its trophy. Behind are Philip Cooper, Chairman of the National Junkanoo Committee; the Hon. Charles Maynard, Minister of State for Culture; Ms. Barbara Johnson, Principal of the Angel Academy; and Percy "Vola" Francis, National Coordinator.

The Abaco Junkanoo Committee announced the winners on May 17 of the Junkanoo competition that was held on February 21. A parade to the beat of Junkanoo drums marched from the traf-

fic light in Marsh Harbour to Goombay Park to the ceremony that culminated in

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Min. Woodside introduced Self Starters program

By Mirella Santillo

For the second time within a few weeks the Hon. Byran Woodside, Minister of State for Youth and Sports, visited Abaco concerning youth matters. He was scheduled to attend two meetings while on the island. Both meetings were aimed at informing young Bahamians of the financial support the government was offering them through a new program called Self Starters.

The first one took place at Friendship's

Tabernacle in the morning of May 22nd for the people of Central and South Abaco.

The basic components of the program are the empowerment of young people to own businesses, the provision of funding for the business, the provision of assistance through mentors, training, seminars and workshops for business owners and monitoring, evaluating and following up

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10 Abaco students were recognized in Nassau

Top Student

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ers include COB lecturers, former principals, accountants, lawyers and others. The program is sponsored by a very dynamic group of dedicated Bahamians who make up the Bahamas Pan Hellenic council of service sororities and fraternities. The program seems to grow by leaps and bounds and they now boast a very generous panel of sponsors who donated over \$100,000 in scholarships for students this last year.

The distinguished patrons of the program are Sir Clement Maynard and Dr. Keva Bethel both having educated count-

less Bahamians throughout their lives. They too possess a strong, positive belief in the future of Bahamian youth.

The program consists of two nights of awards. The Governor General's Awards are presented to all contestants the first night. The Governor General places a medal around their neck.

The following night at the Diplomat Centre the pressure and nerves begin to mount. All 100 students are called one by one to the stage to be saluted as winners and presented with a large trophy. Then the 31 finalists and their scholarship amounts are announced. The amounts range from

\$1,000 to \$5,000. Tension mounts as the 5th runner up and above are announced Just as the winner is to be announced, the M.C. begins to read excerpts from the winners portfolio - soon it is apparent who the winner is as their parents and teacher begin to cheer! This year when James realized who they were talking about, he leaned to the student beside him and exclaimed, "Hey, that's me!" Then the excitement begins as friends, Ministry of Education officers, program directors congratulate the winner. Parents and teacher rush on stage for the official presentation. James received a \$10,000 scholarship to his future high school, Forest Heights Academy, a computer and a gift certificate to a Kids Boot Camp for Sports.

Abaco sent several students and they all were awarded as winners. Three students

in addition to James were chosen to receive scholarships. They were Conrad Cornish, Central Abaco Primary who was the 19th Finalist and won a \$1,500 scholarship, Danielle Wells, Agape Christian School who was a Semi-Finalist and won a \$1,000 scholarship and Viirgil Bain, J.A. Pinder Primary who was also a semi-finalist winning a \$1,000 scholarship. Other Abaco school winners were Senario Bethel from Wesley College, Andrew Bootle from Treasure Cay Primary, Travone Mills from Fox Town Primary, Alton Publen from Long Bay School and Halley Sands from Cherokee Sound School.

Returning on Sunday, all Abaco winners on the Marsh Harbour flights were treated to an energetic airport greeting complete with friends, relatives and church members.

James received yet another surprise on Monday when he arrived on the ferry in Hope Town for school and was met by his whole school, grandparents, aunts and uncles all cheering and waving banners to congratulate him. District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, accompanied by Education officers Ms. Felamease Sawyer, Mrs. Sandy Edwards and Mr. Leslie Rolle were on hand for the ceremony. James along with many others got into decorated golf carts for a parade through town. The parade ended up at the Hope Town Coffee House where everyone was treated to a delicious brunch by James' mother, Mrs. Cha Boyce. What a way to spend the morning!



Primary schools in The Bahamas, private and public, nominate their top grade 6 students to be entered in the competition for the most outstanding primary school student. Abaco had 10 entrants who went to Nassau for the awards. All of the students were given trophies. Some of Abaco's entrants are shown here. They are Abigail Albury of St. Francis de Sales School, Conrad Cornish of Central Abaco Primary School, Danielle Wells of Agape Christian School, James Boyce of Hope Town Primary School, Haley Sands of Cherokee Sound School and Virgil Bain of J.A. Pinder School in Sandy Point. Conrad was a finalist winning a \$1500 scholarship, and Virgil and Danielle were semi-finalists, each receiving \$1000 scholarships. Four other top students are pictured separately.

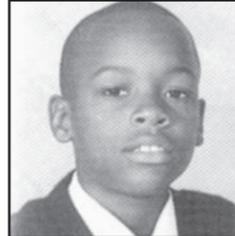
More students who competed



Senario Bethel
Wesley College



Andrew Bootle
Treasure Cay Primary



Alton Publen
Long Bay School



Travone Mills
Fox Town Primary

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Guana Cay



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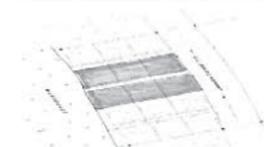


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Winning schools received computers

Junkanoo

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the announcement of the winners.

The Hon. Charles Maynard, Minister of State for Culture, presented the trophies. He mentioned that some criticize that too much attention is paid to Junkanoo. But he feels it is a time for people to come together and enjoy Bahamian culture together. He continued that Abaco students have risen to another level with the quality of their costumes and music. He hopes to see more participation next year in the number of groups and in funding.

Min. Maynard mentioned that a committee from Nassau will be coming to Abaco to hold workshops with Abaco groups for developing even better costumes. He thanked the Abaco Club of Winding Bay for its tremendous support.

The awards for the school competition were computers. First place winners received three computers, second place winners were awarded two computers and third place winners were awarded one computer.

Awards for the Senior Junkanoo groups were cash prizes. The first place winner received \$3500, the second place winner received \$2500 and the third place winner received \$1500. Additionally, \$500 was awarded to Spring City Rockers for having the best music and the best banner that won them another \$500. Floyd Johnson of the Green Turtle Cay Rockers had the best costumes and was awarded \$500. Seed money of \$500 was given the end of last year to all schools that participated. The adults groups each received \$2000. Central government funded the expense of seed money and award money.

Since the Central Abaco Primary School did so well in the competition, it is likely that the group will be invited to attend an event in Nassau.

William Tony Davis, Chairman of the Abaco Junkanoo Committee, said that Junkanoo was very successful this year. However, in the future the Junior and Senior Junkanoo will be held on different nights, perhaps the Junior Junkanoo on a Friday

while the adult Senior Junkanoo could be held on a Saturday. He commented that Abaco is a leader in many areas including Junkanoo. Protests and complaints by Abaco groups are causing the National Committee to review and change some rules.

Junior Junkanoo Parade

Pre-school

1st place Angel Academy

Large Primary Schools

1st place Central Abaco Primary

2nd place Treasure Cay Primary

3rd place Fox Town Primary

Small Primary Schools Under 50 students

1st place Amy Roberts Primary

2nd place Crossing Rocks Primary

All Age Schools

1st place Moore's Island All Age

2nd place Wesley College

Senior Junkanoo Parade

1st place Spring City Rockers

2nd place Spring City Stingers

3rd place Green Turtle Cay Rockers

4th place Supreme Dancers

5th place Motown Shockers

6th place Goombay Boys



The awards ceremony for the junior and senior dancers began with a walk from the traffic light to Goombay Park.

Security Committee is formed



A committee was formed to monitor airport security and see that national and international guidelines are followed at the two major airports on Abaco, Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Shown here are, standing, Mr. Randy Butler, Manager of the Airport Security Council; Insp. Godfrey Ferguson; Mr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs for Abaco; Mr. Bobby Jones, Airport Superintendent for Abaco; Mr. Don Cornish, Director of Tourism, Abaco; Mr. Ivan Clare, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation. Seated are Ms. Lorraine Armbrister, Under Secretary for Tourism and Aviation; the Hon. Branville McCartney, Minister of State for Tourism and Aviation; and Mrs. Margaret Symonette, Assistant Administrator for Central Abaco. See story on page 29.

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Royal Harbour waterfront lots - Two waterfront lots, both offering great dockage.

Sweetings Village - Residential lot in fast growing community

Regattas Penthouse unit 1334 - The only 3/3 unit in complex. Very spacious, wonderful kitchen, double patio, huge master bath. A must see unit.

Marsh Harbour pool home 1422 - 3/2 home on large landscaped lot with pool and spacious decking and patio, central a/c, central location.

Marsh Harbour executive home 1421 k - Spacious home with 3/2 on three levels, along with 2/2 and 1/1 apartments. Pool and large landscaped lot.

Cove Estates home 1377 - Well designed 2/2 offering cathedral ceilings, a/c, large patio, lovely lot.

Watching Bay - Three adjacent lots near the entrance of this new subdivision just outside the settlement of Cherokee.

White Sound 1476 Oceanfront lot - Great oceanfront lot just south of Sea Spray \$727,000.

The cook Estate at Turtle rocks - Almost 5 acres offering 3 homes & four other buildings. Sea views. Call for info.

The Abaco Club - Hope Town Cottage 1437 - 4/4 turn-key hilltop cottage overlooking the 18th green and Atlantic Ocean. \$3,175,000

Guana Cay - Two bay lots starting at \$370,000.

Two ocean lots starting at \$399,000, Beach lots starting at \$599,000
Interior lots starting at \$190,000

Hope Town - Conch Quest - Oceanfront home just south of Sea Spray Resort in White Sound. \$694,000

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Self Starters program will help youth get started

Self Starters From Page 1

to ensure the businesses are successful.

The Minister brought with him Mr. Carl Brennen, Under Secretary for the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, and Mr. Ricardo Deveaux, Director of the Self Starters program. The delegation was on Abaco not only to talk about the program which offers grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to young Bahamians entrepreneurs aged 18 to 30 but also to take applications from interested parties. Mr. Lionel Elliott, the Executive Director of JA was part of a selection committee ready to accept applications after the meeting. "The program is perfect for Juniors Achievers," commented Mr. Elliott.

During his presentation, Mr. Woodside outlined the major points of the Self Starters program that offers incentives for young people to go into business instead of being employees. The program has already been launched in New Providence and Grand Bahama; Abaco is the third island to which the program is being offered. The Minister mentioned that \$1 million has been allocated for the program to be divided between various islands of the Commonwealth. "We want to leave some



Hon. Byran Woodside, Minister of State for Youth and Sports

of that money on Abaco," he commented. "Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity," he urged. "The buzz word," said the Minister is, "opportunity," a word he repeated several times during his presentation, urging people to take it seriously. He explained that the applications will be reviewed by the selection committee comprised of people from New Providence and that the check, once approved, will be issued to the supplier for the intended business or an existing business, since the program is also geared to people already owning a business. It will not be issued in the

name of the applicant but to vendors they have specified on their application and will be for specific materials.

People interested have until May 31st to apply. They should have prove of citizenship, of their age and as much information as possible on the business they want to open.

His talk was followed by Mr. Carl Brennen, who stressed the importance of the

economic value of the program and the opportunity it offered to young people with ideas and dedication. The audience was invited to ask questions. One point raised was how to handle payment to foreign suppliers. It was suggested to buy in The Bahamas if possible, but people were assured

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Young people were able to apply for grants after the meeting describing the Self Starter program. Government will pay up to \$5000 to assist them in opening businesses that a review board feels can be successful. The money goes directly to the supplier of materials that they will require to begin their business.

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VACANT LAND

<p>NEW</p> <p>"Blue Lagoon"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay Lot # 45 -Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees #GGV1087 \$940,000.</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Conched Out"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay - 0.0573 Acre to 3.08 Acres - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of waterfrontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10'-32' elevations - 360' views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - \$546,000. \$3,900,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"Lynyard Palms"</p>	<p>Lynyard Cay - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - +/- 134' of Sea of Abaco front - Prime Building Site - Build private dock - Well established Coconut trees - Views of Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean #LCV1090 - \$274,000.</p>
<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Orchid Bay - # 58 Hillside"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay Orchid Bay - Prestigious Orchid Bay and all of her amenities - Parcel # 58 - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay. - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - \$850,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"Playing Hooky"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay. - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 \$625,000.</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Grand Bois"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Beach-front - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 - \$695,000.</p>
<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Claire's Beach"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Native Vegetation #GGV1006 - \$790,000.</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Coco Bay View"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation #GTV1009 \$291,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"Summerplace"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Dickie's Cay - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock - Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views #MWV1082 \$395,000.</p>
<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>"Lost Shaker"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - Beachfront Building Site - 36,839 s.f. - 0.845 Acre - 65' Beach Frontage - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Native Vegetation #GGV1000 - Under Contract</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>"Coco Bay Breeze"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access #GTV1007 \$167,500.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"GAC - # 6A - #7A"</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club - Parcels # 6A and # 7A - # 6A - 9,243 sq. ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq. ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views # 6A-#MHV1102 \$970,000. # 7A-#MHV1103 \$1,455,000. #6A & #7A - \$2,182,000.</p>
<p>NEW</p> <p>"Secret Beach"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - 16,500 s.f. - over 1/3 Acre - 100' of Ocean shoreline - Over 200' of depth - Prime Ocean-front building site - Good elevations - Deeded dock access on the Sea of Abaco. #GGV1092 \$375,000.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>"Anchor Down"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay White Sound Area - Prime Building Site - 28,523 sq. ft. - 0.6548 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access GTV1012 Under Contract</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"GAC - # 48 - #49"</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club - Parcels # 48 and # 49 - # 48 - 7,548 sq. ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq. ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48-#MHV1100 \$667,000. # 49-#MHV1101 \$667,000.</p>
<p>NEW</p> <p>"Captain's Cove"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 \$375,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"Casuarina"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Green Turtle Estates - 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.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>"Cave Cays"</p>	<p>North Abaco Private Island - +/- 220 Acres - 27,342 lin. ft. - 4.5 nautical miles of shoreline - +/- 20' elevations - Beaches - Lagoons - Harbors - Coves - Vista's - Controlling depth of 4.5 - Between east end of Grand Bahama and west end of Little Abaco #API1088 of Little Abaco Price Upon Request</p>

Schooner Bay has begun constructing roads

Schooner Bay From Page 1

Harbour and 15 miles from Sandy Point.

Mr. Bishop, who is the environmental and engineering manager and government liaison for the project, gave Chamber members an overview of the planned development making it clear that this will not be a hotel/marina complex. "Our plan is to develop a village around a harbour and for the village at Schooner Bay to take Bahamians back to the style of the original settlements such as can still be found in Harbour Island and in sections of old Nassau. All of the residences will be designed in the vernacular architecture such as can still be seen in Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay. The entire project will span 120 acres and of that 35 percent will be green space in the centre of the village which will be maintained as a habitat for wildlife and especially the Abaco parrot.

"This will be an open community (not

gated) with an open design and the buildings will be primarily cottages with low walls around to create streetscapes. Five hundred sixty-five homes are planned in total and will be constructed as a phased project. Three hundred eighty-five homes around the harbour are planned for Phase I. The lots will be small to arrest urban sprawl and this small footprint will mean small cost with a very affordable entry level. Twenty-seven choices of structure will be available. It will also be possible to buy a lot outside of the village to build one's own design, but it must be within the vernacular design. The village will be designed for year-round living. The smaller homes are designed to be one and a half storey and the largest will be no higher than two storey plus a dormer.

The harbour will not be used as a commercial marina but will be solely for the use of the residents but there will be a yacht club for transient yachts. The devel-



The Schooner Bay project is making a great effort at recreating Bahamian style buildings. This is the artist's conception of what a street scene will look like.

opment will contain a five star beach club, like Lyford Cay in Nassau, a hardware and retail store and up to seven restaurants. Seven boardwalks across the dune will provide access to the beach. A central island in the harbour will also contain cottages. An organic farm, school from Kindergarten to grade 6 and a community centre are planned. The community centre will grow with the harbour and eventually provide primarily for sports activities such as soccer and American football and will include an all weather gymnasium. It will have back-up power and so will also act as a hurricane shelter for the people of South Abaco.

The construction will be of "poured-in-place concrete" which is fire retardant with fiberglass reinforcing. Power demand reduction was a high priority and both geothermal and solar thermal sources were looked at. Air conditioning will all be geothermal. The development will have functional wind power and a solid waste disposal plant with separation at the source, recycling where possible and some incineration. Water will be provided by the Water and Sewerage Corporation. It is estimated that the construction phase will provide jobs for 90-100 persons, all from Abaco who will be hired through job fairs. The local craftsmen selected will be sent to Nassau by the developer for training at BTVI (Bahamas Training and Vocational Institute). Once the project is fully

operational an employment figure of 300 is anticipated. The project has received government approval and no exemptions from government taxes or duties were sought.

The developer for the project is Lindroth Development Company Limited which has been responsible for several successful developments in Nassau including Old Fort Bay, Islands on the Western end of New Providence and a development on a Family Island. If the permit to begin is received within the next 60 days, then we expect the first occupant to be in by the end of next summer. "There has already been a lot of interest from Bahamians," stated Mr. Bishop.

Much of the information was given in answer to numerous questions put to the presenters by members of the Chamber of Commerce and which Mr. Bishop was assisted in answering by Construction Director, Kevin Main.



The Schooner Bay community will encourage walking. The roads and walkways will be inviting and intimate. The developers are wanting to create a Bahamian settlement with shops, a community center, sporting facilities, even an organic farm.

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\$600,000 REDUCED \$402,800

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Duplex for sale off Forest Drive two, two bedroom / one bath apartment units, fully furnished. **UNDER CONTRACT** A/C and washer & dryer. The other unit has window A/C unit in the bedroom. Building sits on lot 131 x 90



property, landscaped. Appraisal value this year at \$242,356. This is priced to sell at \$190,000 net. Purchaser pays legal fee and govt tax. Persons interested should call or come in, We will find a way to work something out for you.

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Lot #15 UNDER CONTRACT 2 gross	Lot #20 10,474 sf \$36,763 gross
Lot #16 12,010 sf \$42,155 gross	

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

One lot in Murphy Town **SOLD** Subdivision on Shell Road Lot size 131 x 110 \$122,760 gross

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Triplex 3 - 1 bed/1 bath in Murphy Town

Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$55,000 each net

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

Duplex for sale off Forest Drive in Murphy Town 2 two bedroom, one bath \$185,500 net

Triplex for sale Murphy Town 2 one-bedroom, one-bath and 1 two-bedroom, one-bath. \$159,000 net

Lot # 122 Central Pines **SOLD**

Lot # 78 Central Pines **SOLD**

Duplex, 2 1-bed, 1-bath apts. off Forest Drive in Dundas Town

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

5 lots in Murphy Town, water view, across from Abaco Block and Concrete, could be commercial, 56,260 sq. ft. Sold together \$253,171
 Sold separately 3 lots \$48,614 each, 1 at \$48,730, 1 at \$106,745

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Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. Good rental investment
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ROYAL PALM

Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool
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 2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12 ft. boat slip with 12,000 lb. lift. Never rented.
 EXC \$655,950 FGS

TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.
 Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.
 MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing
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BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.
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"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL VERY MOTIVATED SELLER EXC \$790,000

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WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

Green Turtle Cay, like the entire island of Abaco, is suffering from the extended dry period. Even though we have had some rain in the past weeks, the windy weather dries any moisture as soon as it falls. We are fortunate in that we have had no fires, but the smoke from the wild fires on the mainland of Abaco reaches Green Turtle Cay, covering us in a smoky haze. Green Turtle Cay, like the other Abaco cays, depends on rainfall for water supply. Many homes and businesses have empty or almost empty cisterns. It is during this time of year that people are reminded that our community has been promised potable water by every government administration in the past 20 years. The water pipes have

been put in place through town, but like everything else, they, too, are only filled with dust! We have faith to believe that at least the rain will come and fill the cisterns before 2012!

Island Roots Heritage Festival

The 5th annual Island Roots Heritage Festival was very successful and drew crowds on both days. The hotels and guest houses were full and golf carts were all rented. The ferries were busy transporting people all day long. The committee is always pleased to welcome new people, but is especially pleased to see the number of people who return each year. This year's theme, The Bahamas: The Jewel of the Crown, was displayed all through town with Bahamian and British flags flown from utility poles, homes and businesses.

A decorating contest encouraged business places to decorate. The Golden Reef's window displays, one with British colors and memorabilia and the other with Bahamian colors and memorabilia won first place.

In keeping with the British theme, the committee organized afternoon teas at the historic New Plymouth Inn. Character actors playing the part of British royalty "hosted" the teas. Traditional scones, cucumber sandwiches and cakes were all a part of the menu. The guests were also treated to a fashion show by the staff of the Green Turtle Club. The afternoon teas were a huge success and the suggestion was made that the teas be included as a part of every festival and should be offered by New Plymouth Inn on a regular basis!

Another addition to the festival was a grand raffle that was drawn on Saturday evening. The prizes included a weekend vacation package on Green Turtle Cay, a weekend package in Key West and a 32-inch flat screen television. The prizes were all generously donated and the proceeds helped to fund the festival.

The Sunday thanksgiving service is the closing event of the festival weekend and the congregations of all the churches joined together for an outdoor service. Church choirs sang beautiful hymns and the message was delivered by Rev. Reuben McIntosh of the Miracle Church of God. Each year a special offering is received at the service and donated to a worthy cause or group. This year's offering was shared equally between Every Child Counts for its Special Olympic trip and Amy Roberts Primary for its playground project. This is a small way of giving back to the Abaco community for the support of the Island Roots Heritage Festival.

Behind the scenes

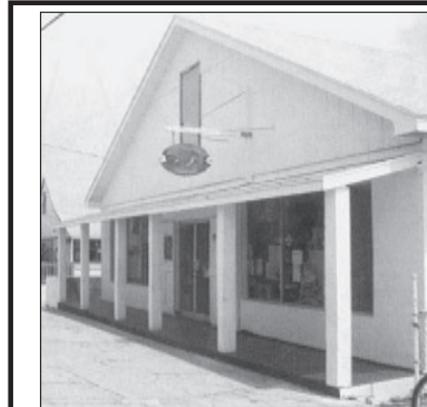
Organizing the annual festival takes hours, days and months of work by a small committee of women. The committee must also organize the necessary fund raisers to help fund the festival. While much of the work is done prior to the festival, it is

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Island Roots Heritage Festival committee members present a check to Eric Sawyer of Every Child Counts. The donation is the proceeds from the annual thanksgiving service at the end of the festival weekend.



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Overlooking the Sea of Abaco, this charming 3 bed/3 bath cottage on the island of Lubbers offers the island life you've been searching for.



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Ref #: 3518
Price: \$752,000
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Custom built 3 bed/2.5 bath home located just north of Marsh Harbour. Swimming pool and beach access make it a relaxing retreat.

Hope Town Getaway

Ref #: 3757
Price: \$995,000
Agent: Patti Love



Just a short walk from the beach this 2 bed/2 bath downstairs and upstairs loft with 2 queen beds is a perfect vacation home.



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

985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level "turn-key", harbour front end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **\$286,500.**

928 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, overlooking harbour **\$279,000.**

655 - 2 bed, 1 bath 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.**

Beachfront Parcel, Sunrise Point # 1068 - Spacious 19,570 s/f with 100' powder white sandy beach frontage, superior sea views, ideal building site, all utilities available **\$1,445,000.**

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 **\$1,326,000.**

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

Galleon Bay # 1061 - 10,751 s/f cleared canal parcel with 80' of sea-walled protected deep water frontage. Generous 145' depth. All utilities available. New "T" Dock. **\$375,000.**

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

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.**

Flamingo Drive Lot 66 #558 - Large lot on quiet cul-de-sac, all utilities available. Ideal home building site. **\$66,000.**

St. Andrews Drive Lot 1 # 1076 - 14,700 s/f residential parcel adjacent to 14th tee of golf course. Quiet community, all utilities available, short walk to Treasure Cay Beach **\$76,925.**

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Sea of Abaco Lot Q1 # 845 - 25,658 s/f lot, 172' water frontage in quiet cove, good elevations, native vegetation, access privileges to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$559,000.**

"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. **\$759,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

"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 & dock **\$392,000.**

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.**

597 - 11,242 s/f canal lot w/171' seawall, sea view **\$265,000.**

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

904 - 16,345 s/f w/ 108' water frontage, sea view **\$165,000.**

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.**

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

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Ocean View Lot - # 1036 - 17,650 s/f parcel with unobstructed Atlantic ocean view, just across street from beach. **\$190,000.**

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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the week leading up to the festival that is the hardest. It is then when much physical labor is needed to prepare the festival site. The committee is grateful to the men who are always there to see that the work is done and to help fix any "almost disasters!" It is reassuring to the committee that these generous, community-minded men can be depended on each year to give freely of their time, equipment and skill to make the festival a success.

School news

The school year is quickly coming to an end, and students are preparing for examinations and graduations. Tiny Turtles Preschool's graduation and closing program is scheduled for June 12th at the Miracle Church and Amy Roberts Primary will

hold its graduation ceremony at the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel on June 13th. The Grade Level Assessment Tests for 3rd and 6th grade students are all completed. The Ministry of Education introduced the Rigby Reading Comprehension Test in the 2006-2007 school year for 2nd grade students. Amy Roberts Primary placed first in the Bahamas for schools with 9-16 entrants. Mrs. Alexandria Sawyer and students Diana Lowe and Samantha Sawyer traveled to Nassau to attend the awards ceremony and accepted the Minister's Award on behalf of their class. Students of all primary grades took the Rigby test this school year and are awaiting the results.

Softball field is improved

The upgrade of the softball field has been an ongoing project and it is now looking like a professional field with dugouts and lights for night games. It is unofficially called Turtleback Stadium. Softball has always been a popular sport in the community and GTC can boast of a few great players! Some of these softball enthusiasts are now passing the sport on to the younger generation. Over the past weeks GTC has hosted softball teams from North Abaco for friendly games. On May 17th the under 12 and under 17 boys played their first games against teams from Blackwood.

Although they did not win the games, it was an excellent first time effort. There is a lot of potential in the groups and with practice they will be teams to watch! A large crowd of proud parents and supporters came out to cheer for the teams. Special thanks to coaches Thomas Sawyer, Eugene Lowe, Christopher Roberts and Neil Lowe for working with the under 17 boys and to Craig Russell for working along with the young men's team. At a time when there are so many negative stories in the news about young men, it is a wonderful feeling to see our young men and boys enjoying themselves while doing something constructive. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Pedro and Jillian Rodriguez on the birth of their son. Jerren Pete was born in Florida on April 30th. He is the grandson of Luke and Karen McIntosh. Nana Karen honored her commitment as chairperson of the 5th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival before going to Florida to meet her 6-day-old grandson!

Elections coming up

Local government elections will be held on June 26th and there is much speculation as to who will offer themselves as candidates for the local district council. Local government elections should be taken as seriously as the general election because the outcome will affect our community on a daily basis. We should choose persons committed to serving in the best interest of the community.

The summer is almost here and we are looking forward to summer activities and

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Annabelle Cross presents a donation to Mrs. Robin Phillips, PTA president of Amy Roberts Primary. Also in photo Mrs. Glendena Sawyer, principal and Mrs. Alexandria Sawyer, teacher.



Amy Roberts students won the Rigby Reading Comprehension Test in their category last year. They are now 3rd grade students. They are, front, Samantha Sawyer, William Phillips, Darenique Ford and Katelyn Curry. In the back are Nathan Roberts, Denzell Johnson, Christopher Lowe, Christian McIntosh and Elias Cooper. Not in photo are Diana Lowe and Davanti Longsworth. Diana Lowe and Samantha Sawyer traveled to Nassau to receive the trophy in the photo.



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The Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel presented an award to two Green Turtle Cay girls, Samantha Sawyer and Diana Lowe. They traveled to Nassau to accept the trophy as part of the group who won the Rigby Reading Comprehension Test. Accompanying the girls was Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent.

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days at the beach. I'm sure the students are all looking forward to a break from the daily study schedule. For some this will be the last summer vacation before a job and life as a "grown up."

Law office opens on Green Turtle Cay

By Alton Lowe

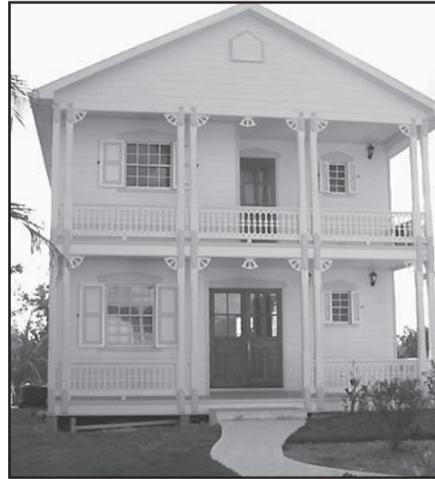
Attorney at Law, Joan Ferguson, is opening a branch of her legal office on Green Turtle Cay. Mrs. Ferguson's Legal Chambers is presently located in New Providence, and she will operate a branch office out of her home Ferguson House at Leeward Yacht Club located just outside New Plymouth on Black Sound. The office will be open two days per week commencing June 1st. Leeward Yacht Club is a new residential community on Black Sound being developed on property which was used to can pineapples in the late 1800s. The devel-

opment features historic New Plymouth / Key West style homes with gingerbread porches and picket fences.

Mrs. Ferguson was called to the Bahamas Bar in 1989 and has practiced law in such Chambers as Christie, Ingraham & Co. and V. Alfred Gray and Co. before opening her own Chambers. For approxi-

mately six years, Mrs. Ferguson was also a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate where she ruled on criminal and civil matters. Her practice on Green Turtle Cay will be mainly conveyance matters plus estate work, civil law, immigration and residency matters.

Mrs. Ferguson is married to retired ACP Avery E. Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson can be reached by telephone at 242-362-0187, cell phone at 242-424-7005 or e-mail at <JoanF@coralwave.com>



The Ferguson House, built to replicate the Colonial style of bygone days, will be the office of Attorney at Law, Joan Ferguson.

Man-O-War Cay Dock & Dine Restaurant opens

By Derek A. Lee

Tommy and Chris Albury, owners and proprietors of Man-O-War Marina, are the third generation of their family to have operated the facility which dates back to the late 1950s. On May 1st the brothers opened a new restaurant utilizing the name "Dock & Dine" after an eating place formerly run by the family which served on the property in the 1970s and early 1980s.

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The physical setting shows the optimum of nautical flavor and ambiance as it is literally right on the dock surrounded by vessels. The décor consists of attractive hatch cover tables, glass balls and other memorabilia from ships and the sea. Dock & Dine is open seven days a week. Lunch is served every day from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dinner is served everyday except Sunday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Breakfast is served on Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The establishment has a capacity of 60 guests. Food is prepared and served by an all Bahamian staff of eight. It consists of two chefs, a sous-chef, four wait staff and one maintenance person. The team is led by Chef Timothy Smith, who was trained in culinary arts at the College of the Bahamas and has spent several years at the Radisson and the Lyford Cay Club in New Provi-

dence. He is assisted by Chef Devin Davis. The cuisine can be described as "Innovative Bahamian" with, according to Chef Smith, an occasional touch of Italian and Japanese. The menus are limited in depth but more than adequate to satisfy even the most demanding of palates.

Prices can be considered moderate. Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover cards are accepted. This is the first restaurant in Man-O-War history to take credit cards. In keeping with the dry nature of Man-O-War, alcohol is not served; however, guests are welcome to take their own beverages.

We have had the pleasure of eating lunch and dinner at Dock & Dine over the past few weeks. At lunch I was accompanied by well known Abaco real estate broker, Christopher L. Plummer of Abaco Cays Realty, Ltd. At dinner, I was honored to have the company of Dr. N.D. Hauser, world renowned cetacean researcher, spe-

cialist and advocate. Dr. Hauser has dined in many of the better restaurants around the world. We all agreed that our dining experience at Dock & Dine was wonderful. The food was excellent, the service good and the ambiance delightful.

We strongly recommend Dock & Dine as a site for a meal on your next trip to Man-O-War and even worthy of a special trip in spite of today's fuel prices.

Twelve Vendors held Art and Craft Show

By Samantha V. Evans

Man-O-War residents came out in large numbers to support their very own Man-O-War Arts and Crafts Show held on May 17 at the Man-O-War School grounds. Twelve vendors set up under the tent to showcase their work. The organizers of the event were four ladies: Mandy Sands, Crissy Lee Elden, Netica Roberts and Sonya Albury. This show came about as a result of a four-woman show that was held last December by the organizers of today's event. According to them the event was so successful that they started planning for this island-wide event right away. What is so unique about

the vendors here is that they are all from Man-O-War or are descendants of Man-O-War. Each of the vendors was interviewed to share their talents with us.

Mandy Sands makes gift bags and Androsia bags. She decorates her bags with shells, cords and other natural notions and cannot remember where she first was exposed to this craft but knows that she loves it. Phillip Sands does wood turning using native wood. He uses natural wood such as tamarind, sea grape and madeira which can be found locally. Crissy Lee Elden started out making cards and shadow boxes about three years ago. She also makes candles, pens and bamboo plants. She started jewelry-making in February of this year. The material she uses includes glass, shells, wooden pieces, crystals, and beads. She uses wire and rope to hold her jewels in place.

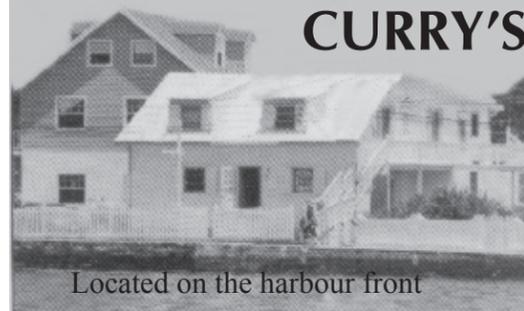
Glen Albury makes starfish figurines and has been making them for eight to ten years. He started making wood and conch shell necklaces this year. He comes from

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The new dockside Dock & Dine Restaurant recently opened, bringing back the name of a family restaurant from the past. The delightful setting complements the delicious dishes served there.

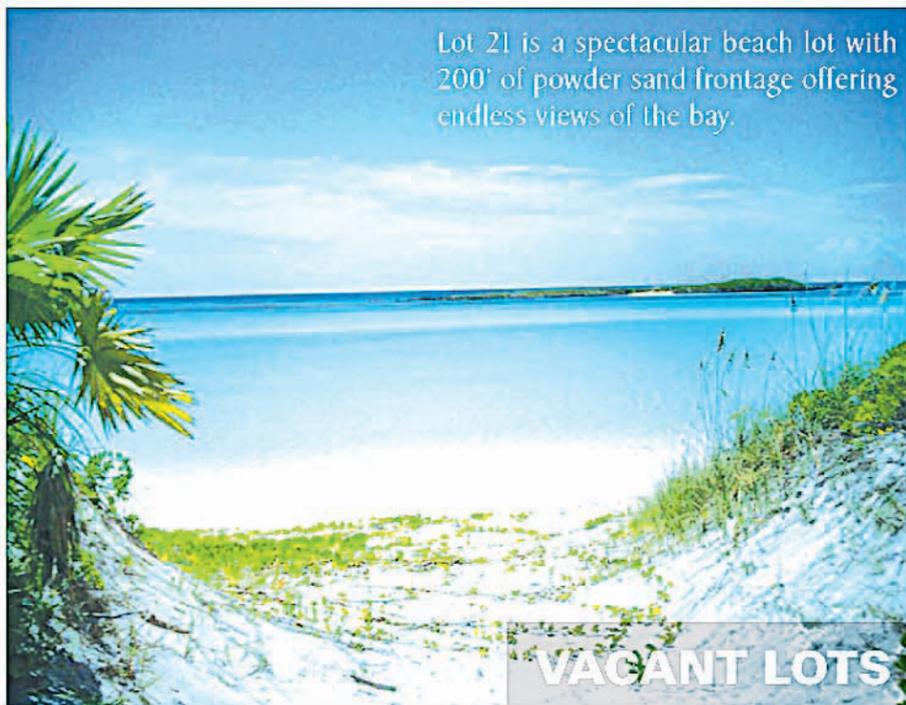


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a family of wood crafters. He also makes frames for the pictures his wife takes. He makes bandsaw boxes that can hold jewelry and they come in different shapes and sizes. He just started making shell jewelry this year. Doug Albury has been making driftwood frames for the past seven years. He decided to make these frames because after the late Eddie Albury passed, many

persons continued asking for the frames. He gets all the driftwood from the beach.

Sonya Albury was challenged to draw by an American teacher she had when she was a student at the Man-O-War School back when it only had two rooms. She can't remember if she was in grade six or seven but she knows that she began painting and selling her goods at her grandma's shop, Sally's Seaside Boutique. She still sells her work there today. She now makes

post cards and bags in addition to her paintings. Andy Albury makes half hulls. This is a family legacy as his father and grandfather made them. He started making rib models of Bahamian dinghies and Man-O-War boats *Rough Waters* and the *Abaco Rage*. A boat like the *Abaco Rage* takes him approximately 30 hours to complete. He loves to do it and does not do it for the money because he does not charge nearly the amount that each boat is worth.

Neticia Roberts started painting as a child and loves doing it. As she got older, she started painting on canvas and then she went more into natural more Bahamian materials. She uses wood, shells and other Bahamian materials. She has done many shows and plans to do more locally and throughout the Bahamas. She also makes Christmas ornaments, shell mirrors, shell picture frames, shell receipt boxes, shell animals, stamp/ticket boxes, wreaths and shell key holders. She is hoping that next year the name of the event will be changed to pay homage to those persons who helped to develop Man-O-War.

Other booths on display were by Tuppy

Weatherford, Rhonda's Photography and Kristen's Kreations. Tuppy has been taking photos for over 12 years and enjoys taking photos of Abaco flora and fauna. Rhonda, one of the owners of Snap Shop, says that taking photos is a hobby. She especially loves taking photos of sea shells, animals, flowers, boats and various scenes. She makes post cards, matted prints, coasters and mouse pads which she added this year. She sells her items to local stores in Marsh Harbour and on the cays. Kristen of Kristen's Kreations started her jewelry making a year ago while away at college. This is her first art show and she makes jewelry as a hobby. This includes necklaces, bracelets and earrings. She plans to stay with her jewelry line but add sea shells and glass to her material list.

Mandy Sands and her team would like to thank everyone who helped make the event possible. The organizers were very pleased with the support they received stating that the event was very successful. In fact, they want to make it a community day next year

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Twelve artists and crafters put on a show in Man-O-War on May 17. Shown here are Crissylee Elden and Doug Albury at their booths. This is the second year for the show that began last year with three artists.

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so that the whole family can have lots more fun and there would be more to see and do. They also plan to rename the day Sojers Day because the people of Man-O-War are known as sojers. On this day they will feature more Bahamian food, the rich heritage and history of Man-O-War, fun activities, games and fun for all so that the rest of Abaco can join them in their celebrations.

Hope Town Annual Dog Walk-A-Thon Held

Friends of Abaco Animals, the Hope Town based humane organization, recently held its fourth annual Dog Walk-A-Thon to raise money for the spay/neuter and animal care it provides on Abaco. This was the second year that it was held in memory of friend, Phillip Remery, who brought his cat, Chauncey, to be in the Walk-a-Thon every year. Chauncey's adopted owner,

Natasha Albury, brought him this year for an appearance.

This group was begun by Candace Key and has been in existence for over 25 years providing care to animals through donations and fund raising efforts. President Jane Thompson, Mrs. Key's sister, states that the group is called on to provide more and more services to animals in the Abaco community and the group must constantly raise funds to meet these needs. Weekly meetings are held in Marsh Harbour with directors of humane groups on Man-O-War Cay, Green Turtle Cay and at least

two Marsh Harbour representatives of rescue and humane organizations to plan activities and strategies for animal medical care needs, adoptions, rescues, foster homes and education.

The Walk-a-Thon this year was a huge success. It was sponsored by Purina brand from Bahamas Wholesale Agency through its representative, Mr. Richard Curry of Nassau. That company generously donated beautiful stainless steel dog bowls to be

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Hope Town School students from Grade 5 and 6 are shown thanking Hope Town Harbour Lodge Manager, Mr. Tom Hazel, for being the first hotel on Elbow Cay to use eco-friendly, biodegradable take-out utensils and containers. As part of the classes' ongoing UNESCO Sandwatch beach reclamation project, they monitor the patch reef in front of the Lodge and keep tabs on its health. When they do their frequent beach clean-ups, they notice more plastic and styrofoam than any other trash. By using biodegradable items, the debris in our landfill and on our beaches and mangroves will be lessened. They were happy to learn that the Hope Town Coffee House already uses the cups.



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given out to all participants. Prizes were given to the children who collected the most money for the event. Tiffany Senn, Grade 6 student, collected over \$600 to win first

prize. Samantha Williams and Samantha Cash were also top winners. These three girls have raised the top dollars over the past four walk-a-thons and are dedicated animal owners. Natasha Albury, Brittany Sweeting and Dana Malone were also top earners. All children who collected sponsors were rewarded with prizes and a T-shirt.

A merry group of nearly 30 dogs and their owners including residents, visitors and people from visiting yachts, walked the one and a half miles and returned to the park. The park was filled with supporters purchasing T-shirts, tote bags and delicious baked goods. A wonderful time was had by all, especially for the beautiful fostered dog who found a forever home with a participant.

Contracts signed for Guana & Hope T work

Contracts were awarded on May 9 for minor capital work in Guana Cay and Hope Town. Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council, Jeremy Sweeting, oversaw the signing in Administrator Cephas Cooper's office in Marsh Harbour.

Chad Albury signed on behalf of William "Bill" Albury of Man-O-War Cay, who had bid \$21,280 to resurface settlement roads in Hope Town.

Daniel Bethel of Guana Cay received mobilization money as part of \$33,000 for two Guana

Cay projects. Restrooms will be added to the small local government administrative office on the waterfront. The funding also includes material to construct a boat ramp on the harbour near Guana Harbour Grocery. This is to be a partnership project with volunteers providing the labour and government providing the materials.

Signed at a different time was a contract with Man-O-War resident, Chad Albury, for \$13,630 for road work in Man-O-War Cay.

Abaco Anglers attracted 32 fishermen

By Mirella Santillo

For the 38 consecutive years the Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament took place the third week of April, from the 17th to the 26th. According to one of the organizers, Mrs. Linda Knowles of Lighthouse Marina in Hope Town, it was very well attended with a few new entries and a lot of fun. This year there were 32 entries divided between locals and visitors, mostly second homeowners, who used their own boats to fish.

The tournament which is family oriented was divided into two categories: adult and junior. There was no marlin released, but a lot of mahi-mahis and wahoos were caught. Mrs. Knowles, who went out a couple of

times, said she was lucky to catch a few of these herself. For the most part the weather cooperated, but a couple of rough days did not prevent the participants going out to try their luck.

The fee of \$85 per adult and \$40 for juniors included a banquet dinner and awards party. The awards were bronze trophies donated by Mr. Pete Johnson, owner of the foundry at Little Harbour. He also donated a gold piece for the raffle.

A few of the local fishermen did not participate because they were sailing in the Exuma Regatta which fell at the same date, but overall it was a very successful event. "I am already looking forward to next year," commented Mrs. Knowles.

Here is a list of winners.

Junior Division

12 & under boys:
1st Place - Jim Magee
2nd place: Skyler Key
13-16 year old girls:
1st place: Kayla Magee

Men's Division

Bob Sheffield - 10 lb. barracuda on 8# test
Roscoe Thompson III - 34 lb. dolphin on 20# test
Shane Carroll - 25 lb. dolphin on 30# test
Roscoe Thompson III - 44 lb. dolphin on 50# test
Brett Osborne - 26 lb. dolphin on 80# test

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Contracts were signed by the Hope Town District Council for small capital projects in Hope Town and Guana Cay. Standing is Daniel Bethel of Guana Cay, who was awarded a contract for constructing public restrooms in Guana Cay. Chad Albury accepted a contract for William Albury for resurfacing roads on Elbow Cay. Representing the Council is Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor. A contract was later signed for road work on Man-O-War Cay.

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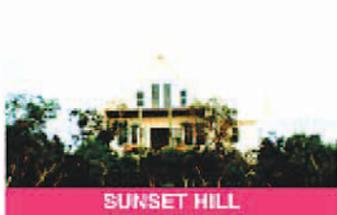
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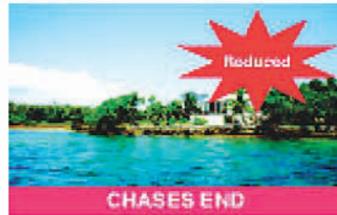
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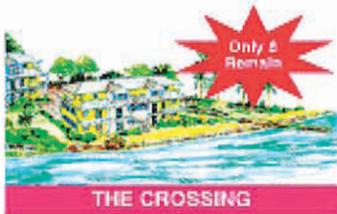
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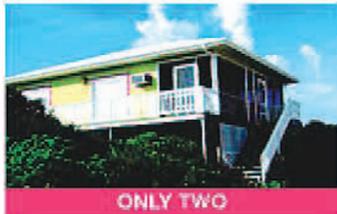


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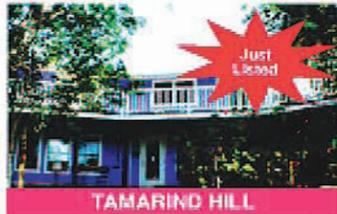


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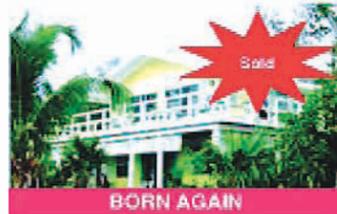
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S. C. Bootle has done it again!

By Vanessa McIntosh
 Prefect at S. C. Bootle High

On April 25 Leonardo Simms, Head



Agape Christian School took the honours at the Grade 2 Spelling Bee taking first and second place wins. Shown are Ebony Hanna, second place winner; Elizabeth Sweeting first place winner, both from Agape Christian School, and Andrew Sweeting, third place winner from the Hope Town Primary School. Behind are mothers Errolene Hanna and Carol Sweeting holding the floating trophy that the school keeps for the year.

Boy of S.C. Bootle High and son of proud parent Tina Sawyer of Cooper's Town, embarked on a trip that he would soon discover would have a great impact on his educational future. Leonardo was one of 29 honourees attending the 21st Annual Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Awards weekend in Nassau. The Annual Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity seeks to honour the top male students of The Bahamas and give them the opportunity to win scholarships.

During the weekend honourees were required to take English, mathematics and general knowledge examinations as well as form various groups to openly discuss and organize a 15-minute speech. These activities were used to determine who would receive the scholarships offered.

On April 27 the honourees attended a church service at St. Matthew's Anglican Church and then headed to the Hilton where the

awards ceremony was being held. It was there that Mr. Simms learnt that he was the recipient of the Dr. Thaddeus McDonald Scholarship Award. The scholarship provides full payment for the awardee to attend the College of The Bahamas.

It was undoubtedly a humbling and, as described by Mr. Simms, "a great experience."

Forest Heights Receives Environmental Awards

With the ever increasing awareness of the volatility of our environment, many responsible groups of local businesses and associations have been sponsoring competitions this year. Forest Heights Academy students have won several of these.

First, came the Water and Sewerage Essay Competition which focused on water, one of the world's most precious natural resources. Coached by her upper school science teacher, Ms. Susan Drwal, eleventh grader Nasasha Bootle took third place in the nation. With April came the Earth Day Science Fair sponsored by Friends of the Environment. Ms. Alana Carroll led the eighth grade to first place in the Junior High Division. Their display showed the effects of global warming on our island na-

tion. Maps, charts and graphs illustrated what would remain of Abaco with a 20-foot rise in the water level as well as the relationship between hurricanes and global temperatures.

Finally, the Forest Heights Anchor Club competed in an environmental slogan and road sign contest held by the Rotary Club and Friends of the Environment. Seniors Kayleigh Sands, Stephanie Russell and Lamar Hepburn won this competition with the slogan Be Bright, Keep Abaco Right. Art teacher, Lori Thompson, organized the group, who joined many other schools in heightening the importance of keeping our roads clean and stopping littering on our island. The Anchor Club also held many Coastal Cleanups during the month of April.

All of these environmental problems are important issues of this generation, and Forest Heights Academy addresses them on a daily basis with its cleanups, recycling and environmental lessons. It is important that these young people of The Bahamas learn that each one of them can, indeed, make a difference.

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Kids "Krusade" at Agape Christian

By Mirella Santillo

The students of Agape Christian School were treated to after-school entertainment

during the week of May 5th to May 10th. Each night most of the older children were dropped at Grace Gym while the younger ones were accompanied by their parents, but all were there to participate in a variety of games, gospel singing and be entertained by a puppeteer, a ventriloquist and a magician, depending on the day of the week. The events were organized and supervised by teachers and other members of the community.



Students of Agape Christian School enjoyed a week of entertainment every night. A magician, a ventriloquist and a puppeteer put on shows interspersed with games and other activities.

Mr. Troy Albury, Mr. Kevin Sawyer and Mr. Victor Roberts helped fill the evenings with fun but also learning since the event was aimed at teaching the students about the Bible in an entertaining way.

Every night there was different entertainment. Ventriloquist Bro. Bailey told

the story of the blind beggar who was given his sight back by Jesus. Bro. Al Nye, the magician, centered his magic around Bible quotations and his little helpers were very impressed by his tricks, whether it was his finding out the color of a crayon picked while he was not looking, guessing the right playing card or fulfilling one of his helper's wish.

Pass the marshmallow and shoot at the candle were two very popular games that had the children asking for more. Unfortunately, to the dismay of the children, the marshmallows were not for eating, only for playing.

The week was topped off on Friday by a prize drawing. Two bicycles, a blue one for a lucky boy and a pink one for a lucky girl could be won with a ticket received at the door.

Allie Bethel, an Agape student, won the girl's bicycle and Kermey Brown, Jr. won the blue bike.

PTA Executives Attend Parenting Seminar

On May 15 members of Parent Teacher Associations across Abaco attended a Par-

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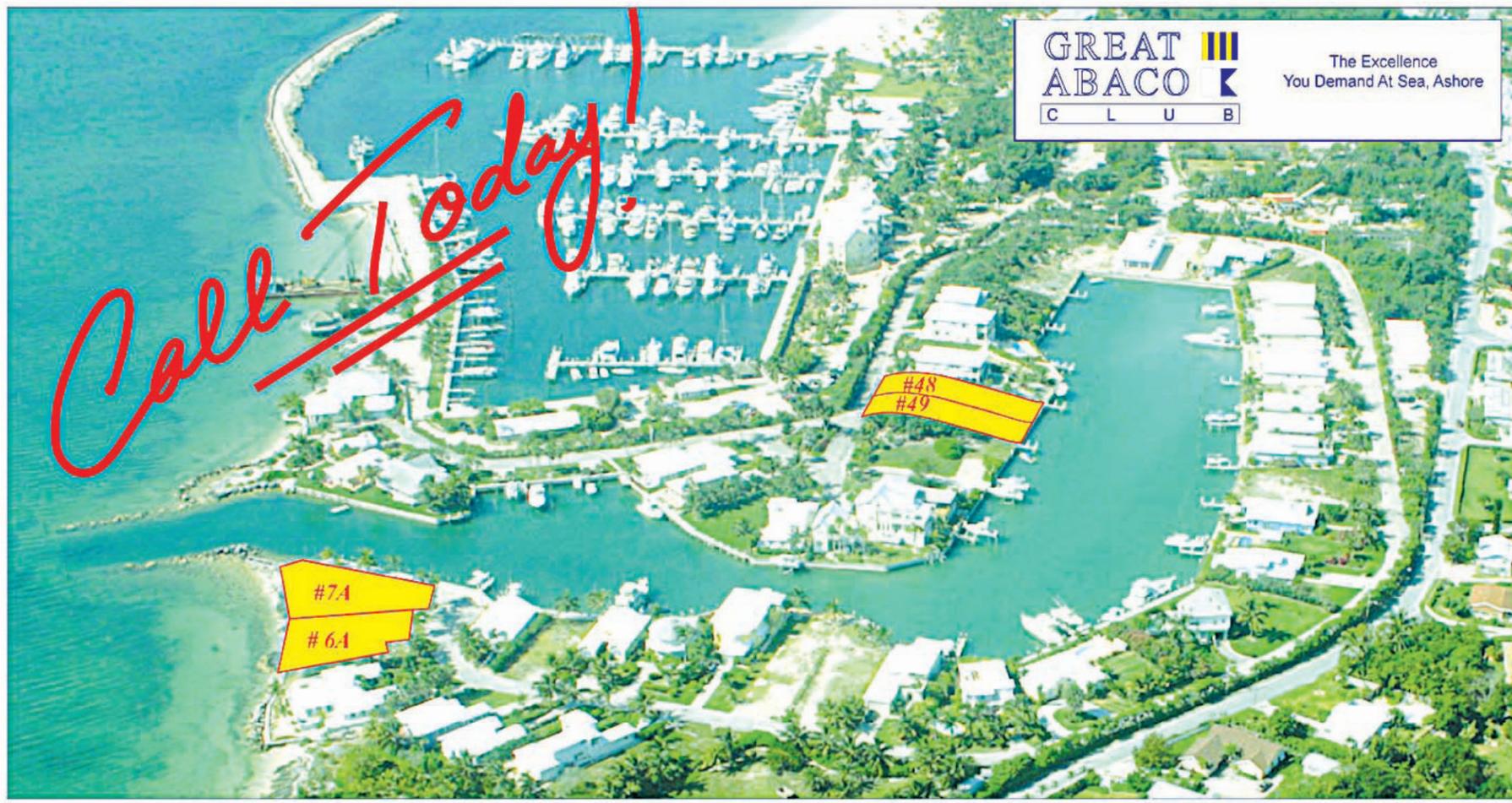
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enting Training Seminar at the Learning Resource Center to better empower them to serve their school communities. This event was planned and coordinated by Mrs. Sandy Edwards of the Department of Education Abaco District under the theme *Parents Empowered for Parenting*. The presenters for the session were Ms. Samantha Evans and Pastor Ricardo Bain. The purpose of this event was to provide PTA presidents or representatives with information pertinent to rearing children which they will share at their PTA meetings.

There are many definitions of parenting but it generally refers to the raising, nurturing and educating of children in a loving

environment. Pastor Bain laid the foundation of parenting, showing them from the Bible how God expects us to raise our children. He stated that successful parenting cannot happen without God because He was the first parent - He formed man in his own image. Pastor Bain encouraged them to exercise patience.

It is the role of parents to set boundaries for their children like God set boundaries for us. In the Hebrew time, the teaching of morals, values and rules was done at home. However, today many parents look to the schools to teach their children these things. This is wrong. He told them to let their home be a reflection of God.

Pastor Bain encouraged parents to lay a solid foundation in their children between the ages of 0-13, because after age 13 it will

be too late to do so. Instead, they should approach their children in a friendly way first so that they will be more willing to open up to them and ask them for advice. Finally, he encouraged the parents to be a blessing to their children, correct them, rule over them, but don't provoke them.

Ms. Evans spoke to them about principles of effective parenting from a non-traditional perspective. She believes that today's children are different; therefore, the way we approach them should be different. She gave the parents some timely advice on how they can be more effective in the lives of their children. Some of the areas she spoke about were the power of praising children which will help to bring out the best in them. Define priorities. Be a positive role model for their children. Parents must first be disciplined before they can be a positive role model. Teach hard work. Respect self, others, and property. Monitor their children's activities.

Ms. Evans concluded by saying that parenting is not an easy job but it is probably the most unique job you will ever have because you have the opportunity to shape

and mold a life. She encouraged the parents to make a commitment to get more involved in the lives of their children and the school community at their various schools. She told them that if there is a topic they are uncomfortable talking about, they can call on one of the trained professionals in the district to talk to the students and/or adults and they will be happy to do so. This training was the first in a series of more to come.

St. Francis PTA Gives Tips for Summer Vacation

St. Francis de Sales School PTA along with the school has made a commitment to educate parents on ways they can get more involved in their children's education. Now that the summer months are fast approaching, the PTA once again contracted Samantha Evans to speak at its last PTA meeting held on May 14th on the the role parents should play in the life of their children over summer vacation. She gave the following advice to parents. .

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The Department of Education organized a Parenting Seminar for the PTA office holders of Abaco Schools. The two speakers were Pastor Ricardo Bain, shown here, and Ms. Samantha Evans. The seminar gave practical advice that the officers can take back to their individual Abaco schools.

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- Let children help around the house as this teaches responsibility. Give them chores that you expect to be done daily. However, ensure that what you assign to them is age appropriate.
- Spend time with your children. Even though life is busy and complicated, make sure that your child knows that she/he comes first. Make a commitment to get to know your child's heart and show them yours. In short, show them what is meaningful to you and they will do the same.
- Encourage them to read and you read with and to them. When reading is the focus in the home, turn the television off. If you want to take it another step further, have a family reading night. That sounds like fun, right?
- Plan a fun outing for the whole family. Kids enjoy those special outings if only to the ice cream parlor. This makes them feel extra special.

- Motivate for learning. All parents who are concerned about learning model that drive naturally for their children, but the danger is in pushing them beyond their limits.
- Honor the small steps your children take towards a goal. This lets them know that you love them and that you are paying attention.
- Teach your children to have good character traits including good manners and being respectful of self, property and others. Teach them how to meet and greet people properly, teach them good manners, teach them how to conduct themselves in church and public, teach them good table manners, proper telephone talk and opening doors for others.
- Reaffirm to them that they are special to you and to God. You can affirm your child by praising selectively, praise immediately, praise specifically and praise intentionally. Hug and love them daily.
- Pray for and with your children.

- Help your children set their own goals.
 - Help your children develop a more positive self-image.
- It makes no sense to let your children run free all summer and when school re-opens they have retained nothing they learned the previous school year. Maintain a balance. Let them have some fun but slot in a few hours a day for some down time for a little revision. It will make a big difference parents.

Team Represents Abaco at Primary School Meet

By Samantha V. Evans

The Primary School Track and Field Meet was held in Nassau over the week-end of May 13-16. Mr. Jeffery Victor and a team of 40 athletes and chaperones representing seven Abaco schools entered

the competition. He explained that the students performed well and there were several athletes that medaled. The under-14 boys 4x100m team won gold and included Shakeem Henschell, Steven Gardiner both of Central Abaco Primary, Lashawn Huyler of Cooper's Town Primary and Shem McLennon of Agape Christian. Shakeem came 2nd in the under-14 boys shot put. The Abaco team in the under-14 girls 4x100m relay came in 2nd and included Vinedy Michel of Central Abaco Primary, Patiquia Cooper of Amy Roberts, Hanequina Russell of Central Abaco Primary and Elva Russell of Fox Town Primary. Lauren Pritchard of Cooper's Town won the under-12 girls' softball throw and Miriam Albury came third in the under-10 girls' long jump. Mr. Victor thanks all of

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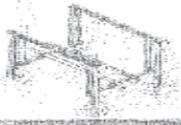
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the members and coaches for working hard and diligently with the athletes this season and he looks forward to them winning more medals next year.

Conrad Cornish Makes History at Central Abaco Primary

By Samantha V. Evans

Eleven-year-old Conrad Cornish made history at Central Abaco Primary School when he became the first student from that school to ever win a scholarship from the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation Awards Ceremony held on May 17th at in Nassau. He won a scholarship of \$1500 as the 19th Finalist.

Conrad was very excited at first when he left for Nassau, but he got nervous when he didn't hear his name. However, when he finally heard his name, he was relieved. Like all of the other sixth graders, he went to Nassau to win, and he is thankful for the scholarship he was granted. He fondly remembers the words the Minister of Education spoke when he said that they are all winners because they were all chosen by their respective schools to be there so they should be very proud.

He would like to encourage future sixth graders to work hard, put God first and be thankful that they are here. To his fellow sixth graders, he wants to encourage them to buckle up because the competition out there is fierce so they must always be at their best. He hopes to attend Forest Heights Academy.

Agape Student Receives a \$1000 Scholarship

By Samantha V. Evans

Danielle Wells is a recipient of the Rosalind Thompson \$1,000 scholarship of The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation held in Nassau on May 17th in Nassau. Danielle stated that she felt so honored that her school selected her for this program. The entire process was exciting. When she heard her name called again, she was overwhelmed with joy because she knew that she had worked really hard and it had paid off.

Danielle is a student with high goals who has worked hard to achieve these goals. Earlier this year Danielle earned the Top Female award on Abaco with the highest GPA, an award given by the Bahamas Outstanding Students Foundation. Throughout her elementary school years she has achieved a 4.00 GPA for several years and 3.90 for the remainder.

Abaco students is finalists in Essay and Speech Competition

By Michelle Mikula

Students from Abaco have once again been named finalists in the Bahamas round of the *My Caribbean* Essay and Speech Competition for the second year in a row. Vying for the national title and its many prizes will be St. Francis de Sales students, Drelexia Bootle and Adrienne Kelly. The two students will travel to Nassau on May 22nd where they will be competing against 12 other students who were also named fi-

nalists based on their entry of this year's essay topic *If you could share a secret about your island with someone visiting for the first time, what would it be?*

The Bahamas' round of the competition will determine who will represent the Bahamas at the Caribbean Tourism Organization Conference that will take place in October of this year where each Caribbean island will have a student representative.

The Caribbean wide competition is being sponsored by the Conde Nast Traveler Magazine in conjunction with the Caribbean Tourism Organization. The competition was designed to introduce the benefits of tourism to the children of the Caribbean as well as to broaden their spectrum of life's opportunities. Coordinating the competition for the Bahamas is the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education, Toastmasters and Bahamas Hotel Association.

Technical classes continue

By Mirella Santillo

Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute classes are continuing in Central Abaco. A special project of Mr. Kendrick Hield, principal of Abaco Central High School last year, classes thankfully did not stop with his leaving Abaco. Taken over by Mrs. Beverley Rolle, the program moved along steadily.

Sixty-five people, ranging from 16 years old to over 50 attended these classes that were held at Abaco Central High School. One teacher was from Abaco Central High, Mr. Camru Rahiem, who taught theoretical



Mr Huel Moss, Principal of S.C. Bootle High School, designated May 26 as clean-up day. A group of Grade 11 students and members of the Discovery Club took to the beach to clean and improve the area. With them were Laura Davis, Pamela Moss, Princess Williams and Principal Moss.

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electric wiring while Mr. George Martin from BEC familiarized the students with "on the job" experience. Ms. Florence Stuart taught theoretical cosmetology and Mrs. Jaqui Robins helped the students with practical demonstrations. Mathematics was taught by Mr. Vincent Coakley, Ms. Kerlene Johnson and Ms. Shantell Penn while language was taught by Ms. Joyce Champagne and Ms. Cindy Armbrister. Mrs. Beverley Rolle and Ms. Shantel Miller

were the teachers for the business administration class.

The program was overseen until last week by Mr. Delancy, (who left to open a private school), then by Mrs. Lundy from the Freeport office. As of the last week in April, Mr. Major from Nassau has taken over the administration of the program.

Classes will continue in September with the students who started with Mr. Hield finishing in December and the others finishing in April 2009. It is expected that graduation will take place in June of 2009.



On April 26th the children of Treasure Cay Primary school participated in the island-wide community clean up. They collected over 60 bags of trash alongside the S.C. Bootle Hwy from the school towards Sandbanks. They were accompanied by Mrs. Myrtis Russell, principal of the school, and teachers. Friends of Environment provided gloves and Tropical Shipping donated the trash bags. Local government collected the bags which were stacked alongside the road. The school now has a large recycling bin and within three days of its arrival the children completely filled the bin with aluminum cans collected from the road and their homes.

In September two additional courses will be introduced: plumbing and auto mechanics. As for the other classes, prospective students who have not passed the BGCSE examination will have to take a placement examination in English and mathematics. If they do not pass, they will be required to take developmental English and mathematics to be able to continue with the program. People have already registered for these new classes, and Mrs. Rolle is hoping to have more registrations by September as a minimum of ten students is required for each course to take place. The yearly fee for each course is \$100 for Bahamians and \$300 for non-Bahamians.

Technical education is being offered by the Ministry of Education as a serious career alternative for youths who are not academically oriented.

Rollins College's faculty members visited ECC

By Mirella Santillo

Three faculty members of Rollins College visited Abaco to find out how they could set up a program so Rollins College students could participate in various volun-

teer programs on the island.

Ms. Micki Meyer, Director for the Office of Community Engagement; Mr. Doug Little, Director of the First Year program, and Mr. Michael Gunter, Director of International Relations, also an environmentalist, arrived on Abaco on April 14th at the suggestion of Abaco Club at Winding Bay member, Mr. Ted Boylan, whose children attend Rollins College and who is an advisor to that school president. Their targets were Friends of the Environment and Every Child Counts.

The group visited ECC briefly upon their arrival, but came back the following day to discuss the areas of need with Mrs. Lyn Major and to visit the classrooms. Mrs. Major gave them a brief history of the school which started with 12 kids. There are now 85 children enrolled. She outlined that one of the most challenging issues for the school was the lack of trained reading teachers and the difficulty in hiring more certified teachers because of the reduced salary the school was paying. ECC has a

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People in the News

Abaco Violinist Performs in Nassau

Violinist Jennifer Hudson was in Nassau recently to perform with the Bahamas Concert Orchestra in a gala fund raising concert on May 3. Mrs. Hudson founded the orchestra in 1991 while still living in Nassau and brought it to Abaco to perform concerts in Marsh Harbour and Hope Town on three different occasions between 1994 and 2000. Now resident on Abaco, she travels back to join with her orchestra for major concerts.

The recent concert, which was held in the Atlantis Theatre on Paradise Island,

was special in several ways. The proceeds went towards financing a Music Conservatory Programme begun by the orchestra's new conductor, JoAnne Connaughton which will train young players to eventually become members of the orchestra.

It was very exciting to have internationally recognized Canadian concert violinist, Alexandre Da Costa, travel from engagements in Japan to be with the orchestra as soloist in the Vivaldi A minor violin concerto. Mr. Da Costa played the 1667 "Du-bois" Stradivarius violin. The other soloist was Martine Cardinale, another well recognized violinist who brought with her 20 young students from her music school Jardins des Violons in Quebec, Canada, to perform with the orchestra.

The programme consisted of extracts from the Vivaldi Gloria featuring the Bahamas Concert Orchestra and 40-member chorus. The second half of the programme featured Peter Versus the Wolf which is a courtroom comedy for orchestra and five actors written by Justin Locke as a sequel to Peter and the Wolf based on the original music by Sergei Prokofiev. Mr. Locke, who performed for many years as a bassist with the Boston

Pops Orchestra, was present for the performance

The orchestra, which is the Bahamas' only symphony orchestra, would like to do more travelling but funding is a big issue for the more than 40-member group. Amongst the capacity audience enjoying the concert were the Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister for Education and Culture, and Ms. Nicolette Bethel, Director of Culture.

Lovely Reckley Prepares for Learning Trip to China

By Jennifer Hudson

Mrs. Lovely Reckley, who is well known for her impressive straw work and other crafts, will be spending three months in China from June 5 to September 2 attending the 2008 International Training Course on Machine Embroidery. She is being sponsored by the Chinese Embassy and was nominated in Nassau by Chairman of BAIC, Mr. Edison Key. Mrs. Reckley is one of two persons selected, the other being a lady from Andros.

This course will provide training in the whole process of the making of an embroidery product and will include theoretical knowledge, maintenance of machines, embroidery pattern design, cutting and printing, more than 18 common stitching methods and techniques of blending thread and colour. The process will also include tailoring, cutting, shaping, arranging and ironing.

The trainees will be instructed by a senior national industrial artist, experienced embroidery technologist and other experts in the relevant field both at home and abroad. In addition to attending lectures, Mrs. Reckley will participate in field vis-

its to embroidery museums, institutes and embroidery bases in various areas.

The Hunan Zhongqing Economic and Technical Development Company Limited, which will be presenting the course, states to the trainees, "Interactions with the developing countries and technical cooperation in the embroidery industry will be strengthened through this training course and we hope that when you have accomplished your training and returned to your country, what you have learned in theory and in practice will promote the embroidery industry in your country."

The training centre is located in Changsha City and the training will take place during the hottest part of the year when temperatures can rise as high as 100 degrees in August. Mrs. Reckley is, understandably, extremely excited about her visit. "It is the chance of a lifetime," she says.

We will certainly look forward to the new and exciting things she will be making upon her return.

Tonya Ferguson Travels to Arizona

By Jennifer Hudson

Tonya Ferguson, a grade 5 teacher at the J.A. Pinder Primary School, is presently visiting Arizona for one month in a venture sponsored by Rotary District 7020. She is part of a five-member team selected by Rotary whose goal is to engender goodwill and better friendship between people.

Traveling along with Tonya are four persons from Nassau all of whom are already well traveled. These include an educator from the Learning Resources Unit, a

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Mrs. Jennifer Hudson, center, was thrilled to return to Nassau to play with the Bahamas Concert Orchestra at a recent benefit concert. She started the orchestra in 1991. She is shown here with two guest performers, Mr. Alexandre Da Costa and Ms. Martine Cardinale.



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librarian from the College of the Bahamas, a bank manager from the First Caribbean Bank and their Team Leader, Dr. Bridgette Rolle. The purpose of the trip is to visit places pertaining to their various vocations and bring back information which will be beneficial in their various fields.

The group met for five Saturdays in Nassau before departing to prepare their presentation containing information on the Rotary District which they will give to the several Rotary Clubs they will visit in Arizona. Each will live with a host Rotary family whilst there.

"We have a very busy itinerary planned, and I expect the trip to be spectacular," stated Ms. Ferguson. "I will be visiting primary school classrooms and will see how U.S. teachers teach a U.S. curriculum. This can be of great benefit towards making us more proficient in our classrooms here as we use many U.S. curricula and text books. I am looking forward to what I will be able to bring to the classroom."

Ms. Ferguson is hoping very much that

she will be able to visit the Academy of Science as she is particularly interested in the sciences, and she is hoping that she will be able to gain assistance towards the funding of a science lab for the Sandy Point school

Commonwealth Bank names new Sr. Vice President

Mr. T. Baswell Donaldson, Chairman of Commonwealth Bank, announced the appointment of Ms. Shirley Cartwright as Senior Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Business Development, effective March 1, 2008.

Ms. Cartwright has over 33 years of banking experience and has been with Commonwealth Bank for 20 years. She will oversee the newly formed Business Development and Sales Divisions. Her portfolio will also include the management of the Marketing Department.

"I am excited and looking forward to the prospect of working with these new areas, in particular our Business Development and Sales Divisions," remarked Ms. Cartwright.

During her tenure with the bank Ms. Cartwright has held a variety of senior management positions with the most recent being the Senior Vice President of Credit Risk. Many on Abaco know her because she was manager of the Marsh Harbour branch from August 1987 until October 1990..



Ms. Shirley Cartwright

School From Page 23

staff of seven teachers and six assistants and Mrs. Major would like to find a way to get the assistants certified without their having to leave the island. Ms. Meyer offered to find out if there was a teacher certification program on line. Mr. Little will try to locate software for the computers and supplemental video programs in mathematics, English and reading with higher comprehension, but lower decoding and lower reading levels. Mr. Gunter wanted to find out if the school or the island is interested in having Rollins students help with environmental problems. He received a positive answer.

Mrs. Major mentioned that training language therapists would be a great help as well as doing a one-on-one project that the school does not have time to do regularly, experiences that the teachers could continue. The use of special computers without a keyboard was suggested.

The Rollins faculty members thought that they could help, perhaps by establishing a summer program. Rollins students could visit for a two-week session and teach the ECC children to swim or play.

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Bonefish tournament aids ECC



The Redbone Bonefish Tournament is an annual event that raises money for cystic fibrosis research. The group organizes about 30 tournaments in many places including Abaco. At the awards dinner climaxing the tournament here, Mr. Mars Lawley of Every Child Counts was invited to accept a donation for the school. Shown here are Mr. Gary Ellis, tournament organizer; Don Cornish, Director of Tourism in Abaco; Cindy Pinder, one of the tournament participants; Mars Lawley, who accepted a check for \$5000; and Melinda Williams with the Abaco Tourism office.

Representing Every Child Counts school, Mars Lawley was invited to the awards dinner of the Redbone Bonefish Tournament to receive a donation. The awards dinner was held at Anglers Restaurant at the Abaco Beach Resort on April 8.

The 28 participants had taken part in a silent auction, a raffle and other fund raising devices. Mr. Lawley thanked the sponsors when given several hundred dollars from these events. However, he was astounded when the event sponsors then presented him with a check for the school for \$5,000.

Fourteen teams had entered and were taken to many areas of Abaco by their local guides who were close-mouthed on their favorite fishing locations. The fishermen boated and released 225 bonefish dur-

ing the two-day event. Guide Donny Lowe from Cherokee was the grand champion with his team boating 28 fish.

For the fourth year Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club was a local sponsor in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism. The Redbone Tournaments, named after their goal of fishing for redbone and bonefish, began 21 years ago in Islamorada, Florida, and now holds 30 tournaments a year in several countries. The tournaments are organized by Gary Ellis and his wife Susan. The financial firm of Collins Stuart is a major sponsor and basically raise funds for cystic fibrosis research.

The fishermen were all quite enthusiastic about the fantastic fishing they experienced on Abaco.

Government truck was stolen

By Jennifer Hudson

A government truck was stolen from under the nose of its driver and taken for a joy ride on the afternoon of May 14. Mr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs, was on his way home for lunch when he stopped to speak to a person he knew and to whom he needed to give some information. He pulled the truck over to the side of the road on the waterfront opposite North Rock Water Depot in Dundas Town.

As he stepped out momentarily to speak to the person, he was approached by a man who asked for a ride. He turned to speak to the person he had information for and somebody called out that the truck was moving. The truck swerved, causing Mr. Smith to jump out of the way and then it sped off.

Forty minutes later it was found in Sandy Point where the driver was seen talking to the nurse. On spotting the police he jumped into the truck and sped off with the police giving chase. This was at an especially dangerous time when the children were coming out of school.

The truck eventually came to a stop on the Earnest Dean Highway just north of the Casuarina Point turn off. By that time it could not be driven any further as all four tyres were flat. There was a lso damage to the rear and underside of the vehicle and the rear window was smashed. The driver fled into the bushes. The truck was towed from the scene and the culprit was later caught by police, placed under arrest and charged.

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VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

North Eleuthera Heights, Eleuthera Appraisal \$41,275.00

Lot #20 approximately 11,200 sq. ft. and bounded on north by Early Settler Drive and south by Deal Investment Ltd. This is single family zoning and 50 ft. above sea level. This site encompasses a foundation with plumbing and roughing in place and well compacted quarry fill. The concrete floor has not been poured as yet. The foundation is 2,511 sq. ft. Lot # 20 situated 1/5 miles eastwardly of the Bluff Settlement. The said lot is vacant and on a hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean

Lot. 1 10B, Palmetto Point Appraisal: \$72,000

All that piece, parcel or lot of vacant land containing 9,000 and being lot No. 10B situated north of Ingraham's Pond and easterly of Palmetto Point, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and is bounded and abutting as follows: - on the north by Lot No. 3B and running thereon for a distance of 90 ft; on the East by Lot No. 11B and running thereon for a distance of 100 ft; on the south by a 20 ft. wide road reservation and running thereon 90 ft. on the west by Lot No. 9B running thereon for a distance of 100 ft., the said lot is overgrown with shrubs and is in close proximity to a white sandy beach. This neighbourhood is zoned residential development and is quiet and peaceful with a topography of approximately 50 ft. and because of this there is no danger of flooding. The area is approximately 80 percent developed with all utilities and services available.

Mutton Fish Point, North Eleuthera Appraisal: \$51,421.00

All the piece, parcel or lot of vacant land containing 44,714 sq. ft. and designated E which forms a portion of land known as "Mutton Fish Point" situated about two miles northwestward of the settlement of Gregory Town on the Island of Eleuthera, one of islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and is bounded and abutting as follows: Northwardly by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Ltd. and running thereon for a distance of 393.13 feet; outwardly by a 30' wide road reservation and running thereon for a distance of 402.57 ft. eastward by the main Queen's Highway and running thereon for a distance of 109.73 ft; westwardly by land now or formerly the property of Caridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 110.75 ft. This property having an area of approximately 44,714 sq. ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial/residential development and is quiet, peaceful and has a topography of approximately 2 ft. with all utilities and services available.

Mutton Fish Point North Eleuthera Appraisal: \$51,421.00

All that piece, parcel or tract of land containing one acre situated about 2 miles northwest of the settlement of Gregory Town on the island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is bounded and abutting as follows; Northwesterly by the main Queens Highway and is running thereon for a distance of 125.462 feet northwestward by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited, and running thereon for a distance of 390.274 ft; southwestwardly by a 30' wide road reservation and running thereon for a distance of 128.128 ft; Southeastwardly by the land now or formerly the property of the Vendor and running thereon for a distance of 322.955 ft. This property having area of approximately 44,847.76 sq ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial development and is quiet and peaceful with a topography of approximately 2 ft, with all utilities and services available This lot is vacant land and is located in the area known as "Mutton Fish Point."

VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

Mutton Fish Point, North Eleuthera Appraisal \$51,276.00

All that place, parcel or lot of vacant land and improvements containing approximately 44,587 sq. ft. and designated 'F' which forms a portion of land known as "Mutton Fish Point" situated about two miles northwestward of the settlement of Gregory Town on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and bounded and abutting as follows:- Northwardly by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited, and running thereon for a distance of 383.56 ft; southwardly by land now or formerly the property of Caridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 393.19 ft, eastwardly by the main Queen's Highway and running thereon for a distance of 113.40 ft, westwardly by land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 113.40 ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial / residential development and is quiet, peaceful and has a topography of approximately 2 ft. with all utilities and services available.

Exuma Vacant Property

Island Harbour Beach, Exuma Appraisal: \$80,000

All that parcel or lot of vacant land containing 10,000 (80' x 100') sq. ft. being lot No. 9, Block 2, Island Harbour Beach Subdivision situated the western most portion of the Hermitage Estate, Little Exuma, Bahamas. The property is located on an unpaved road known as Stocking Road. The property also has a commanding view of the ocean.

Island Harbour Beach, Exuma Appraisal: \$80,000

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Abaco Vacant Property

Blackwood, Abaco Appraisal: \$219,354.40

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New Providence Properties

Kennedy Subdivision Nassau Appraisal: \$188,406.00



Lot no. 21 all utilities available 10 year old single story house, 3 bedroom 2 bathroom, living dining area, family room, kitchen, study, laundry and an entry porch.

Heading west along Soldier Road take main entrance to Kennedy Subdivision on the left, then take the 1st corner on the left, then 1st right. House is second on your right with garage.

Lot No. 1490 Appraisal: \$162,400.00



Golden Gates Section 2 All that lot of land having an area of 6,000 sq. ft. Being lot no. 1490 of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates, the said subdivision situated in the southwestern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 25-yr-old single family residence consisting of approximately 2,480 sq. ft. of enclosed living with three bedrooms three bathrooms, living room and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently

elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept with improvements including driveway, walkway and low shrubs. Yard is enclosed on one side with 5-foot chain link fencing and a low cement block wall to the front.

Traveling west on Carmichael Road turn left, then right onto the service road opposite Bahamas Faith Ministries Complex, then first left again after passing clico and pre-school. The subject house is the 6th house left painted green trimmed white.

Lot No. 1 Western Shores Appraisal \$753,570



All that lot of land having an area of 7,389 sq. ft. being lot #1 of the subdivision known as Western Shores Phase II, the said subdivision situated in the Western District of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a single structure comprising of a single family residence consisting of approximately 2,430 sq. ft. of enclosed living space. The residence comprises of 3 bedrooms with closets, 2 1/2 bathrooms, living/dining rooms, study, kitchen, utility room, porch and enclosed garage with electronic door. The

land appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly well kept with improvements including driveway, walkway and swimming pool. The yard is enclosed with walls.

Traveling west on West Bay Street. Go past Orange Hill and Indigo Subdivisions, the house is located on the left near Tusculum Subdivision and painted all white.

Lot No. 217 Pinewood Gardens Subdivision Appraisal: \$127,988



All that lot of land having an area of 5,000 sq. ft. being Lot No. 217 of the subdivision known as Pinewood Gardens the said subdivision situated in the Southern District of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on this property is a structure comprising of an approximately 20 yr. old single family residence consisting of 992 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living/dining rooms, kitchen, driveway and walkway. The land is on a grade and level and appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the

Traveling South on East Street to the junction of Soldier Road, make a left at the light, then turn right into Kennedy Subdivision. Go all the way to T-junction, turn right, then first left, then right again toward Mount Tabor Church building. After passing Mount Tabor take first left (Sapodilla Blvd.). The subject house is about 400 yards on the right painted yellow trimmed green with green and white door.

Lot No. 3 Yamadraw Beach Estates Appraisal: \$313,016



All that lot of land having an area of 10,000 sq. ft. being Lot No. 3 in Yamacraw Beach Estates in the said subdivision situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a single storey triplex building comprising of 3 units with two 2-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, living, dining, kitchen apartment units and one unit being used as a barber and beauty salon, the land is

on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year.

Traveling south on Fox Hill Road, go past Yamacraw Hill Road and Joe Farrington Road. The subject property is located on the left hand side of Fox Hill Road painted white trimmed brown.

Lot No. 51, Dorsetteville, Bamboo Town



All that lot of land having an area of 5,000 sq. ft. being Lot No. 51, of the subdivision known as Dorsetteville, the said subdivision situated in the Southern District of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a structure comprising of an approximately 20 yr. old duplex apartment comprising of approximately 1,641 sq. ft. of enclosed living space which includes two 2-bedrooms, 1-bath, kitchen, living & dining room units. And an approximately 9 yr. old one bedroom apartment building comprising of 382 sq. ft. with bath, kitchen, living/dining room. The land is on a grade and level; the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept with improvements of concrete parking area & concrete walkways around the premises. The yard is enclosed with chained linked fencing at the sides and back.

Appraisal: \$202,225.40

Traveling south on East Street from Soldier Road, turn right at Porky's Service Station (Victoria Blvd). Travel past the third corner on the left, The subject property will be the

9th on the left side. Painted green trim White.

Long Island Properties

Hamilton's, Long Island Appraisal: \$67,000



All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvements situated in the settlement of Hamilton's on the Island of Long Island and comprising of approximately 13,547 sq. ft. and is elevated approximately 7-8 ft above sea level. This site encompasses a 35 yr. structure. A simple style home consisting of two bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen, living and dining room. The home, however, is consisted of 2 separate constructions; 360 sq. ft of concrete construction

and 624 sq. ft of wooden construction. All amenities are to the property such as electricity, water, cable and telephone. The property is accessed by the main Queen's Highway.

Abaco Properties

Dundas Town Crown Alloment Appraisal \$265,225.00



One two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, triplex. Approximately 9,000 sq. ft. lot no. 18B with an area for a small shop. Age-12 years the land is a portion of one of the Dundas Town Crown Alloment parcels stretching from Forest Drive to Front Street, being just under a quarter acre in size and on the lowside. A concrete block structure, with asphalt shingle roof and L-shape in design with a total length of

70 x 26 ft. Plus 50 x 22 ft. 2,920 sq. Ft. the interior walls are concrete blocks; ceiling is sheet rock and the floors of vinyl tiles.

Eleuthera Properties

Lot No. 62, Lower Bogue Eleuthera Appraisal: \$229,426



All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements in the settlement of Lower Bogue, North Eleuthera, being No. 62, comprising of about 34,210 sq. ft. This site encompasses a 12-year-old single storey home comprising of 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, front room, dining, breakfast room, kitchen and laundry room with a total living area of approximately 2,342.06. Property also includes a double car

garage and front entrance with a total sq. ft. of approximately 655.75. This home is approximately 85% completed. The property is well landscaped with crab grass and some fruit trees.

Lot No. 7. Boiling Hole Subdivision Appraisal: \$153,521.00



This property is situated on the western side of Eleuthera Highway in the settlement of Lower Bogue.

All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements situated on the Island of Eleuthera, North of Governor's Harbour, comprising of Lot No. 7 in the Boiling Hole Subdivision and comprising of approximately 10,000 sq. ft., this site encompasses a 17-year old duplex with each unit consisting of 2 bedrooms, 1

bathroom, front room, dining room and kitchen with a gross floor area of approximately 1,474.20 sq. ft. and covered porch area of approximately 164.70 sq. ft. This duplex was built in accordance with the plan and specification as approved, and at a standard that was acceptable to the Ministry of Public Works. This structure is in good condition. Each apartment could be rented at \$800.00 per month. The land is landscaped and planted with ficus trees but needs some manicuring.

Eleuthera Lot No. 1, Block No. 45 Appraisal: \$151,007.00



All that place parcel or lot of land having an area of 9,644 sq. ft. being lot #1 In block 45, Section E In the subdivision called and known as Eleuthera Island Shores Subdivision, situated In the vicinity of Hatchet Bay Harbour, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. This site encompasses a two-storey building which is approximately 14 yrs. old and is abandoned. There is a wooden landing approximately 7'-4" wide by 20'-0" on the

upper level, approximately 1,610 sq. ft. of enclosed living space, with 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, front room, dining room, den, kitchen, and utility room. The wooden porch on the upper level approximately 148 sq. ft. There is also a water cistern under the dining room floor area. All utilities and services available. This property is situated in Eleuthera Island Shores.

New Providence Vacant Property

Lot B, Wilson Street, Rock Crusher Appraisal: \$97,214

All that lot of land having an area of 10,498 sq. ft. being Lot B, between the subdivision known as Rock Crusher and in the vicinity of Perfall Tract situated in the western district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is zoned multi-family / single family. Also located on this property is a structure comprising of a duplex at foundation level under construction, and consisting of approximately 1,566 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with a patio consisting of 270 sq. ft. The starter bars are in place and foundation poured. Traveling west on Farrington Road take a right after the PLP Headquarters, go about midways through to Wilson Street. Go through the corner all the way to the dead end. The property is located behind the chain link fence at the back of the yard.

Rainbow Subdivision Lot No. 3, Block 27. Appraisal: \$37, 440

All that vacant lot of land having an area of approximately 14,052.59 sq. ft. being Lot No. 3, Block 27, section B, of Rainbow Subdivision with residential zoning. This property is bounded about 103.44 ft. north by Queens Highway and 137.02 ft. east and about 99.94 ft. south of Rainbow Hill Circle, 139.91 ft. west. All utilities and services available.

Lot No. 15, Block 10, Winton Heights Appraisal: \$171,440

All that lot of vacant land having an area of 17,144 sq. ft. of the subdivision known as Winton Heights situated in the Eastern District of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is rectangular in shape and zoned multi-family - single family. This property is about 230 ft. west of Sassoon Drive and is about the third lot on the north side of Hill Side Road

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Local Government at Work



Guana Cay Town Meeting 21 Apr 08

Approximately 30 Guana Cay residents turned out for a public meeting held by the Hope Town District Council that was represented by Guana Cay's Councillor Glenn Laing and Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting.

Brief presentations were made by Police Chief Theophilus Cunningham, Immigration Officer Gerald Hutcheson, Road Traffic Officer Belinda McIntosh and Labour Officer Veronica Nairn. Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper moderated the meeting.

Residents brought up two pressing issues. They felt there was a lack of proper representation on the Hope Town Council and they felt the need for a police presence.

The representation issue centers on Guana's being allowed only one representative on the District Council whereas Man-O-War and Hope Town are each allowed three representatives. This was originally based on either registered voters or town population. It is strongly felt by Guana Cay residents that this skews attention and benefits the other two towns disproportionately.

The request for a police presence drew applause from those attending indicating unanimous agreement. Issues related to police enforcement related to unlicensed vehicles, vehicles speeding through town, children driving golf carts, large, inappropriate equipment routinely driving on the settlement streets, equipment drivers running pedestrians and golf carts off town streets.

It was generally felt that foreign heavy equipment operators, that is, foreign to Guana Cay and by implication driving Baker's Bay equipment, were mainly at fault with inappropriate driving through town.

Complaints were made about loud and boisterous music played at high volume until 2 and 3 a.m. at a popular beach-front

night spot.

Guana Cay has no taxis and requested two plates years ago which Council granted. However, a moratorium on taxi plates left Guana Cay without this service. This may not be a high volume business, but the residents agreed it is a needed service. Administrator Cooper advised that Council should make a specific request as a similar issue was raised on Exuma and an exception was made.

It was noted that Guana Cay for years has not received any funding for roadside cleaning or the maintenance of the school yard or cemetery. This oversight has been corrected in the 2008-2009 budget for the Hope Town District.

An earlier meeting several months ago had representatives from the BEC, Batelco, Environmental Health and the Port Authority. It was noted that the day after the meeting, BEC had a crew on Guana Cay installing streetlights.

Hope Town District Council April 17

No bids were received from anyone in Hope Town for road resurfacing within the settlement. A single bid from William "Bill" Albury of Man-O-War Cay had been sent to be considered in the event there were no local bids. Mr. Albury will be invited to Hope Town to measure the roads and formulate a formal bid. Mr. Albury had recently resurfaced many town roads in Man-O-War.

Funds totaling \$16,000 for Man-O-War capital improvements were wanted for public dock repairs but were believed to be insufficient to complete the job.

Capital funding available to Guana Cay will be used to construct a public boat ramp and public restrooms. The ramp will be close to Guana Harbour Grocery Store in the harbour and will be a joint project by Council funding for materials and public volunteers providing the labour. The restroom will be joined to the public building on the waterfront.

Hope Town residents using the public dock at Lighthouse Cove, nestled adjacent

to Hope Town Marina, asked to re-establish the original "T" configuration of their public dock. With permission, they had been allowed to tie their boats at Hope Town Marina. But the marina was recently sold, and they now want to re-establish their traditional dock. A decision was deferred.

Sherman Kemp was given permission to establish a cart rental business in Hope Town with 15 carts. Mixed emotions were expressed as the Hope Town settlement is running out of space to park them. However, it was realized that with increasing numbers of visitors, they are a necessity.

The golf cart issue brought out universal complaints from Councillors from the three settlements on cart abuse. A main complaint centered on visitors allowing children to drive them, even children so young they can't reach the brake pedal. It was felt that the police should be more aggressive on cart drivers. It was believed that all cart rental operators give strict advice on cart usage to renters.

A application to construct a 17-foot tall privacy fence in Hope Town was deferred. A resident is attempting to retain his privacy from a neighbour's two-story house.

It was noted that a sailing program for Guana Cay youth has begun. This is patterned after Hope Town's successful program.

Town Planning 29 April 2008

Nineteen applications totaling \$3.3 mil-

lion were on the agenda to be reviewed.

Extensive discussions were made on the role of Town Planning's mandated impact on town's character and values, building appearances and setting neighbourhood tones as outlined in the Local Government Act and Town Planning regulations.

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and omissions which members felt important were included. Intense feelings were expressed that some local government persons receive preferential treatment or rule deviations are overlooked which is unfair.

Due to the extensive time spent on discussions related to meeting protocols, minutes and other issues, the 19 applications were deferred to a continuation meeting on May 5.

The application reviewed April 8 for the reconstruction of Sapodilly's restaurant had been deferred for missing dimensions, restrooms too close to the boundary, front steps only eight feet from the road and insufficient parking.

Murphy Town Committee May 5

By Mirella Santillo

The budget meeting of the Murphy Town Town Committee before the end of the fiscal year was held on May 5th at the Council office in Marsh Harbour with the

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Committee will oversee security at two airports

budget as the main topic. This meeting had been postponed several times because of lack of a quorum. The meeting was held to decide how to use the remaining funds available in the Murphy Town's coffer. After discussions and deliberations, it was decided to allocate most of the money to the Coconut Tree Bay restoration project while some will go for the construction of a cabana at the Murphy Town Park playground and a small sum was set aside for emergencies at the suggestion of Administrator Cephas Cooper.

It was agreed that the following sums would be allocated to Coconut Tree Bay project. Mr. Brent Brook will be paid \$9,500 for the construction of bathrooms; \$6,500 will go to Mr. Mario Bethel for the construction of cabanas and \$2,100 will be saved for cleaning expenses. Mr. Rene Norelien will be paid \$6,500 for the building of the cabana at the playground.

The meeting ended with the members setting the date of May 28th at 6 p.m. for the dedication of Coconut Tree Bay. It was decided that the last Town Meeting before Local Government elections will be held at the Burial Society on June 2nd.

The Bahamas joined the U.N.s International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, in 1976 but has been slow to implement various required rules. Airport Security Regulations were drafted into Bahamian law in 1991, many years before the 9/11 disaster in New York. The 1991 regulations provide the framework for security measures now required worldwide.

Although stringent security details were not required at that time, the regulations are sufficiently broad to give the Minister of Aviation the authority to implement measures as required.

On May 19 the Hon. Branville McCartney, Minister of State for Tourism and Aviation, and Mr. Randy Butler, Manager, Airport Security Council held several meetings on Abaco to form two security committees required by law for the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports. They are required to meet on the second Tuesday of every month to ensure that security measures are in place and to resolve issues which may arise.

Contrary to public opinion, most of the requirements of airport security are based on international requirements and are not just rules imposed by the United States. American authorities are concerned that security measures are in place in The Bahamas as there is a heavy volume of aircraft traffic between the two countries. Without

these measures in place, aircraft could be prohibited from entering U.S. airspace.

Mr. Butler explained that there are 65 airports in the Bahamas of which 28 are government owned. Airports in Nassau and Freeport are designated as International airports based on facilities at the airport and nearby area. Seventeen airports are designated as Ports of Entry which include Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay.

An example of the high costs associated with the regulations was given. Fencing and the airport perimeter road for Marsh Harbour will cost between \$2 and \$3 million. A recently purchased fire engine cost \$800,000. It is obvious that government does not have sufficient funds to implement all desired measures at all airports. This is a reason why luggage and passengers are personally examined rather than using automated equipment.

Little Harbour Annual Dolphin Derby

By Mirella Santillo

Fishing has always been an integral part of life in Little Harbour, so it does not come as a surprise that 46 people entered the 18th annual Dolphin Derby that was held the week of May 6th to 10th. Most of the people who participated were locals from Cherokee Sound, Yellow Wood and second homeowners from Little Harbour.

A lot of dolphin fish was caught and ended up as a pot luck dinner for the fishermen and their friends. The largest one, a 57 pounder caught by Heath and Kelly Higgs, did not fit the cooler of their new 31-foot Bertram. They were the lucky winners of both the marlin and the dolphin categories. Douglas Sands of Cherokee on was voted the Best Sportsman of the event. The largest bonefish caught was 22 inches.

The contest ended at noon on Saturday.

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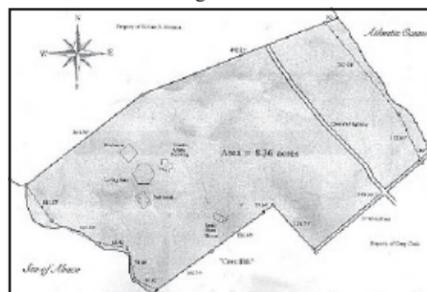
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Students

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On Thursday James was asked to be the Youth Ambassador for a "meet and greet" at the Marsh Harbour airport for Mr. Byron Woodside, Minister of State for Youth and Sports, along with Program Director, Mr. Ricardo Deveaux. You never know where these wins will take you.

As an aside - This competition for Grade 6 students in public or private schools is open to all students regardless of nationality. It is the most professionally done program I've ever been involved in. There are requirements to be met and a portfolio that requires time to put together; however, it is well worth the effort. The Pan-Hellenic Council members who are responsible for the program are friendly and professional - no detail is overlooked in order to provide the children with a positive, uplifting experience. It is definitely a growth experience for the parents and the child. Once

a student is entered they become part of the "family," so to speak. The foundation tracks the student's progress through high school and college. Former winners and nominees pictures are displayed in the program, and they are invited back to the award ceremonies to present trophies. It is like a family reunion when these old friends see each other once again. James will return next year to deliver the winning speech to the 2009 candidates, then join the ranks of former winners who return year after year. I highly recommend this award program to all schools.

Self Starters

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that their request would be considered. One of the prerequisites on the application was to be in possession of a business license to which people objected because of the length of time it takes to obtain one on the island. They were told that a receipt would be sufficient. Most of the questions were

handled by Mr. Ricardo Deveaux.

The delegation was accepting applications until noon, after which time they were scheduled to depart for Cooper's Town to hold a similar meeting.

Cays

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Brett Osborne - 24 lb. dolphin on 130# test
 Brett Osborne - 23 lb. dolphin on Hand Line
 Sydney Roberts - 7 ft. bull - Shark Class
 Roscoe Thompson III - 4 lb. bonefish w/ Fly Rod
 Roscoe Thompson III - 5 lb. bone Bonefish

Women's Division

Jean Cole - 7 lb. mutton snapper on 12# test
 Kara Roberts - 10 lb. barracuda on 16# test
 Jan Greenwood - 36 lb. dolphin on 30# test
 Kara Roberts - 34 lb. dolphin on 50# test
 Jane Thompson - 46 lb. dolphin on 80# test
 Jarvis Peacock - 10 lb. barracuda on 130# test

Other Awards

Jane Thompson - Kelly Vernis Memorial Trophy:
 Nokomis - Best Boat Trophy
 Skyler Key, Jean Cole and Joe Strickland - First Time Participants

Derby

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day with a T-shirt distribution party and an awards' dinner in the evening at Pete's Pub. The awards consisted of plaques of drift wood decorated with a bronze fish made at the foundry. Altogether 13 plaques were handed out to the lucky winners.

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Cherokee Sound News

By Lee Pinder

Condolences

Theodore Edwin Sawyer, son of Tal-madge and Rosa Sawyer, born September 10, 1937, in Cherokee Sound, passed away on May 18th after a long illness. Theodore, or just plain Dore as many used to call him, spent all his life on the sea, first smack fishing and in later years as a bone-fishing guide. He came from a large family and had a large family of his own. He had many friends and a host of relatives and his funeral was well attended. In fact, it was one of the largest turn-outs Cherokee has seen in a long time. Theodore was a personable fella, well liked by all who met him. He always greeted you on the street with a warm smile and a kind word. He will certainly be missed. Internment was at the Cherokee Sound Public Cemetery surrounded by many childhood friends and acquaintances. May he finally rest in peace.

He is survived by his wife Winnie; sons Marty, Ryan, Shane and Bronson; daughters Lucy Albury, Tammy Albury and Becky Lee Sawyer, and grandchildren Scott, James, Joey, Angus, Joshua, Andrew and Shania. In addition, he leaves behind brothers Clyde, Glenn, Andy and Wil, and sisters Ruth Pinder and Patsy Roberts.

School News

In April the school had a Pirates Day and grades 3 thru 6 got to dress up as Pirates. They were a scurvy lot that day. There was the notorious Black Beard, Calico Jack and

Benjamin Hornigold. The children gave presentations on the lives of the various pirates as well as information about living the life of a pirate.

Coastal Clean-Up

It's rather sad to report that there was another coastal clean-up on April 21st. This time it was the beaches and the creek-side all the way back to the parking lot and 23 bags of refuse was collected.

Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated on April 25th in Marsh Harbour and our schoolchildren attended. They had special presentations and although we didn't win a prize, we had a good time and learned a lot and enjoyed looking at all the displays.

Spelling Bee

A special thank you to Briana Sweeting, Adrian Williams and Brandon Sands for representing Cherokee Primary School in the Grade 2 competition.

Reimbursed For Repairs

Cherokee Primary School received reimbursement of the nearly \$3,000 from local government for monies spent last summer on repairs to the school building. Our schoolhouse, like many others on Abaco, is showing its age and is in need of something to be fixed all the time. The PTA and parents are grateful for this assistance.

Parents Appreciation Luncheon

A special luncheon was held at the Sand Bar to show thanks to the parents for their endeavors on behalf of our school.

Nurse Fernander Is Honored

By Jennifer Hudson

Congratulations to Nurse Iris Fernander, Nursing Officer in Charge of the Health District of Abaco, who is being honored as the Family Island Nurse of the Year for 2008 to 2010. May is Nurses' Month and during this time she was recognized at a church ceremony for nurses on May 24 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and will later be honored at a Farewell and Appreciation Ceremony on June 7. She was nominated for this award by nurses throughout the entire Bahamas and will be presented with a plaque in Nassau.

Nurse Fernander has been working within the Abaco community for the last four years. Although stationed at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic, she has also been responsible for the government clinics at Cooper's Town, Fox Town, Sandy Point, Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town. She has also been responsible for Man-O-War Cay and Guana Cay although there are no actual clinic premises there.

On June 20 Nurse Fernander will be leaving Abaco to take up a new appointment with responsibility for one of the government clinics in Nassau. Whilst here Nurse Fernander described her work as having been very challenging as she alone has had to cover both nursing and administrative duties. She is pleased to announce that Mrs. Sherinette Bodie-Norville-Smith, wife of the new Police Superintendent, has now been brought in as a very much needed Health Administrator. "The clinic here

has been out-grown by the population, and I would like to see a mini hospital on Abaco in the near future with 24-hour services," stated Nurse Fernander.



Nurse Fernander

Nurse Fernander has been a nurse for 25 years most of which time has been spent in the Family Islands. In addition to Abaco, she has worked in Exuma, Long Island, San Salvador and Cat Island, always with leadership responsibilities. Her future goal is to eventually pursue a Nurse Practitioners course and gain her Masters Degree which will then put her next in line to a doctor.

"It was indeed a privilege and honour for me to have served the community of Abaco," stated Nurse Fernander, who described her personal philosophy of nursing thus: "To reduce the rate of human mortality and morbidity through physical health promotions and risk reduction through screening, referral and health teaching. This would allow for the rendering of optimal holistic and comprehensive health care to all regardless of their ethnicity and racial background. Again, thanks to all Abaconians for allowing me to serve and I wish for each of you the best of health and success."

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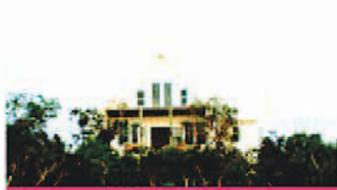
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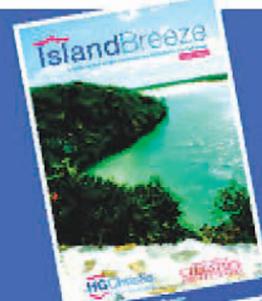
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