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Christmas Festival featured Defence Force Band Shows, demonstrations, food, games, crafts, gifts were all included

By Navardo Saunders

The 2009 Abaco Christmas Festival was bigger, better and brighter than ever before, surpassing the expectations of the hundreds of people who participated in the day-long activities which culminated with a tantalizing Junkanoo rush that continued until a light rain late that night brought the event to a close.

A sea of people from all over Abaco gathered at the festival site across the street from the Bahamas Electricity Corporation office in Marsh Harbour on December 5. The property is the future site of an art, craft and farmers' market to be developed by the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. Young, middle age and old got into the Christmas Spirit as they participated in a number of well-organized events. Many people browsed around checking to see what the vendors had to offer.

Besides a variety of mouth-watering foods which included to-die-for deserts such as guava duff and coconut cakes, there were booths with spectacular arts and crafts, homemade jams, hot sauces and locally grown produce such as tomatoes and onions.

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A performance by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band was one of the highlights of the sixth annual Christmas Festival held in Marsh Harbour on December 5. This greatly anticipated holiday event brings families from all over Abaco for a day of fun and socializing. Continual entertainment combined with many food booths, games, a fashion show and many other attractions provided much for the thousands who attended throughout the day. The Defence Force Band captivated the audience with its maneuvers as they marched on Don MacKay Boulevard. Later in the evening the Defence Force Pop Band got the audience into dance rhythms.

Mickey Mouse entertains Abaco Central students



Disney characters visit Abaco each December to bring holiday greetings to several schools. This year Mickey Mouse himself came, for only the second time, and brought gifts to the students of six schools. He is shown here on December 3 with students of Central Abaco Primary School where he sat with them hugging them and making their day. He visited Every Child Counts, J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks Primary, Cherokee Sound Primary and Moore's Island All Age School. The gifts this year were a cartoon DVD and a poster of the Disney movie *The Little Princess* with the first African-American Princess in the lead role. See story on page 10.

Holiday dates are clarified

The Cabinet Office has announced that Boxing Day will be celebrated on December 28, 2009.

Shops that want to open for business can do so on December 28, 2009 and January 1, 2010. Businesses are remind-

ed of the laws concerning the payment of wages for employees who are normally not required to work on a public holiday are in effect.

December 26, 2009, is a normal day for businesses.

First college graduation is held on Abaco



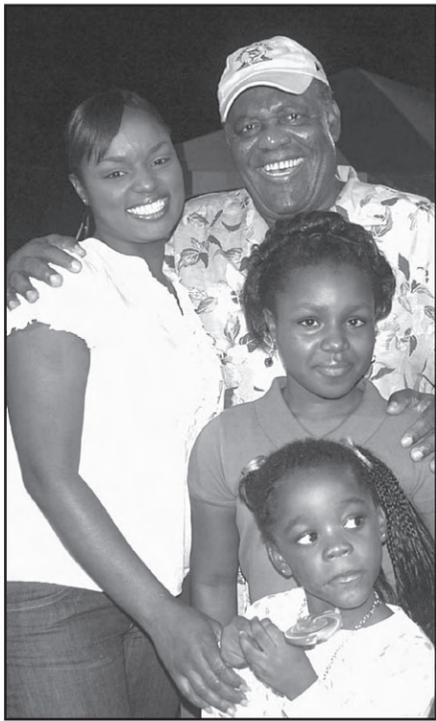
Fifteen students completed the required courses to earn their Associate degrees through Success Training College. This is the first graduation beyond high school ever held on Abaco. The ceremony was held at Change Ministries in Murphy Town. The graduates are, front row, Carla Clarke, Barbara Williams, Kendra Sands-Smith, Jasmine Curry, Doris Jones, Crystal Cornish-Spicer; middle row, Nicole Scott, Phenisha Calder, Vernice Bain, Margo Dean, Wendy Sands; and top row Datus Farrington and Claudia Pinder. Missing from the photo but also graduating were Kim McIntosh-Smith and Aretha Mackey. See story on page 12.

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Festival goers enjoyed a Junkanoo rush



One of the crowd who enjoyed time at the Christmas Festival was Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham seen here embracing a family of girls.

Festival

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The vendors kept busy throughout the day and evening as the crowd continued to thicken. A vendor who sold multi-flavoured Daiquiris that sent chills down the spine because they were just that good was almost sold-out by 8 p.m., three hours before the festival closed. The vendor said he had sold hundreds of daiquiris from the time the festival started at noon to that point.

The young children crammed into a bouncing castle munching on cotton candy while their elders gathered in small groups talking, eating, drinking and moving to the beat of the music from the large speakers.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco, was among the hundreds who attended the festival at night. He walked through the crowds hugging, kissing, shaking hands and being photographed with many people. MP for South Abaco Edison Key and Minister of the Environment Earl Deveaux also mingled with the crowd.

The fashion show, featuring a variety of beautiful attire for women captivated many in the crowd, particularly the women, who looked on in awe. One woman jokingly



The Spring City Rockers were in good form as they rushed the evening of the Christmas Festival. They quickly had the crowd dancing along with them.

said, "Where's my checkbook," to which those around her began to laugh out loud and shake their heads as if to say they felt the same way.

Although there was a lot going on at the festival, the Junkanoo rush stole the show. Many people stayed up past their normal bedtimes to watch the Spring City Rockers, and they got more than they bargained

for. The group invited the audience to rush with them and soon the small group turned into a large one.

Even some visitors joined in dancing to the rhythmic sounds of the cowbell, goat skin drum and other instruments that blended together to create the Junkanoo

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6th annual Christmas Festival was a huge success

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaconians look forward to the Abaco Christmas Festival every year as it has become one of those events that starts the holiday season. There was a lot to see and do at this year's festival as the vendors came out in full force to ensure that the public had a lot of fun at this event. Numerous forms of entertainment were provided at the festival. Some church and school groups danced and performed skits while a few individuals sang.

The official opening of the festival took place in mid afternoon. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, had the honour of declaring the Christmas Festival officially open. He was very impressed with the turnout of the grounds and pleased that BEC was able

to put up the lights in time for the Festival. He added that in spite of the tough economic times, he is convinced that the best is yet to come. He commented on the amount of work the women did to prepare the grounds for the festival.

The site of the Festival will be where craft makers and farmers will be able to sell their goods when completed. Mr. Key stated that even though there is so much food and everyone is having good wholesome fun, that they must remember the true meaning of the season which is the birthday of Jesus so this season is the time when they celebrate this incredible gift of love.

Dr. Ann Higgins, Special Projects Officer in the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Culture, brought special greetings from Minister Charles Maynard and stated that

she is truly impressed by what she saw.

Mrs. Jeritzen Outten stated that she was honored to be filling in at the Abaco Tourism office until Wynsome Ferguson

returned to take over the Abaco office. She commended the team from her office headed by Kendi Anderson for a job well done.



The Wesley College School band was one of the groups that performed at the Christmas Festival. It put on a dynamic performance just before the official opening ceremony.



The Marsh Harbour Christmas Tree was officially lit by Dr. Ann Higgins of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. She is shown here, far left, with Kendi Anderson of the Abaco Tourism office, Brenda Sawyer, Chairman of the Festival Committee, Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, and Jeritzen Outten, Director of Tourism, Northern Bahamas.

Baker's Bay gave gifts to the children

Baker's Bay gave out toys to the children. Even though there are cutbacks, this organization saw it important to still give to the kids. According to Simone Bowe, this is the second year that they are partnering with the Ministry of Tourism in the spirit of community. They have a total of 900 gifts to give out this year. Some were given out at the Festival, but Social Services, Heal Our Land and Moore's Island will receive toys to distribute as well. The toys range from puzzles to I-pod holders to jewelry sets to Karaoke sets.

Ms. Bowe would love to see more businesses join Tourism and give to the youth.

She stated that it must not only be about getting but they should be prepared to give back to make the communities on Abaco better. She would like organizations to realize that they have a social responsibility as well which requires them to get involved in the community in which they operate. She stated that they can take part in school events such as career fairs, work experience and other activities that can equip the youth with skills for life. Thirteen persons helped to make this event possible including the committee that spearheaded the purchase of the gifts and those who wrapped them for the kids.

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Christmas Festival offered food and fashion

By Mirella Santillo

More than 20 stalls including sweet stands offered a variety of food items at this year's Christmas Festival. From Bahamian traditional meals to seafood combos, from curried mutton to lobster fried rice, from grilled conch to Jamaican jerk chicken and pork, there was food to satisfy every taste. There was no lack of desserts to fill the needs of those with a sweet tooth!

The food vendors were assembled on the north perimeter of the grounds, their identical tents with a pointy roof forming a pleasant edge to the festival area. Well known restaurants such as Mother Merle's, which offered a variety of chicken and conch and grits, had "boil-up," a stew of ham and vegetables, fruit salad and desserts; and Kirk Da Conch Man, who was

steadily chopping fresh conch and vegetables to satisfy the line of customers waiting for conch salad, were representative.

Private caterers joined the rank of vendors, offering homemade food. The light eater could find sandwiches and pizza at Gwendolyn Carey's stand or hot dogs, pop corn and nacho and cheese at BJ's Snacks. The Church of God stand, manned by Jerry Cornish and his wife, displayed mouth-watering pastries such as guava duff and fruit tarts and offered homemade ice cream. At the Jerk Corner, a stand owned by Mrs. Martin, who cooks as a hobby, one could satisfy a craving for spicy food and kids could buy a cookie on a stick. Early in the day Edna Filius had already run out of conch chowder, but one could satisfy an appetite at the next stall where Julia Hen-

field offered steam conch, mutton curry and lobster fried rice.

One could take home a reminder of the festival by buying homemade jams and jellies at Esther's Kitchen and Abaco's Delight, the latter offering unusual fruit combinations such as coconut-pineapple, passion fruit-papaya or simply guava, jams.



More than 20 stalls with food kept Festival goers well fed. A great variety of foods was available.

The Fashion Show attracted many

The Fashion Show held at the Christmas Festival in the evening of December 5th gathered quite a crowd of people who assembled in front of the stage to watch four lovely women model clothes from the Island Girl Boutique in Marsh Harbour and



Vows, a bridal and formal wear boutique in Nassau. Introduced by Phillipa Farrington, Geneva Cadet, Chantal Penn, Bianca Lowe and Danishka Morley paraded on the stage in trendy, holiday wear. The clothes ranged from mini-length outfits and figure revealing pant suits to more traditional dresses. The show consisted of three rounds, featuring semi-casual clothes in the first two shows and formal gowns in the last. The models ranged from teens to adult and in size from petite to full figure.

One could taste the reasonably priced jams before buying them, which possibly explained the healthy crowd of customers waiting to be served.

There was no reason for your throat to go dry. Water and sodas were sold by the Christmas Festival Committee throughout the day. The Rotary Club of Abaco featured a full bar where mixed drinks, beer and wine were available and frozen fruit Daiquiris were made on order by various food vendors.

Festival

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Even as the vendors closed shops after a long, exhausting day the Junkanoo group continued to move around the festival ground.

Many people said they had a wonderful time and praised the organizers for doing a "really fantastic job."

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Christmas is a very special time of year for all of us in The Bahamas; a time when we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child in prayerful thanksgiving but also with merry making. It is a time for special worship that kindles in us a generosity of spirit toward all.

This year we celebrate Christmas amidst a downturn in the economy, brought on by the global economic recession. Thousands of Bahamians have lost their jobs while thousands more have had their expectations dampened by the harsh impact of the economic decline.

This year also, we are challenged by an increase in the incidence of crime and, by the loss of too many lives on our streets; in Abaco alone we suffered 6 fatalities this year.

Still, we have much to celebrate and give thanks to God this Yuletide season.

The people of Abaco have a time-honoured tradition at Christmas time of sharing their bounty not only with family and friends but with the less fortunate. This practice is all the more important this year when many are being forced to manage with less.

I take this opportunity to recognize and thank, the many in our communities, both private enterprise and individual donor, who continue to respond to those in need by opening their hearts and their homes and by contributing financially to assist those impacted by adversity or tragedy.

I wish all a joyous Christmas and I hope that all your wishes come true in 2010.

Keith A. Freeman

The Editor Says . . . Gratitude for those who volunteer



The Christmas season is a good time to reflect on our various volunteer organizations that reach out into the community in various ways. They should all be commended for their charitable work.

The Abaco Cancer Society is raising funds during December through its new outlet by Mangoes with an upscale collection of donated items for sale. It uses the funds to assist cancer patients with travel and other expenses. It continues to operate a thrift shop behind Abaco Groceries that volunteers open each Saturday morning.

A holiday tradition of Rotary Club is for its members to stand outside prominent businesses, usually grocery stores, ringing a bell for donations. The money collected is used to purchase food for needy families which the members will be giving out over the holidays.

Heal Our Land and the Red Cross are two more organizations that collect donations, food and clothing and distribute to needy families.

The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club collects money and toys every year for its Toys for Tots program. The club just donated about 450 new toys to Social Services for distribution to needy families throughout Abaco. This is before the members have held their annual Christmas benefit that will bring in more new toys. This event includes a visit from Santa.

We have several animal rescue groups devoted mainly to dogs and cats. They are located in Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War and Elbow Cay. These groups raise funds to finance spay and neuter programs and pay the expense of shipping animals to homes in the U.S.

Hope Town's Wyannie Malone Museum strives to preserve the town's heritage and genealogy. With town and school volunteers it stages Heritage Day each spring that highlights the town's history.

The Albert Lowe Museum along with the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee, both in Green Turtle Cay, work to highlight and keep their island's rich history alive through displays and cultural

events.

Two scholarship organizations raise funds to send Abaco students away for further education, Abaco Pathfinders in Central Abaco and the Abaco Scholarship Fund based in Treasure Cay. Both provide partial funding for academic and vocational training.

The Bahamas Lighthouse Preservation Society in Hope Town is dedicated to keeping the Elbow Cay Light Station and other lighthouses in The Bahamas working as originally intended on kerosene. Members have gone to great effort to secure parts for the lantern, some even specially fabricated. The silk mantles are made in China. An electric lightbulb is brought into service when the lighthouse keepers run out of mantles.

The recent Big Hill Box Cart races in Hope Town were viewed by the spectators as a fun day, but the underlying goal was to raise funds through entry fees, food and drink sales for financing Hope Town's Junior Sailing Program.

Hope Town's volunteer BASRA organization is dedicated to marine rescue operations. The BASRA volunteers serve in several other capacities as they double as firefighters and EMS personnel.

The North Abaco Crash and Rescue based in Treasure Cay is staffed with volunteers and supported financially by the homeowners there. These volunteers were recently called to night duty to extract the four crash victims on the highway south of the Treasure Cay airport. That was a most unpleasant task.

Many of Abaco's communities have volunteer fire brigades that respond to calls day or night. During the recent fire at the

BEC plant, three engines responded from Marsh Harbour. Being unsure of the extent of the fire, additional engines were called from Treasure Cay and Casuarina Point. These are all heavily supported by community donations. The Marsh Harbour brigade does receive a stipend from local government.

Several towns have volunteer civic associations that assist with town maintenance or improvements which may augment local government efforts, or they become involved with projects beyond the normal scope of local government. Local government is not allowed to impose taxes or otherwise collect funds. These civic organizations have found innovative ways to collect donations and apply the funds to town improvements or services. The association in Sandy Point constructed the town's community center that also serves as a hurricane shelter. The Man-O-War association maintains the ocean front baseball field.

Several Abaco events are a collaborative effort with seed money advanced by government and volunteers working to see that the event is successful. Four of the larger events receiving sponsorship funding by government are 1) the annual February Junkanoo festival in Marsh Harbour, 2) Island Roots festival in Green Turtle Cay, 3) the annual Christmas Festival in Marsh Harbour, 4) Regatta Time in Abaco held during early July. Government participation may be with cash or services such as providing the police band or installing overhead flood lights.

Added to this list are the lesser known sporting associations which engage the youth in various activities such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, Little League

Baseball, Youth in Action and other volunteer sporting associations dedicated to our youth.

This is just a sample of the Abaco volunteer groups dedicated to various causes. Some organizations offer a tangible benefit, a scholarship for instance, while others provide the labour to offer a service such as firemen. Some organizations, Regatta Time in Abaco is one, that stage an event to promote tourism.

The volunteers that organized the recent Christmas Festival did a magnificent job of setting the stage for 11 hours of entertainment, food booths and craft stalls. This event gives local craftsmen and entertainers a venue for displaying their talents.

The next two major events are the New Year's Day Junkanoo in Green Turtle Cay and the Junkanoo Festival in late February, two days of evening parades with schools rushing on Friday followed by the adults rushing the following evening.

Nearly all of the Abaco organizations mentioned here and the many others not mentioned would welcome additional people to assist, whether with expertise or time or funding.

Abaco has a tradition of volunteers contributing in many different ways to improve their communities. Volunteer service is particularly appreciated at this time of the year when giving ones time demonstrates a personal commitment.

Many individuals contribute significantly to their communities to make them more beautiful, to provide services, to assist with youth programs but these persons are often not recognized for their work. This is the time of the year to give these people recognition.

Letters to the Editor

What a great surprise!

Dear Sir,

I had occasion about a week ago to travel from Marsh Harbour to Nassau by air, and to my huge surprise the flight departed Marsh Harbour via our new airstrip. I thought it was my magnanimous personality or my drop dead good looks that had so impressed the Bahamasair flight crew that they decided to treat us to this new experience of departing Marsh Harbour without fearing that the landing gear would surely come off due to airstrip roughness. Alas, it had nothing to do with me at all, for on our flight was none other than the Prime Minister himself.

In any event, I was sure that upon our return to Abaco we would be landing on the old airstrip unless, of course, the Prime Minister was following me around. Surprise again! No, the PM wasn't following me around, but we did land on the new airstrip,

and let me tell you, brudda she smood!

Fast forward to yesterday - December 2/09 - and lo and behold I see in The Abaconian that the new airstrip is indeed officially open, and without the usual pomp and circumstance that typically is associated with the opening of any new facility in this country, both public and private. As a result, I am stumped. You see, I was so sure that when the new airstrip was officially opened, there would be a huge bash with all kinds of people looking for their share of the glory. Now it would seem that I have been caught off guard. Just remember though, politics is as old as mankind and the practice thereof never changes. Just ask the Americans if you don't believe me.

It is truly good to have a nice new, long and very smooth airstrip. Hopefully, it will lead to a greater influx of tourism dollars to our area. But if it doesn't immediately, nonetheless we deserve a new airstrip at the very least.

I heard it rumoured the other day that the PM has said that there are great things in the pipeline for Abaco. I'm not sure what that means, but I have a pretty good idea that we - like America - will soon be indebted to the kings of the East.

And on that note I shall end before I say something that might make my people believe that I am anything other than optimistic about the future, even if it looks a bit bleak at the moment. Christmas is here, and we should enjoy our families and friends, and eat as much as we can. You see, all bull aside, we are a blessed people. When we forget that, we will be forgotten. It is happening to the greatest of people in this world right now - being forgotten that is - and who are we?

Merry CHRISTmas, Abaco. I'm looking forward to many smooth take offs and

landings come the new year. Oh, and thank you, Mr. Editor, for your indulging me in opining publicly.

Sincerely,
William (Billy) Roberts

More Rape and Pillage

Dear Editor:

I am sure if you are a local business owner, you have had to deal with customs' new policy of delay, delay and delay and harass. Now it is taking two to three weeks to get merchandise off the dock all because Hubert Ingraham and his henchman want more of our money. Turns out that the government's number one priority is collecting more revenue. Not finding a way for more people to come here on vacation and spend and invest money. Not employment. Not new infrastructure. You know economics 101 - make the economy strong and the revenue will come.

After a devastating year for most business owners we count on the few weeks that bring us a little business. And we can't get our goods off the docks because Hubert wants more. We count on our 30 days' credit and by the time we order product it takes 30 days to get it on the shelf.

In the past 20 years Abaco has sent more than \$800 million dollars to the public treasury. That's almost a BILLION dollars, folks. What have we gotten in return? Not a whole lot. Now the administrator is saying we must be law-abiding and pay our taxes. Why? Because he says so? What obligation does government have to us? Apparently there is this double standard. Can government even account for all the money

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it has taken from Abaco. Not even close.

Larry Smith wrote a brilliant article in the Bahamas Pundit in October about the massive waste and corruption with regard to the Hotel Corporation. I encourage every Bahamian to read it on line. When Mr Smith asked for documents relating to the Corporation's audited financial reports, he was told that they only could provide a report from 2005. Here it is 2009 and a public corporation that uses public funds is not willing to be accountable to the public. Yes, it will make you sick. But hopefully, it will make you angry enough to fight back .

Why must we be accountable, and the government must not .It's simple. WE ALLOW IT. Mr. Ingraham sends in the goons from Nassau and we say NOTHING. If we sent \$2 billion in taxes to Nassau, do you think our lot would be any better? Do you think government would provide Abaco with what we need? No, because the corruption and waste is rampant in Nassau and we are blind to it. And we say nothing. It's ok with us! The Hotel Corporation is but one example. There are Bahamas Air, ZNS and others. Corruption and waste.

It soon will be tourist season and our airport is still a absolute disgrace. Pot holes and filth and broken trees and no sign of leadership. Just the tax man with his hand in our pocket wanting another pound of flesh. I may sound like a broken record, but I don't intend on stopping this rant anytime soon. We have leaders with the IQ of a cat running our country, and we remain silent . What does that say about

us? It will not change or get better until we make it so. I encourage all of you to write, call and harass the PM .If he can't get the job done, he needs to resign. It only takes a minuet to send an email to hubert-ingraham@bahamas.gov.bs Complacency is killing us . Let's start treating government like they treat us. Let's keep Abaco's money on Abaco.

Andrew Curry

Wind turbines are not bird killers

Dear Editor:

In BEC's rush to defend the Wilson City power plant on Abaco and hide the fact that renewable energy was not seriously considered, BEC has perpetuated the myth that wind turbines are a significant source of bird deaths. The reality is that the average number of bird deaths per turbine in the USA is 1.8 birds per turbine per year (excluding California) and is very dependant on the location of the turbine (NWCC report). To put that in perspective, a guy wired radio tower can easily kill 400 to 3,000 birds during a single foggy night (Kemper 1996) vs. 50 birds per year that might be killed by a wind turbine farm on Abaco (assuming 25 one mega-watt turbines).

A 2005 study by the USA Government Accountability Office (GAO-05-906) found the following: "In the context of other sources of avian mortalities, it does not appear that wind power is responsible for a significant number of bird deaths."

Those other sources include collisions with building windows, communications towers, power line towers, power plant stacks and vehicles along with pesticide

poisoning, habitat loss, oil spills and domestic and feral cats.

The perception that wind turbines kill birds mainly started due to the extreme case of raptor deaths at Altamont Pass in California by 5000 small outdated wind turbines concentrated in the main raptor hunting grounds. The Altamont Pass solution is to replace the original 100 kilo-watt size turbines with new 1000 kilo-watt (one mega-watt) turbines. This greatly reduces bird deaths by increasing the height of the turbine, increasing the spacing between the turbines and removing features such as rails that attracted birds to perch on.

The 1.8 birds per turbine average is actually a bit misleading because it includes all bird deaths due to a wind farm, including anemometer (weather observation) towers and high-tension lines. In the case of the towers, new wind farms are using non-guy wired towers to greatly reduce bird deaths. The biggest killer of birds at USA wind farms are high-tension power lines shown by a study that found 200 bird deaths per mile per year (Faanes 1987). In the USA the high wind areas are often far from the population centers, unlike on Abaco where the wind turbines would be near existing non high-tension power lines.

What about power plant towers such as would be required if BEC uses HFO (Bun-

ker C) fuel in the Wilson city power plant? The following studies are admittedly for taller towers than proposed for the Wilson City power plant. However, if BEC was really worried about bird deaths, Bunker C fuel and the associated 105-foot tall exhaust stacks would not be an option due to bird deaths alone.

In a 1983 report, Maehr et al. searched the base of four smokestacks in Florida over a 2-day period in September and recovered 1,265 dead passerines (small birds). The authors estimated that 5,000 birds might have collided with the structures during this period. In another instance, two smokestacks in Citrus County, Florida, were searched five times per week from 1982 to 1986 and 2,300 dead birds were found (Maehr and Smith 1988). From this, the authors estimated that 541.4 birds were killed per year.

What about noise? While small personal turbines can make an annoying amount of noise, the large modern wind turbines are surprisingly quiet. An example of this are several towns in the USA where large turbines have even been placed in communities with the main downside turning out to be "shadow flicker" from the sun on the blades.

David Pitcairn
Wind Turbine Engineer



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Mickey thrilled the kids at several schools

By Navardo Saunders

Christmas came early for students at Every Child Counts and Abaco Central Primary as everyone's favourite mouse, Mickey Mouse from Disney World, came to spread Christmas cheer and present the students with gifts.

Sheer joy filled the atmosphere when Mickey and his entourage arrived at a special assembly at ECC and classrooms at Abaco Central Primary. The popular Disney character hugged and took pictures with every student and some of the dedicated teachers at ECC. The students were ecstatic. The smiles on their faces stretched long and wide. They sang Jingle Bells along with Mickey. A paraplegic boy who is confined to a wheelchair reached out to Mickey who gave him a big hug and knelt to take a picture with him.

Then it was time for presents. Every child received a cartoon DVD and a poster of the Disney movie The Little Princess, featuring the first African-American Princess in the lead role.

At Abaco Central Primary students looked in awe as Mickey took over their classrooms. The mouse whom they all love and adore sat and read to them, had pictures taken with him, sang with them and presented them with gifts.

It was an especially thrilling time for the students in kindergarten. They jumped up and down upon seeing Mickey. Some of them rubbed their eyes as if they were seeing things. They managed to regain their composure after awhile and posed for a group photo with Mickey. The children clung to their DVD's and posters as if holding on for dear life. The gifts from Mickey were no ordinary gifts. They had special meaning to all of them.

Mark Witko, Community Relations Manager for Disney Cruise Lines, said Disney is always delighted to bring smiles to people's faces, especially children. "This is actually our fifth school that we've been to on this visit," he said during an interview at Abaco Central Primary. "We're visiting and impacting over 1,200 students

on the island this year. This is something that is a tradition with us at Disney Cruise Lines. We look forward to it and throughout the holiday season we visit over 2,000 children in ports of call all over The Bahamas and the Caribbean."

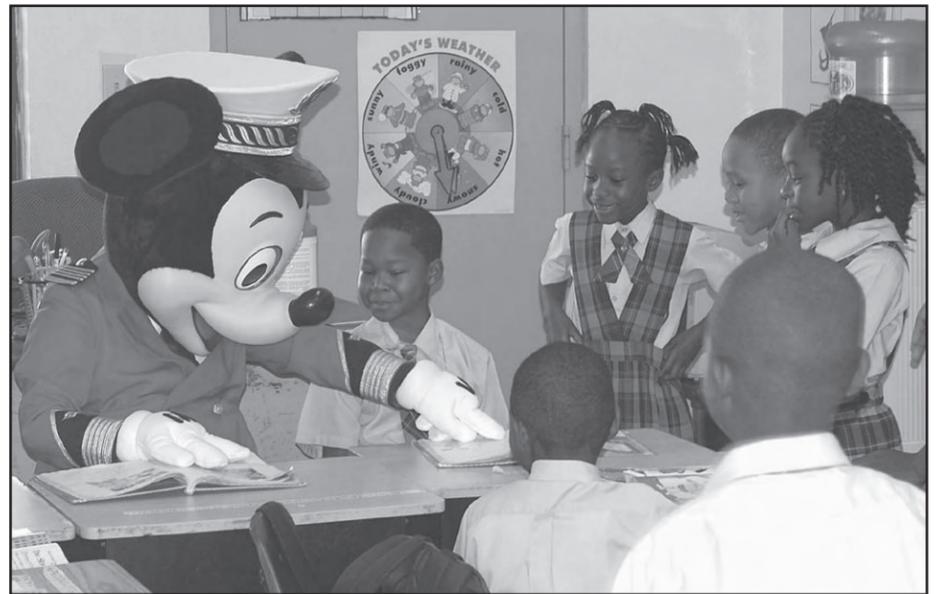
Mr. Witko and his team were delighted with the response from the local schools. "All you have to do is look at these children's faces to see that they are having a great time," he said. "I really think that we're the ones that are truly getting the gift today. Just to get out and see children in our own community and especially with Castaway Cay right here, you know we really value Abaco. To interact with all these children has been such a treat for all of us." The Disney crew also spread Christmas cheer at Crossing Rocks, Cherokee Sound, Moore's Island and Sandy Point schools.



The children loved the personal touch that Mickey showed them as he showed an interest in their lessons.



Mickey Mouse was a huge hit at the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour. This special school is for students who are unable to attend regular classrooms. Mickey spent time greeting and hugging them.



Mickey sat with students at Central Abaco Primary School looking at books with the students. The Disney group brought special gifts for all the children.



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15 persons graduate with Associate degree

By Samantha V. Evans

On November 29th, 15 proud students made history on Abaco as the first class to graduate on the college level on any island other than Nassau and Freeport within The Bahamas. The graduates shared their joy with family, friends and the faculty Success Training College, who saw them receive their much deserved Associate of Science degree in Business Administration at Change Ministries International in Murphy Town.

The highest honor, that of valedictorian, was given to Kendra Sands-Smith. Receiving the second highest award was Jasmine Curry, who was named salutatorian. Those receiving the certificate of honor were Vernice Bain, Margo Dean, Kim McIntosh-Smith and Aretha Mackey. Receiving the certificate of high honors was Barbara Williams.

Kendris Hield, Interim Director at the school, stated that he was proud of this ceremony personally as when he came to Abaco as principal of Abaco Central High School, he realized that the parents were hungry for education; some for their children and others for themselves. Their passion, Mr. Hield stated, was seen by God, and now in 2009 the first class of graduates received their degrees.

The keynote address was delivered by Abaco's Superintendent of Education Lenora J. Black, who joined others in acknowledging that this is a time to celebrate. She congratulated the 15 and told them that the future of The Bahamas belongs to those who dare to dream and push beyond the status quo. Education is needed for them to remain current in their skills, knowledge and theories which they will be required to practice. She encouraged them to not stop learning now but continue to strengthen themselves. This newly attained education has not only enhanced their worth but increased their credibility. Moreover, they must use their skills for community and nation building.

Dr. Deswell Forbes, President of the school, added that they must now apply knowledge to everyday life. He encouraged them to continue to live their dreams through the power of education. He proclaimed that all 15 students have now received their Associates of Science Degree in Business Administration which is commendable. Dr. Forbes stated that two years ago they began their journey and now they have done what no other island has ever done. He is confident in the quality of the education provided to them by Success Training College as they now have what is needed for them to

function competently wherever they go. He challenged them to build upon the successes of their leaders and use their skills to face the future with prudence. They will now be

a part of the solution and not the problem.

A reception at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour followed the graduation.

Success Training College plans to expand on Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

Dr. Deswell Forbes, the founding president of Success Training College, was very proud and honored to have made history on Abaco as the school was able to successfully see 15 students through to the completion of their Associates' degree.

While on Abaco Dr. Forbes spoke with a number of prominent Abaconians to find out what they would like to see happen here on the island where tertiary education is concerned. He talked with Mr. Cephas Cooper, who is not only proud of the milestone on the island but he would like to see the college play a more aggressive role in promoting its programs on the island. Further, Mr. Cooper stated that the college has his full support as his office is already assisting in this area as Enid White, coordinator for the program, works at his office.

Dr. Forbes stated that it is their intention to seek a permanent office on the island which will serve as a major promotion for the college here. When the office opens, interested persons will be able to obtain information about the college's programs, purchase text books and register. He hopes that this can be done within the near future. Looking down the road more long term, he would like to see a centralized campus on the island. However, in the meanwhile, Enid White, Barbara Williams and Samantha Evans will continue to provide information for locals and get the word out into the communities.

On November 28th an information meeting was held in Cooper's Town with hope of beginning various programs in that area in the new year. Accompanying him was Kendris Hield, Eric Stewart, Patson Neely

and Ricardo Smith, all affiliated with the school. According to Mr. Neely, this interest came about as persons were sending applications and fees into the Freeport office seeking enrollment. Approximately 35 persons attended and Dr. Forbes learned what the people in the north wanted and the subject areas of interest.

Dr Forbes along with his team plans to make another trip to the area in January 2010 to finalize plans and to begin registration. Those persons who are interested can call the Freeport office until a contact in the north has been confirmed.

Dr. Forbes is very impressed by the interest shown by locals in receiving a post secondary education. Even though the college focuses on academic subjects, it offers a few technical subjects as well. But surprisingly, not many persons showed interest in those areas at a time when the world is moving towards becoming more and more technologically savvy. He further noted that at the meeting held in Cooper's Town, not many men seemed interested in obtaining a college degree at this time.

In January the third group is scheduled to begin classes in Central Abaco so those persons wanting to be a part of this group are encouraged to submit their applications right away. Dr. Forbes added that he is committed to educating the Bahamian populace and as long as there is an interest on Abaco his school will be here. He encourages both young and old to obtain a college degree as it is needed to advance The Bahamas. He looks forward to more persons applying for enrollment for the new semester.



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Therefore, let us take a few moments each day to reflect on how truly blessed we are and how far we have come in such a short time.

My wife and family join me in wishing you all a safe and joyous Holiday Season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year 2010.

Preliminary study prepares for 2010 Census

By Navardo Saunders

Enumerators from the Department of Statistics were on Abaco the beginning of December laying the groundwork for a census that is to be taken early in May next year. The census will seek to determine the population of Abaco, which many estimate is now around 15,000. The census will cover many more aspects of the population.

The enumerators went into the predominantly Haitian communities of the Mud and Pigeon Pea where they informed the residents what they will require of them such as information regarding the number

of people in their households and their annual income. The same will be required of residents throughout the island.

Enumerators say the information, some of it very personal, is critical for the government, that considers the information in its decision-making.

In an earlier interview Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper announced that a census would take place in 2010. He urged residents to cooperate with the enumerators and be frank about the information they provide. He said the information would help the government determine what is best for Abaco.



A team of enumerators were on Abaco for a week in an initial study to organize the census to be taken next year. They were hosted by Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper. Shown here are Clara Lowe; Mr. Cooper; Claralee Mackey, Chief Census Officer; Insa Frith; Kermit Feaster; Tia Hinsey; and Yvetter Thompson. Many of these are from the Graphical Information Systems office.



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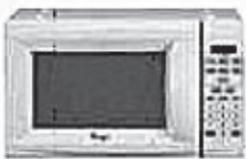
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Winners of Best Kept Yard Competitions are named

By Mirella Santillo

A sister and brother placed first and second in this year's Best Kept Yard Competition in Marsh Harbour. Rhonda Hull, who lives in the Abaco Beach Club, was declared the overall winner and, with a totally different style of landscaping, her brother, Troy Cornea, whose home is located in Royal Harbour, placed second. The third place went to the home of Michael and Patrice Johnson in Sweeting's Village, again featuring a completely different garden style from the first two.

The first place award for the Best Kept Yard in Dundas Town went to Anton Lockart in Central Pines Estates with Analyse Coakley following in second place.

This year's Best Kept Yard Competition boasted a record number of entries and featured some of the best groomed yards since the start of the program three years ago. Until now, the competitions were only for Murphy Town and Dundas Town, but this year a third competition was begun for entries from Marsh Harbour which included Sweeting Village and Spring City. No one in Murphy Town participated. Altogether 11 homeowners entered their gardens to be judged on their use of native plants, on the variety of plants they chose and on the landscaping effect they created to mention. These are only a few of the criteria required to enter the competition.

The judging took place on November 24th. Three gardeners and native plant

experts accompanied by Millie Dawkins from Abaco's Tourism office. The group made a detailed visit of each yard, taking into consideration the general appearance, the neatness of the place, the state of the lawn, granting points for special effects or deducting some for not following the required guidelines.

The landscaping of each of the winning entries was entirely different. One of the houses, situated on a hill, took advantage of the unevenness of the terrain to create the garden design. Other gardens were on completely flat lots that had trees, low hedges and flower beds around manicured lawns. Another winning yard included a large turtle pond, stone pathways and large raised planters framed by logs. Native trees used for shade were given extra credit.

The houses in Central Pines are newly constructed with yards not quite established yet. However, the judges appreciated the efforts that already went into creating an attractive landscaping. Although they showed the efforts of the owners, they were too new to offer a complete landscaping effect. The judges would like to visit these properties a couple of years from now to observe the final product. Only one yard had a vegetable garden, although it was on the list of features to be judged.

The Best Kept Yard Competition was started by Bernadette Hall and Millie Dawkins after Abaco became affiliated with Keep America Beautiful.

Generator Sales Soar

By Jennifer Hudson

In the wake of the switchboard fire at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation Power Plant on November 20 resulting in an island-wide shut down for a few hours for some areas but 18 hours for the Central Marsh Harbour area, the following morning Standard Hardware was inundated with people clamoring to purchase generators. Mr. Geoffrey Rogers, Store Manager, described it as "Saturday panic." Some people, having heard that there was a fire at the power station, obviously imagined the worst, fearing that power may not be restored for days or weeks.

This caused a very busy day at Standard Hardware with people either calling to enquire about generators or in many cases actually turning up to buy one. "A lot of people actually bought," said Mr. Rogers. "They were outside the doors waiting for the store to open at 7 a.m. and people were still there trying to purchase even after the store closed at noon." Up until Wednesday

the store was still having a few enquiries, but everything was back to normal regarding sales.

People rushed to Standard Hardware on Saturday morning since Abaco Hardware does not have generators in stock. "It is not an item we generally carry unless maybe in the height of the hurricane season," stated the store manager.

Abaco Outboard did not sell any generators as they are not open on Saturdays. "We had a few calls on Monday morning," stated owner Steve Albury but no one came in to buy. He felt that people panicked on Friday and Saturday as they did not know what had happened. "People call when they are thinking about it and then when the alarm has passed, they do not do anything," he added.

One store owner expressed the opinion, "People went out and bought generators on the spur of the moment," and he wondered how many of those people wished they could have returned them later.



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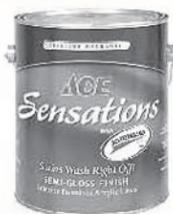


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Hope Town School News

By Candace Key

We welcome a new teacher

Janice Peart joined the staff of Hope Town Primary School at the end of October. She and her husband, Trevor, are certainly no strangers to the Abaco District having taught on Moore's Island and more recently at Central Abaco Primary. The family has settled into Hope Town life well and the school is proud to have her on our faculty.

New PTA officers

All schools appreciate parents who take the responsibility to become PTA officers. During an election this fall, Lenora Sweeting was unanimously elected President. Monica Cook was elected Vice-President, Christine Cartwright as Treasurer and Pleasants Higgs as Secretary. Rachel Aberle began her office as Chaplain with a wonderfully inspiring, memorized poem that left few dry eyes. Sharmon Malone is in charge of Parent Lunch Duty Rosters which is a very important job as it gives teachers a break when parents take over lunch duty. The faculty thanks these tal-

ented, hardworking mothers for organizing other parents and holding two fund raisers and fun seasonal craft activities already. The officers meet quite often and have many more fun projects planned.

Prefect Pinning

The Prefect Pinning Ceremony is always one of the most anticipated fall activities. Anticipation mounts and there is much discussion among students about who will be chosen. Parents of Senior Students were all seated and waiting as the chosen student names were called one by one.

Top honours went to Head Boy Christopher Albury and Head Girl LaDenamae Durham. All of these deserving students displayed scholarship and leadership traits we were proud of. After the pinning ceremony at school, the prefects, their parents and teacher, Justin Higgs, had a contract signing and brunch at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge to celebrate. Congratulations to all the students chosen!

We are fortunate you chose us!

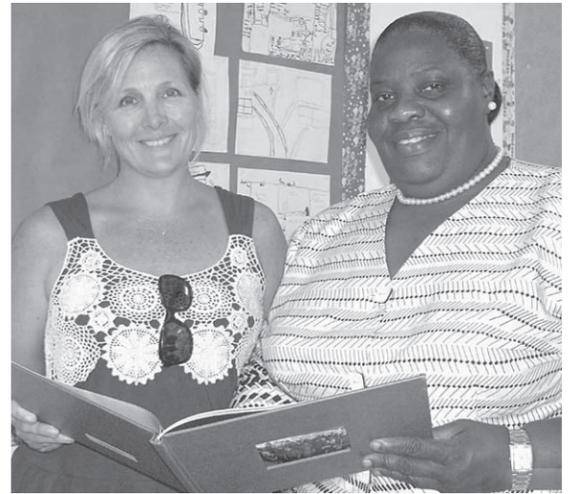
Three families have moved to Hope Town to join our school family and are wasting no time sharing their talents with us! The Gormans are authors of children's

books, and we are thrilled that Chris began Saturday soccer lessons for kids of all age groups. The Butlers are another family that is new to our island and Bill is teaching the senior students higher level computer skills. The students have already produced two newsletters and are working on our school website now. The latest family to sail into our lives are the Goldfeins. Mother, Rosa Linda, has our children's Spanish spruced up and continues with those lessons for us. Long time music volunteer, Carol Beachy, again worked with some students on handbell ringing techniques for seasonal programs. Our school has always relied heavily on the talent pool of visitors and winter residents to widen our children's horizons. Looks like this year will be another wonderful eye opening year for our fortunate students! Thank you all.

Our school took part in the World Day of Literacy

What a wonderful day we had really hitting the books in that day! Parents, grandparents and family members all flocked to the school to read to the different classes.

HT School presents yearbook



Pleasants Higgs, Hope Town School PTA officer and yearbook co-ordinator, presented a copy of the school's first yearbook to District Superintendent Lenora Black during the school's Open House and Italian Night Dinner fund raiser recently. Students are now working to produce this year's yearbook.

We were fortunate to have a family with us that are children's book authors. How we enjoyed their books! The children really enjoyed a Cuban grandmother reading a book in Spanish to them.

We win Educational Award

We were proud to have been selected,

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Hope Town Primary School has a ceremony to acknowledge the prefects chosen for the year. They are shown here with family members. They are Dana Malone and mother, Sharmon; Netanya Sweeting and mother, Wanda; Evelyn Auguste with sister, M'Elaine; Albury Higgs with mother, Pleasants; Head Girl LaDenamae Durham with mother, Laura; Head Boy Christopher Albury with uncle Mark Malone; Teacher Justin Higgs.

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for the second year in a row, to receive Tourism's Educational Award at its annual Keep Abaco Beautiful Award Ceremony. The award is presented to a school that has an ongoing sustainable environmental education program. Hope Town School's Principal, Candace Key, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. The students enjoyed bringing home the plaque another time.

Annual coastal clean-up

As part of our Adopt an Area in association with Friends of the Environment and Ministry of Tourism, the school pledges to keep the mangrove area below the school pristine. A large amount of debris becomes tangled in the mangroves washing in from the

harbor. All the classes split up and cleaned a wide area on both sides of the road.

Halloween Party

Children all gathered on the playground in their story-book character costumes to celebrate All Hallows Eve. The array of costumes was amazing! The top prizes in all age categories went to James and Christine Albury's three children dressed as Wizard of Oz characters. Luke as the Scarecrow took the awards by storm! Definitely much time was put into those costumes, Christine.

Thanksgiving Can Drive

The annual Thanksgiving Can Drive for food baskets for community elders was a resounding success. The school held a competition among its Houses and after a month of student donations, the Mighty Grouper

House team came out the winner and received the privilege of loading up the golf cart and delivering the cans and enjoyed the prize of an ice cream party. No one really loses in that type of a contest.

Successful swimming sisters

The three Higgs sisters, Albury, Lilly and Stella, are definitely "in the swim" of things. They are all three very successful swim meet competitors locally and in Nassau and Freeport. Older sister, Albury, made her family and school especially proud when she competed in Florida at a very large U.S. meet recently. She competed in fields of 60 swimmers in each event and came back with a ninth place medal for the 100-metre butterfly and a ninth place medal for the 50-metre backstroke — two very difficult strokes! Albury is also the school's yearbook photographer

and editor. Proud parents of these talented students are Chris and Pleasants Higgs.

Japanese visitor

Students, teachers and parents all enjoyed learning about Japanese culture when Paul ("PB") and his wife Yoshi Bruening, who are Hope Town homeowners, visited our school. Yoshi wore an authentic kimono and brought a child's kimono for a student to wear as well. The child's kimono was hers at the age of 5. They had prepared a laminated card of pictures of many of Japan's most famous sights on one side and Japanese/English words on the other. Each student happily pronounced the Japanese words after Yoshi and showed deep interest in the culture. Perhaps the biggest treat for them was the Japanese candy wrapped in edible rice paper! Thank you,

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Chris Gorman, a newcomer to Hope Town, has been working the children to teach them soccer. The response has been very good. Bobby Convey, well known soccer player who is currently with the San Jose Earthquakes, showed up on December 5th, 2009, to support the Hope Town Youth Soccer program, and the kids loved it. About 45 kids played that day, all enjoying themselves. The kids were all getting him to autograph their shirts!



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PB and Yoshi, for that educational cultural experience.

Marine biologist shares with us

Melissa Paschke, who is awaiting graduate school in marine biology in January, visited us and shared a wonderful program on marine invertebrates with the older students and Bahamian fish with the younger students this week. The topics were of particular interest as several of the classes had been studying these same animals or had seen them locally. She answered many questions after the Power Point show and left our students more sea savvy. Good luck in grad school, Melissa.

Sandwatch members monitor the reef and beach

*By Albury Higgs, Grade 6
Hope Town Sandwatch Team member*
Our school took part in the Climate

Change Day of Action recently. This picture shows our students' forming the number 350 with their body. This number represents the amount of p.p.m. of carbon in our atmosphere that scientists feel is an acceptable amount for a healthy earth. In our picture two girls are holding hands. This signifies the whole world must act together to lower the emissions to this amount.

Although the Caribbean does not produce much of the pollution that raises the carbon level, we stand to lose the most! Our small island nation--especially the flat Bahamas-- could become covered if the sea level rises due to the effects of global warming. We could become a nation of homeless people. On some of the mountainous islands residents could run for the hills, but not us!

Overloading the oceans with carbon causes them to become acidic which can cause the death of reefs and sea creatures. Our reefs are not only homes to many

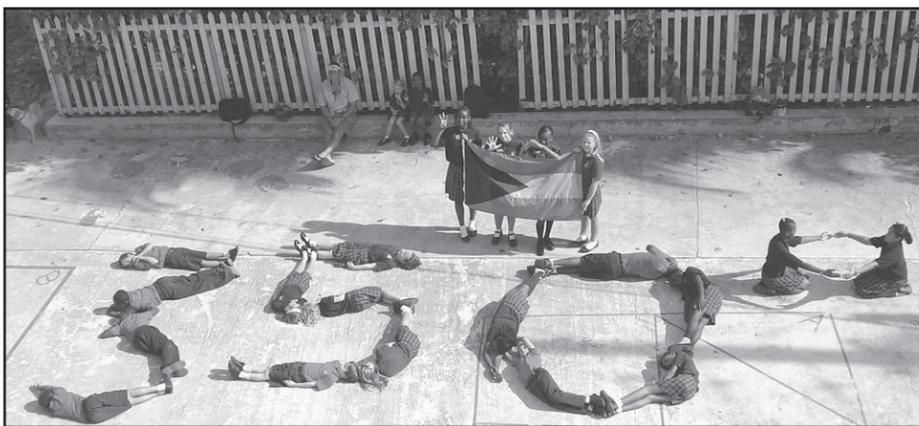
forms of sea life, but are a great tourist attraction for snorkeling activity. Reefs are also important to us because they act as storm breaks in severe weather.

In the past few years our school's UNESCO Sandwatch team has studied the patch reef we watch for any changes in its health. We swam out to it to remove a large fishing net which had settled over it and we swam out to remove plastic garbage caught in the coral. Last year we produced a brochure for tourists on proper reef etiquette.

In our UNESCO Sandwatch project we monitor changes on our test site beach. We will be checking closely for changes in sea level rise and doing several types of water tests often to observe changes. As the Copenhagen Climate Change meeting is taking place now, we are hoping that the world leaders can come to an agreement to work together to lower the world's carbon emissions to better the earth. This will insure our island life for future generations.



Albury, Lilly and Stella Higgs are all making names for themselves in swim meets. They compete here, in Nassau and in Freeport. Albury recently competed in the US and did very well. She wrote the article about the Sandwatch program that the school is involved with.



Students of the Hope Town Primary School formed the number 350 with their bodies. This is the amount of carbon that is acceptable in the atmosphere. It was an activity that helped commemorate Climate Change Day of Action.

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Hope Town Lodge hosted 10th annual Arts and Crafts Festival

By Jennifer Hudson

If the success of the 10th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge on November 27 was anything to go by, things are certainly starting to look rosier regarding the economy. This show, which is traditionally held every year on the day after Thanksgiving, has always been very popular and well attended. But during the last two years attendance had dropped considerably. This year was a totally different picture, and it was nice to see the traditional holiday spirit and numbers back again.

Last year, as well as the number of persons in attendance being very sparse, the number of artists exhibiting was also much smaller. This year, there was an excellent crowd who stayed right until the end, and the number of exhibitors was up from 16 to 26. Just two of the stall holders, unfortunately, did not make any sales. The rest were quite pleased with their sales and some did very well, indeed.

For six of the exhibitors, it was their first time showing at the Lodge. Nelson Ranger is a newcomer to Abaco, having arrived during the summer from Exuma. Although his profession is golf pro at Bak-

er's Bay, his passion is photography. He has spent the past 16 years capturing the culture of The Bahamas. He enjoys specializing in Junkanoo and sailing though he also photographs still life, nature and abstracts. "Guana Cay provides me with lots of opportunities for wonderful Atlantic Ocean shots and great sunsets," he enthused.

Although Linda Cole's line of clothing is already well known in Hope Town as it has been a good seller for the past three years at Sunrise T's, this was the first year that she decided to show her wares at the Lodge. Her label is Lady Abaco for the adult clothing and Baby Abaco for the babies and toddlers. At the Lodge she showed some new styles of dresses, culottes, children's hats and bags and place mats and napkins, many done in Bahamian design batik fabrics.

Sharyn Thompson, who lives in Hope Town, decided for the first time to display her delicate floral watercolours depicting hibiscus and seagrapes.

Mandy Sands from Man-O-War Cay has just started participating in shows, her first being Jollification in Nassau and the Lodge show her second. Her products which in-

clude cushions, table napkins and coasters are all made from Androsia fabrics and her label is Androsia Smiles. She learnt the craft from her mother-in-law who has been sewing and selling since Androsia began 30 years ago.

Amanda Darville's Little Star Creations features custom-made macramé necklaces, bracelets and anklets, all made from cotton cord and hemp, incorporating an interesting assortment of beads. She also had on display a variety of shell mirrors, jewelry boxes and Christmas tree ornaments. This was her first time at the Lodge show and she was kept very busy.

Crissy Elden was another first timer

who showed her shadow boxes, cards and jewelry.

Among the familiar faces who are regular exhibitors at the Lodge show were the following:

Andy Albury with his beautiful Abaco dinghy half models.

Herman Schadt with his watercolours of Hope Town for which he is well known. This year he also displayed some vibrant abstract acrylics which drew much attention.

Linda Schadt, who always has a large

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The annual art show held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge saw a big increase in both the number of exhibitors and the number of participants. And sales were brisk. It was encouraging that our visitors are once again returning and supporting our local functions. The show included a silent auction of desserts to raise money for spay and neuter clinics to reduced the dog and cat populations of several communities.



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More News of the Cays

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variety of items such as cushions, bags and jewelry, this year added quilted items to her Pandora's Box.

Kim Rody, though she had many of her large fish paintings on display for which she is best known, also showed several new paintings with a local flavour, featuring local people.

Students from the Every Child Counts School eagerly displayed journals they had made from recycled scrap paper which were attractive and interesting and gift tags made by themselves.

Mary Balzac, in addition to selling her sea glass ornaments and note cards, has added small paintings this year; some depicting scenes and some humorous.

Atila Feszt displayed his original pat-

tern designs on cloth all silk screened by hand. He hopes in the new year to have some of these designs transcribed onto bolts of cloth.

In another area Tammy Cash and Kent LeBoutillier displayed their usual array of Christmas decorations, mobiles and mosaic work while Virginia Williams offered her Andros basket weaving.

Normally, each year the patio overlooking the harbour is packed with booths. But since this year the weather was rather cool and blustery, most sought the shelter of an inside space. Four hardy persons braved the breeze and set up outside. The two ladies were Olivia Patterson with jewelry made from shells and sea glass and artist Kaitlynd Zimmer. Kaitlynd, who formerly painted pictures mostly of sea creatures, this year had branched into depicting the

female figure with a series of sirens. This young artist was thrilled to sell a large original from her new series.

Stephen Knowles with his beautiful hand-turned wood bowls and Clark Constand with his very colorful and striking Haitian art completed those braving the breezes.

A very enticing silent auction was held by Friends of Abaco Animals with volunteers on hand from the Hope Town, Green Turtle Cay and Marsh Harbour branches. Twenty-three amazing desserts, which included such delicacies as Bahamian trifle and Tiramisu as well as a gingerbread house and sugar cookies complete with pictures of potcakes, were awaiting the highest bidders. The funds raised will be used for the spay and neuter programme,

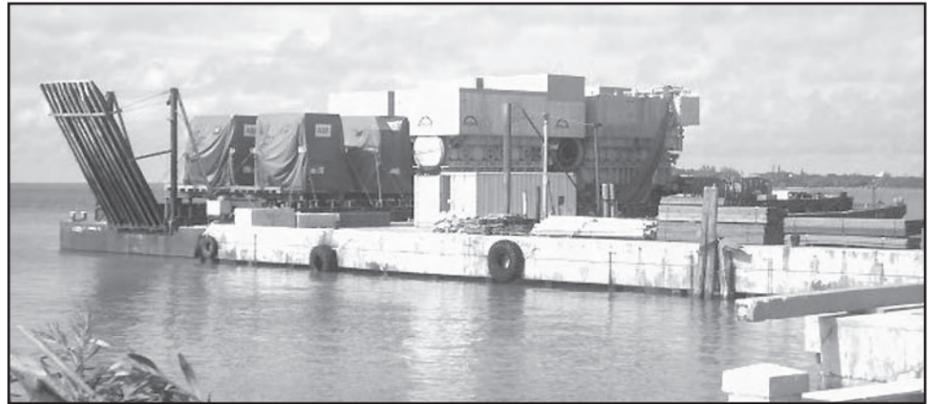
food for the stray animals and the transfer programme of potcakes to homes in the United States. The volunteers were very pleased with the result of the auction.

Bristol Wines and Spirits was on hand once again this year to add to the festivity of the occasion by offering complementary wine tasting. This year it featured organic wines from California and two wines from Argentina. "We want to reintroduce wines to people as there are so many wines these days that people can get lost," stated one of the Bristol representatives. A large variety of very tasty cheeses was provided by the Lodge and much enjoyed by the patrons of the show. This lovely day's event certainly provided a good start to the joyful Christmas season.

Green Turtle Cay will soon have a water supply



Work is progressing on the laying of a water line from the mainland to Green Turtle Cay. The pipes are shown on the left and the donuts are stacked on the right. These are concrete weights that are fastened to the pipes to keep the pipe on the bottom. The plastic pipes have to be fused together as they are laid. The company has had problems due to rough water.



A barge holding four generators along with the engines and many containers of other equipment is waiting at Green Turtle Cay for the seas to subside so they can go around Whale Cay. These are the generators that will be installed at the new plant that Bahamas Electricity Corporation is building at Wilson City. This photo was taken on December 8.

Recycle Aluminum Cans Bin located next to Every Child Counts



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

Ocean View Parcel - Near Beach - # 1502 - Elevated 17,650 s/f lot with 135' of road frontage offering superb ocean views. Just a 1 minute walk to sandy Atlantic Ocean Beach. **\$148,950.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$59,500.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

"Paradise Point" # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **REDUCED TO \$595,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach (Ref # 756) Large 13,000 s/f lot near sandy Atlantic beaches, native vegetation, Good road access. **REDUCED TO \$19,900.**

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

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

TURTLE ROCKS

"seaGlas Cottage" # 1237 - Charming 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 level furnished beach home on private 1.20 acres. 1,800 s/f under roof, 900 s/f decks/patios. 100' shoreline. New windows & central A/C. **\$799,000.**

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

Blackwood Waterfront Parcel # 1521 - 38,514 s/f parcel with 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available **\$98,500.**

Boiling Hole Lots # 1030 - 2 Sea of Abaco waterfront parcels on Great Abaco Highway. Choice of 73' or 80' rocky shoreline, utilities available, great sea views. **EACH \$95,000.**

Sunset Ridge Community Lots # 570 - 14 spacious residential lots from 14,792 s/f to 18,488 s/f. High elevation, close to Treasure Cay. All utilities available. **Starting at \$47,500.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"High Point" Seaview Lot # 684 - Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel on White Sound Bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco, Fantastic Sea Views, Privacy, near beach **\$365,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$769,000.**

"Double Eagle" # 757 - Recently renovated 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, 2,500 s/f furnished home on 11,610 s/f canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' fully serviced dock. Underground utilities. Near beach. **\$776,000.**

Waterfront House (Under Construction) # 1374 - 18,600 s/f sea front parcel, 108' deep water frontage, plus 50' long boat slip. 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,284 s/f home under construction. Great sea views. **\$322,000.**

Residential Parcels

823 - 10,150 +/- s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity, Fantastic beach nearby. **\$345,000.**

1258 - 9,000 s/f canal lot with 87' of water frontage, 160' of lay-along docks & shared recessed boat basin **\$335,000.**

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

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **\$238,950.**

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

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

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

1501 - 20,741 s/f elevated residential lot adjacent to Leisure Lee community. 90' road frontage, 5 minute walk to beach. **\$80,000.**

567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee. Includes 50' elevated ridge. 119' highway frontage. **\$149,700.**

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TREASURE CAY

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

Ocean Blvd. Beachfront Estate # 1455 - Exceptional 5 bed, 5.5 bath main house, separate 3 car garage and 1 bed, 1 bath guest suite. Total 7,160 s/f under roof. 2.50 acres with 250' of sandy beachfront. Unfurnished. **\$5,725,000.**

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

"Casuarina Beach House" - #1512 - Ocean Blvd, furnished 6 bed, 5.5 bath 2 level beach home & efficiency apt. 6,600 s/f living space, pool, 27,600 s/f parcel, 80' beach frontage. Excellent rental income. **\$2,950,000.**

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

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

"Avalon" # 1516 - Exceptional 3 bed, 2 bath Windward Beach home. Immaculately maintained, well appointed, 2,500 s/f under roof, 2,200 s/f open & covered patios. 24,440 s/f parcel with 175' sandy beach. **\$2,321,000.**

"Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, furnished bi-level Brigantine Canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks & balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, plus sea views from virtually every room. Tastefully decorated, excellent condition. **\$2,200,000.**

"Trident House" # 317 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath, furnished 3,500 s/f beach front home. Breath-taking beach & sea views. Good rental income. **NOW \$1,999,000.**

Cutwater Way Canal Home - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**

"Windward Palms" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Windward Beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof plus 1,600 s/f patios & walks on 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel with 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, superior sea views. **\$1,955,000.**

"Seascape", Windward Beach # 1469 - 3 bed, 2 bath 2,050 s/f furnished beach home on spacious 26,125 s/f parcel with 120' sandy beach. **\$1,379,000.**

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

"Kokomo", Brigantine Bay # 1509 - Charming 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 3,000 s/f tastefully furnished canal home. Recently renovated and upgraded. 10,915 s/f parcel with 102' canal frontage, dock & boat lift. **\$1,895,000.**

"Windover", Brigantine Bay # 1507 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,750 s/f bi-level elegantly furnished canal home, plus garage on 10,400 s/f tropically landscaped parcel. 80' bulkheaded canal frontage with private dock. **\$995,000.**

"Toad Hall" # 1373 - 5 bed/4 bath, 4,000 s/f, 2 level Ocean Blvd. furnished ocean view home includes 1 bed/1 bath apartment on 2 adjoining parcels totaling 22,500 s/f. Private beach access. **\$695,000.**

St. Andrews Estates # 1500 - 2,387 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished home on 13,000 s/f parcel adjacent to golf course. **\$299,000.**
Two optional adjoining vacant lots. **\$100,000.**

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

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Bahama Beach Club 2046 - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5, 2nd level, 1,750 s/f living space condo, closest to beach, tasteful contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. **\$1,150,000.**

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

Bahama Beach Club 2047 - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$950,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2032 - # 1525 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,650 s/f furnished beach condo, excellent sea & beach views. Club amenities. **\$865,000.**

Atlantis Condo 2112 - # 929 - 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal, great water views. Preferred end unit. Includes 2 large boat slips. Short walk to beach! **\$865,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2031 - # 1485 - 3 bed, 2 bath 1,645 s/f furnished ground level condo plus private garage. Fantastic sea & beach views. Community pool, well maintained grounds. Excellent vacation rental or personal get-away retreat. **\$862,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2005 - # 1370 - 3 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,645 s/f comfortably furnished condo. Awesome sea views from most rooms Overlooks beach and pool. Great vacation residence. **\$822,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2014 - # 1478 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,645 s/f 2nd level furnished beachfront condo. Great sea & beach views. Well manicured grounds, club amenities. Exceptionally priced at **\$805,000.**

Royal Poinciana # 2511 - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$625,000.**

Royal Palm Condo # 2424 - # 1399 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo overlooking harbour & marina. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$549,000.**

Sand Dollar Condo # 7 - # 1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! Priced to sell. **\$499,995.**

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

Atlantis # 2215 - # 1471 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1000 s/f furnished 2nd level "end unit" condo on Brigantine Bay. Includes 2 storage units and finger dock. well maintained, great water views. **\$485,000.**

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

Atlantis Condo # 2203 - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished waterfront unit, includes fully serviced boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach. **\$465,000.**

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

Royal Palm # 2304 - # 1472 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f furnished ground floor level condo overlooking marina. Includes boat slip. Rental history. **\$403,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums:
1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo. tastefully refurbished. **\$649,000.**
985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**
655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$249,000.**



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

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

Ocean Blvd. Jumbo Sized Beachfront Parcel # 1266 - Approx. 52,575 s/f parcel (1.22 acres) with 115' sandy beach frontage & 40' depth. Superior building lot. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$1,386,000.**

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

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. **REDUCED TO \$1,295,000.**

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

Windward Beach - Beach Parcel # 1470 - 23,151 s/f parcel with 101' of stone wall & sandy beach on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available. **\$843,000.**

Windward Beach # 817 - 1/2 acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. **\$399,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

Galleon Bay # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$550,000.**

Galleon Bay # 744 - 19,256 s/f cleared canal parcel with 68' bulkheaded deep water frontage. Bay. **\$460,000.**

Galleon Bay # 1356 - 24,732 s/f large canal front parcel with 158' of bulkhead & sandy waterfront. **\$399,950.**

Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

Galleon Bay # 1473 - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel with 100'+ of sea-walled & protected water frontage. All utilities available. Easy access to sea. **\$349,950.**

Brigantine Bay # 1498 - 20,310 s/f canal lot with 126' of sea-walled deep water frontage. Great Views! **\$322,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' bulk head & 140' depth. Cleared, all utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**

Brigantine Bay # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared canal parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$290,000.**

St. Andrews Estates, Golf Course Lot - # 1341 - 11,151 s/f residential parcel with 130' of golf course frontage. All utilities available. Short walk to beach. **\$41,000.**

GUANA CAY

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

Orchid Bay - Beachfront Parcel 25 - # 1530 - 1.173 acre Atlantic Ocean lot, 130' sandy beach frontage. Excellent elevations, spectacular ocean views. Orchid Bay amenities include utilities, marina, restaurant, pool, tennis courts, beach pavillion, paved roads, etc. **\$1,695,000.**

Dolphin Beach Estates # 1412 - Exceptional 20,000 s/f waterfront parcel on Sea of Abaco with 145' of elevated rocky shoreline. Utilities available. **\$549,000.**

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

"Secret Beach" # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$249,000.**

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DEC. 15, 2009

More News of the Cays

Hope Town District Council meeting

By Navardo Saunders

The Hope Town District Council is again considering the controversial development at Joe's Cay. A presentation by realtor Greg Roberts on behalf of the owners showed Council members how the marina plans had been altered. Although the marina has been changed extensively to avoid any damage to the mangroves, the land facilities still includes 16 residential units and one club house. Although only 100 feet or so from Elbow Cay, there will be no bridge and all access will be by boat.

Mr. Roberts spoke on behalf on Cavalier Construction owners Dick Wilson and Vernon Knowles, the principal owners of Joe's Cay. He presented the Council with documents of what has transpired from May 2004 to October 2009 when the matter was last discussed with the BEST (Bahamas Environment Science and Technology) Commission during a Council meeting. The documents included approvals from the government, an Environment Impact Assessment and a 2004 Letter of Approval in Principle by former Chief Councillor Walter Sweeing, who is still on the Council as a representative for Man-O-War Cay.

Mr. Roberts noted that during the October 20 meeting Philip Weech, Director of the BEST Commission, informed the Council that an EIA has been approved following amendments to the project which addressed concerns by the BEST Commission and residents in the Hope Town District. He then produced the latest plan

which he distributed to the Council to review and said the plan clearly shows that significant amendments have been made to the project. The developer has abandoned plans to extract mangroves and carry out dredging for a marina among other things, Mr. Roberts explained. Residents and the BEST Commission had expressed concerns about destruction of mangroves and dredging.

"Cavalier's budgetary total for all construction fees, overhead expenses is now in excess of \$30 million. A substantial portion of funds will be spent in Hope Town on subcontractors, labour accommodations, supplies, bars, restaurants, etc."

Mr. Roberts noted that in addition to being approved in principle by the Hope Town Council back in 2004, the development on Joe's Cay has also been approved by Department of Physical Planning in the Ministry of Works in New Providence and indicated once again that a version of the EIA has been approved by the BEST Commission.

Following Mr. Roberts' presentation, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeing said there has been a lot of questions regarding the ownership.

"It is owned by Cavalier Construction with Dick Wilson and Vernon Knowles, who are both equal partners," Mr. Roberts said. "They purchased through Andy Russell."

Deputy Chief Councillor Lana Russell asked Mr. Roberts to respond to reports that the sale has not been finalized.

"The initial contract was with Mr. Davies. He then sold the contract to Mr. Wells and Mr. Wilson and the sale has

been finalized. I can produce documents showing that it has."

Mr. Sweeing suggested. "Since there have been changes to the original plan submitted in 2004 that had three houses and since there has been so much public interest in Joe's Cay, I would suggest a Town Meeting explaining the changes for the town's input."

Mrs. Russell suggested that the developers present blown up copies of the old and new plans to the Council to put on display for residents to view and make their comments or recommendations and write

letters in favour or in opposition to the development. The plans should include the changes that have been made so residents can determine if the changes are in line with their concerns.

For the record Walter Sweeing said when he was Chief Councillor and the development was approved in principle, it consisted of only three houses, not the 19 that are intended to be built now.

During the next Council meeting on December 10 the owners of the cay are expected to discuss the project further with the Council.

Hope Town Council addressed additional topics

The Council discussed the need on Guana Cay for a labourer to clean the streets, clean up the entrance by the public dock and mow some of the verges on Guana Cay. They are looking into the government's temporary employment stimulus plan that central government is offering.

Concerns were expressed that the lighthouse keepers are using electric light bulbs on some nights as they say that they do not have enough mantles to keep the lighthouse lit properly. The members will look into this as the light bulbs do not put out nearly as much light as the kerosene lamp.

The Council discussed the status of the project on Lynyard Cay. That cay has recently been put under the control of the Hope Town District Council rather than the South Abaco District Council. The Council does not know the status of approvals for this project. Administrator

Cephas Cooper said that no approvals had been given in South Abaco although the Council members believe that the developers were granted approvals in Nassau.

The Council will ask the Crown Lands office for the list of the cays that are leased. Some of the Councillors are of the opinion that the lease requirements for many of them are not being satisfied. The group would like these cays to revert back to government for public use.

A committee of private citizens on Elbow Cay who work to improve the physical aspects of the cay are proposing to build a gazebo at the end of three roads that lead to beach. These gazebos would be walk-through structures that would provide shade and benches for visitors to enjoy. They would be built with private funding. The Council approved the idea.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Condolences

Everyone knew "Miss Lilly." She was a familiar face seen often in Cherokee where she made her home for a period of time during the late 1950s and 1960s. Lilly Sands passed away on November 28 and her funeral was on November 29 at New Vision Ministries. She will be sadly missed.

I recollect when I first met her. It was on one special August Monday Out-Island Mailboat Excursion on the M/V Stede Bonnet from Nassau. It was my first visit to Cherokee. She and her husband ran a small food store from their home, and every Saturday morning all the children in Cherokee looked forward to homemade jelly-coconut ice cream cranked up by Mr. Ossie in an old-fashioned ice cream maker. I believe I can still taste that heavenly treat.

That trip left me with many fond memories, and I have had many occasions over the years to see Miss Lilly, and she always

greeted me like an old friend. She just seemed like "one of your favorite aunts," and I always got a warm hug and a kiss on the cheek.

Miss Lilly was born in Marsh Harbour to Wilson and Hattie Sawyer on February 18th, 1928, in a large family of four sisters, Delores, Jennymae, Paronell and Mavis, and two brothers, Morton and Elton. She married Oswald Sands of Cherokee Sound where they lived for many years. They had one son, Jeffery, and one grandson, Cameron. We send along our deepest sympathy to her family and relatives. She will be missed by more than just her family; she will be missed by all who knew her. She and her familiar taxi will also be missed by many second homeowners. May she forever Rest In Peace.

Get well wishes

These days it seems like everyday we hear that a family member or a friend is suffering from one ailment or another. Of course, we wish them all a speedy recovery, but we would like to especially single out Margaret Bethel, the wife of our old friend Patrick

Bethel, who is in the States now researching treatments and options for her heart problem. Dear Margaret, please know that you are in our hearts and prayers, and we look forward to your coming home soon.

Update on the erosion at the Bridge Creek

Recently a jetty was constructed to re-route the tidal flow at the Bridge Creek. As of this past weekend I can announce that the tide is back to normal again and flowing like it did before the erosion began. The curved spit of sand that built up has since dissipated and the water is flowing on a direct line north to south with each tide change and the western beach area has reclaimed much of the lost sand during the erosion. In the beginning the boulders used to build the jetty looked strange, but now that they have settled into place they appear as if they were always part of the landscape. It is good that some concerned residents acted quickly to correct the prob-

lem before it became irreversible.

Cherokee activities over the holidays

Cherokee Primary School will have its usual visit from Santa as school closes for the holidays. Peggy Albury and the Assemblies of God church will produce a Christmas Pageant on December 19th and Epworth Chapel will host a Candlelight Service on December 20th. Old St. Nick will visit Cherokee on the 24th. Don't forget Foreday Meetings at 5 a.m., the lighting of the community tree on Christmas Eve, the Christmas Eve Feast and Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. as well as carollers strolling through the streets, the burning of the Guys at The Spit and a New Year's Eve Service - something for everyone.

Merry Christmas to all! If you have your health and your family and your friends around you, you are fortunate. Enjoy the blessings of the season and remember to give thanks for you have what many in this world do not. Happy New Year.



The creek in Cherokee Sound is back to normal. The boulders were placed to make a jetty to get the channel once again draining the mangroves without eroding nearby beaches. The system is working and the erosion of the beach beyond the jetty is once again building up. The creek now runs north and south as it used to. On the right is the bridge that crosses the creek.






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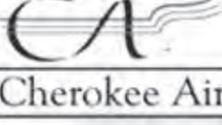
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Central Abaco News

Open House at Memorial Plaza

By Samantha V. Evans

Some merchants of the Memorial Plaza held their annual Open House that opens the Christmas season on November 27th. The focus of the Open House is to let customers see what they offer, especially those businesses that offer seasonal goods. This year four businesses participated: Buds and Blooms, Cassiah's Candy Shop, Abaco Photos and Living Easy Abaco.



Buds n' Blooms in Memorial Plaza was once again ready for its Open House held on November 27. The shop was filled with gifts and decorative items to entice the shoppers who were getting a head start on holiday shopping.

Kids could have their pictures taken with Santa Claus at Abaco Photos and all evening during the evening Christmas photos and other family packages were being offered. At Living Easy Abaco the kids of some of the employees had a corner where they read Christmas stories to kids that came in. Even though the company manages properties, the staff works with Sea Grape Realty in real estate and sales as well. The shop also sells crafts, artwork and jewelry made by locals. Persons looking for healthy lunch items can purchase quiche, salads and drinks there, too. This business is owned by Margo Albury and her partner, Dianne Vixamar.

Buds n' Blooms always brings out the colors for the Christmas holiday and by the looks of it the pinks and shades of pink seem to be the colors this year. Other colors displayed were aqua, purple, and some rainbow colors. As parents shopped, the kids were next door admiring the various types of candy being sold as the candy shop.

All merchants provided refreshments for those who came by to shop or just to view the Christmas items.

Mangoes Restaurant reopens

By Mirella Santillo

After closing for a few months for repairs and renovations, Mangoes Restaurant reopened on November 14th, its kitchen and dining room under the supervision of a new chef, Harold Sauer from Nassau. Mangoes' new menu still features Bahamian food, but Mr. Sauer explained, "with an international twist." His idea is to create a basic menu which will allow him to cater to the customers' special requests, depending on the availability of the ingredients. The restaurant is serving throughout the day without interruption.

The bar menu features items for the light diner, while the main menu combines Bahamian ingredients with a gourmet touch. Chef Sauer will offer free appetizers at Happy Hour once or twice a month, so call 367-2366 to find out when.

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Memorial Service remembers murder victim

By Canishka Alexander

On November 26 the family and friends held a memorial service for Brendon Dion Strachan, who was murdered last year while working in his father store. November 27 signaled a year since his death.

Moderator for the evening was Pastor Stephen Knowles, who called the service a celebration of Strachan's life. Close relatives and friends shared testimonies of the talented, easy-going young man and among them were Pastor Livingston Edwards and

his roommate and friend, Redante Rahming.

The service was infused with slide-show presentations that displayed family photos of Strachan and films that were written and produced by him. He had attended the Art Institute of Florida and the New York Film Academy.

The Wesley College Band, St. Francis de Sales Church Choir and individual family members sang songs in testimony of this outstanding, industrious man.

Bishop Simeon Hall, Senior Pastor of the New Covenant Baptist Church in Nassau and chairman of the National Advisory Council on Crime, was the guest speaker who brought an inspiring, hopeful message to the hurting relatives. "Those who murder and take away a life will have to answer to God," he said. "God has not forgotten you."

He informed the audience that measures must be taken to correct what is wrong in our society, and many nodded in agreement while others cried silently. Shirts bearing the face of Brendon were worn by persons scattered throughout the church pews. The service was concluded with prayers by two pastors: Bishop Lennis Cornish and Pastor David Cartwright.

Haitian houses are torn down

By Navardo Saunders

Some residents in the Mud claimed they are being treated unfairly by Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chairman Roscoe Thompson, who has demolished several illegal homes in the predominantly Haitian

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community over the last several weeks.

A group of Haitians confronted Mr. Thompson on December 2 after he went inside a building that was being constructed without a building permit and declared that the owner had until December 4 to demolish the structure or he would. One resident told Mr. Thompson that Haitians are being victimized simply because they are Haitians.

Mr. Thompson replied, "It doesn't matter if you're Haitian, Bahamian, Jamaican whatever, if you live in this country, you have to follow the law," he said. "If you don't put in for an application, if you don't put in for permits, if you don't do that, you just can't go and build a house."

Mr. Thompson explained that during

the previous week he and John Schaeffer, engineer with the Ministry of Works, tore down another illegal building in the Mud and warned residents that if they build any new houses, the houses would also be demolished.

In the case of the latest house, Mr. Thompson said that the owner could have avoided having the building torn down. "Instead of repairing the old house, they go three feet wider on the sides," he said. "They built a house over a house. You can't do that. It's against the law. You see all the houses are numbered. The mistake the owner made is that they didn't redo the old house. They go and make a bigger house."

Mr. Thompson explained that the owner of the building should have applied to Town Planning, which may have allowed her to extend her old house.

Mr. Thompson told the group of Haitians that where they are situated is all government land, and the area has to be regulated before the situation gets worse than it already is. The area is known for drug dealing, prostitution, theft and other social-ills. He reiterated that the owner of the structure had until December 4 to tear it down or he would.



This is construction underway in the Mud, an immigrant community in Marsh Harbour. The owner is building a bigger house around an existing house. The number was painted there by the Ministry of Works to identify existing houses to help distinguish new construction.

Locair expands service

Locair will begin its first regular nonstop flights between Abaco and St. Petersburg-Tampa Bay on December 18th. The flights will operate using their "Combi" planes, capable of carrying passengers and cargo/excess luggage. The flights are set to operate up to six days a week, shared between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Special introductory fares to Bahamians are available for \$125 each way, plus taxes.

"Going into the busy season, Locair will be offering complete travel solutions for Abaconians, second homeowners and tourists with affordable flights and reasonable cargo capabilities. We've been operating our scheduled flights and making adjustments to ensure a positive travel experience for all," Nate Vallier, General Manager, "So far everyone has had an enjoyable experience, the cargo has exceeded our expectations. As we build the market,

we will focus more on maintaining a pleasant flight for everyone."

The company has realized that the Bahamas toll free number, 800-205-0730, works ONLY from 242 phones. If persons on Abaco want to call using Vonage, Magic Jack or other VOIP service, they must use 877-359-4160.

And the company is working to resolve the credit card issue that asks for a zip code for Bahamian credit cards. Those customers paying with a Bahamian bank card will have to contact the company directly to pay.

Locair reminds their cargo customers that the cargo must be delivered to the company a day prior to departure to ensure transport on the flight of choice. Check with their website for available space. Items from Costco, Sams and

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Open House welcomes shoppers

By Mirella Santillo

Not only the staff's friendly greetings, but a display of assorted cheeses and fruits, wine and a store-wide sale, welcomed the customers who patronized Palm Cottage during the afternoon of November 27th. The shop radiated a Christmas atmosphere with a Christmas tree loaded with ornaments displayed in a window, candles and sachets emanating sweet odors and all through the shop sofas and furniture accented with seasonal items.

What a better occasion to shop for Christmas gifts or to acquire that decorative accessory you always wanted while taking advantage of the 20 percent store-wide sale except for artists' consignments. The artwork included silk paintings by Marjolein Scott, cushions by Kim Roberts and artifacts by Linda Wiltfang. A few selected items even wore a price tag reduced by 50 percent or 75 percent. Many shoppers did take advantage, according to owner Channa Albury, who said that a large crowd visited the shop even before the official opening time of the Open House Party, a time chosen to accommodate the residents of the cays while the closing time was geared toward people working late.

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Shoppers were delighted with the array of beautiful decorative home accessories and artwork displayed at Palm Cottage in Marsh Harbour. The Open House attracted many, and the owners were delighted with the response of the shoppers.

House fire in MurphyTown brings out the fire trucks



Three fire trucks of the Marsh Harbour Fire Department responded to a fire in a house on Forest Drive in Murphy Town. The response time of the first truck was very prompt and the fireman was able to keep the fire from spreading from the kitchen to other parts of the house. Firemen are making sure that the fire is completely out before leaving the scene.

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Mrs. Albury was overwhelmed by the shoppers' enthusiasm. By mid-afternoon, sachets, hand lotion and candles were nearly all gone, she mentioned. Christmas ornaments were also very popular. Next door, sister shop Wood You boast-

ed a wide-store sale of 10 percent. A large selection of furniture, tables, chairs, buffets, desks, garden furniture and more had just recently been unloaded so there was a huge choice for the interested shoppers who came and went, one buying a bed, the other a table or a chest of drawers. All through the day, there was a constant

flow of visitors to both stores. Both William Albury, who manages Wood You, and his wife Channa, responsible for Palm Cottage, were extremely pleased with the marketing results of the Open House.

Newly launched cleaning service is in full operation

Edna Kemp would like to remind residents and visitors of Abaco to contact her at her newly established business, Kemp's Private Maid Service, which is now in full

operation. The business offers cleaning, laundry and babysitting services. She and her staff also clean boats, condominiums, offices and stores. Pressure cleaning is available as well.

She is committed to maintaining and delivering a reliable, friendly and trustworthy service for her customers. The phone number is 554-9905 or contact her at kempservices@hotmail.com. The business is located on Crockett Drive in Marsh Harbour adjacent to M & R Food Store.



The Sand Dollar Shoppe has been pleased with the response from the public to its Open House held each Friday night for four weeks. The owners have offered door prizes each week as well as gifts for those purchasing other items. One of the popular items was the personalized bracelets available. A special Christmas drawing will be held on December 23.

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Government complex or terminal?

By Navardo Saunders

Many Abaconians would prefer the government scrap plans to build a new government complex for now and build a modern, state-of-the-art terminal at Marsh Harbour International Airport instead. They say the airport, the second busiest in the country with hundreds of travelers passing through everyday, is key to the island's prosperity and should be given priority over the government complex which will house many government department and an Office of the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco, recently announced that a number of capital projects will be carried out throughout the country to create jobs in the wake of rising joblessness brought on by the global economic crisis. A new

government complex for Abaco to be constructed in Central Abaco tagged at \$25 million is among the projects.

But many residents say the government complex can wait and the money should be spent on a new, state-of-the-art terminal at the airport.

One of those leading the call for a new terminal is Chairman of the Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee Roscoe Thompson. At a recent Central Abaco District Council meeting he said that he thinks the government should reconsider building the government complex at this time and focus on building a first class terminal, considering that it is the second busiest airport in the country.

Chief Councillor Cubell Davis agreed, saying that a new terminal for the airport

should be given priority since tourism is the major component of the island's economy.

A group of residents, who did not want to be named, said they plan to present the Prime Minister with a petition with the names of hundreds of residents who would prefer the government build a new terminal and put the government complex on the shelf for now. They say construction of the terminal would create just as many jobs as

the government complex.

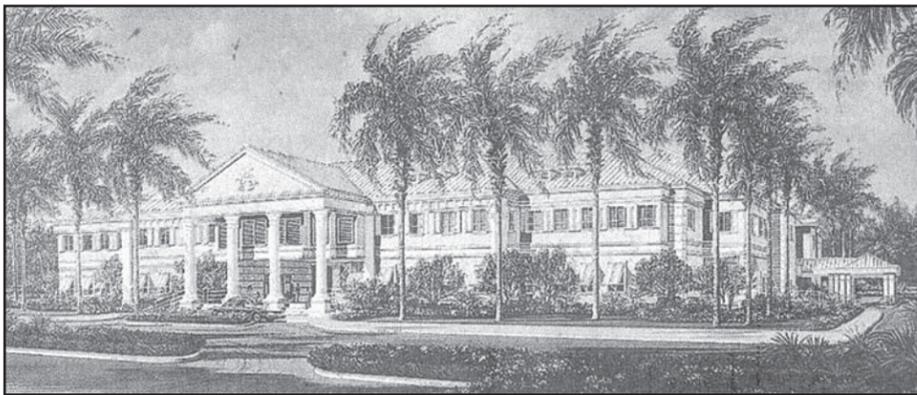
The government has said it wants to build the government complex to so that it will not have to pay thousands of dollars in rent for its offices that are scattered throughout the island. The government feels it would make it much easier for people to conduct transactions since many government offices would be in one place.

Meanwhile, the government is accepting bids for the new government complex.

John Bull hosts Open House



The John Bull shop in Marsh Harbour held its open house on November 27. Its patrons enjoyed viewing the lovely jewelry, perfumes and watches that are offered. The shop provided delightful refreshments for its customers.



This is the architect's concept of what the new government complex will look like. It will be built on the Charles Sawyer Drive, the road leading from the freight dock to Forest Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway. It will house most of the government offices now scattered throughout Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town. The government is accepting bids for the building that is estimated to cost \$25 million. The government is proposing several major building projects to provide employment during this downturn in the economy.

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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

Living Easy 367-2202

Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776

Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681

Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600

Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns) 32 eff 367-0148

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139

Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119

Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 88 units 365-8500

Island Dreams + 45 hse 365-8507

Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Mark's Bungalows 4 units 365-8506

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villa 365-2222

Web Sites with Abaco Information

<http://www.abaconian.com>

<http://www.abacoinet.com>

<http://www.abacoinfo.com>

<http://www.abacos.com>

<http://www.go-abacos.com>

<http://www.oii.net>

<http://www.bahamas.com>



Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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All phones use area code 242 unless noted

Emergency Services		
Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560	• 911
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667	
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518	
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	
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9112	
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	365-2172

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

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Localair - Fort Lauderdale	1-800-205-0730
Regional - Freeport	
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0446
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

Taxi Cab Fares	
one or two passengers	
Extra \$3 for each passenger above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: (effective Dec 08)	
Clinic, Downtown, Regattas,	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$185
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$10
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10
Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.	
• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 085	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	X\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	X\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	X\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	X\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	X\$16 + \$5

Ferry Schedules	
Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 40 minutes	
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War	10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5
Marsh H. > Guana Cay	(& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45
Fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$15 / open return \$25, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)	

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475--9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

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..... F..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina150	..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina183	..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
Marsh Harbour Marina52	F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	60..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

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



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

Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2158
Blue Marlin	..... \$ ..... 367-2002
Curly Tails	..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-4444
Gino's	..... \$ ..... 367-7272
Golden Grouper	..... \$ ..... 367-2301
Island Cafe	..... \$ ..... 367-6444
Jamie's Place	..... \$ ..... 367-2880
Jib Room	..... \$\$ ..... 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2366
Pinacle	..... \$ ..... 367-3796
Pop's Place	..... \$ ..... 367-4460
Sea Shells	..... \$ ..... 367-4005
Snack Shack	..... \$ ..... 367-2278
Snappas	..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2074
Walys	..... \$\$\$ ..... 367-2074
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	..... \$\$\$ ..... 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	..... \$ ..... 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	..... \$ ..... 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	..... \$\$\$ ..... 366-0095
Munchies	..... \$ ..... 366-0423
Sea Spray	..... \$ ..... ‡ ..... 366-0065
Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	
Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	..... 366-3139
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501
Guana Cay	
Docksiders	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-5230
Grabbers	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-5133
Nippers	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-5143
Orchid Bay	..... \$\$\$ ..... 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe \$
Coconuts	.....
Harbour Cafe	..... \$ ..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	..... \$ ..... 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Touch of Class	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4625
Pineapples	..... 365-4226
Plymouth Rock Cafe	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4066
Sundowners	..... 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Sandy Point	
Nancy's
Pete & Gays \$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge 366-4477

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

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	.....
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	..... 477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	...365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	..... 365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	..... 365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	..... 365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	.. 365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	..... 365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	..... 365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	..... 375-8055
Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	..... 365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	..... 365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	..... 354-5175
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	..... 365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	..... 365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	..... 365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	..357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	..... 366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	..... 366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	..... 366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals 366-0282
J R's Cart Rental 366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals 366-0023



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Abaco Cays Realty extends their warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and the happiest and most prosperous of new years.

NEW OFFERING



"Prince's Trust"

#GGH1129 - **\$2,495,000.**

NEW



"Split Coconut"

#GGH1123 - **\$1,160,000.**

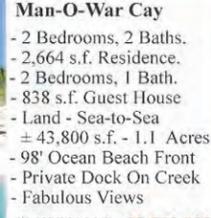
NEW



"Entre Deux Mers"

#MWH1116 - **\$3,750,000.**

NEW



"Man-O-War Cay"

#MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"SEA-TO-BAY"** - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 **\$9,995,000.**
- **"PRINCE'S TRUST"** - Estate - 12.5 Acres - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered and open decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Views - Private Boat Basin. #GGH1096 - **\$4,950,000.**
- **"ART CAFE & BAKERY"** - Settlement - Commercial - at Main Public Dock - Best Location in town - 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg. - 400 s.f. Cov. Veranda - Commercial Grade Kitchen - Land- 96'x84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GHH1109 - **\$867,500.**
- **"SANDCASTLE"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 **\$375,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

- ± 0.975 Acres -
- 100' Ocean Beachfront
- 127' Creek front
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,336 s.f. Residence
- 88' dock, 35' T
- Auxiliary Generator

#MWH1139 - **\$2,150,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

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

#MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- 1,560 s.f. Residence.
- 1,040 s.f. Verandahs
- Land - ± 1.824 Acres
- Entire S.E. Point of Dickie's Cay
- Private Dock
- Auxiliary Generator
- Fabulous Views

#MWH1099 - **\$1,850,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

Green Turtle Cay

- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 2,170 s.f. Residence
- 285 s.f. Covered Porches
- Land - 3,480 s.f. - Near Public Dock in Harbour.
- Historic - Gingerbread
- Harbour Views

#GTH1119 - **\$450,000.**

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: **\$462,000** - for 1 acre w/dock lie. on Coco Bay. to **\$2,300,000** for entire Estate

Man-O-War Cay

- 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 - **\$1,270,000.**

Green Turtle Cay

- 50 % Shared ownership
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,355 s.f. of Residence
- Covered Screened Porches
- Land - 0.54 Acre
- 253.06 of water-frontage
- Two Docks 36' - 170'
- 56,000 gallon cistern
- Generator House - tool shed
- 50KW diesel Generator

GTH1137 - **\$625,000.**

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- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,030 s.f. Residence -
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MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"SAILOR'S REST"** - Dickie's Cay - 768 s.f. Residence - 3 bedroom, 1 Bath - 710 s.f. of open and covered decks - 224 s.f. - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House - 84 s.f. deck - .365 Acre Sea to Sea - 260' waterfront - private dock. **Built in 60's by William H. Albury #MWH1099 - NEW - \$775,000.**
- **"VIKING"** - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
- **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - **\$1,200,000.**
- **"SUNSPASH"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views - #MWH1019 - **NEW PRICE - \$840,000.**
- **"ANNE BONNY"** - 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, 1,536 s.f. Residence - 500 s.f. of Porches & Decks - Land 1.23 Hillside Acres - 180' Harbour Front - Private Dock. #MWH1115 - **\$1,600,000.**

Green Turtle Cay

- 50 % Shared ownership
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,355 s.f. of Residence
- Covered Screened Porches
- Land - 0.54 Acre
- 253.06 of water-frontage
- Two Docks 36' - 170'
- 56,000 gallon cistern
- Generator House - tool shed
- 50KW diesel Generator

GTH1137 - **\$625,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

- 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 - **\$1,270,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

- 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 - **\$1,270,000.**

TILLOO CAY

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

Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay

- 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,468 s.f. New Residence.
- 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies.
- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.
- Swimming Pool
- 30 KW Auxiliary Gen.
- Boat Slip.

#MHH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**

Man-O-War Cay

- 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,240 s.f. Residence.
- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.
- Hillside for great Ocean Views.
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Fully Furnished & Equipped.

#MWH1020 - **\$525,000.**

Scotland Cay

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- Bunkroom
- 1,300 s.f. Residence.
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath.
- 224 s.f. Guest Cottage
- "Playhouse" with bar
- 1.82 Acres - 300' of Ocean Beach Front
- Fabulous Views

#SCH1094 - **\$1,950,000.**

Great Guana Cay

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#GGH1142 - **\$2,300,000.**

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ELBOW CAY

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

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"Crawl Bight"** - Sea to Sea building site - 321,690 s.f. - 7.385 Acre 300' of Atlantic beach frontage, 300' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Newly built dock - great family estate - #GGV1143 - **\$2,250,000.**
- **"WIND N' SEA"** - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - #GGV1112 - **\$850,000**
- **"AERIE"** - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - **NEW PRICE \$700,000.**
- **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - #GGV1006 - **NEW PRICE \$667,000.**
- **PARCEL "B" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 242' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 43,803 sq.ft. - ± 1.0055 Acres - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1131 - **NEW - \$685,000.**
- **PARCEL "C" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 204' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 54,360 sq.ft. - ± 1.2480 Acres - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1132 - **NEW - \$685,000.**
- **"SEAVIEW"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - 136' prime waterfront - 0.557 Acres Containing 24,292 s.f. - Shared dock access Superb elevation - Fabulous Views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. 8' depth at MLW at shoreline. A private dock can be built on the property. GGV1118 - **NEW LISTING \$624,500.**
- **"LOST SHAKER"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - Oversized beach-front parcel - 36,839 s.f. - 0.8457 Acre - 65' of Beach-front Good elevations for superb ocean views. Lush Native Vegetation. # GGV1000 - **\$545,500.**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"ATLANTIS"** - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of North Atlantic Beach-frontage - 159' in Depth - Beautiful Beach-front building site - Central Great Guana Cay location - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 - **NEW-\$485,000.**
- **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 **\$375,000.**
- **PARCEL "A" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Moderately Priced Half Acre Building Site - ± 25,465 sq.ft. - ± 0.5846 Acre - 204.84' NE Road Frontage - ± 176' - SW Boundary - ± 133' - NW Road Boundary - ± 178' - SE Boundary - Fabulous Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - #GGV1130 - **NEW \$345,000.**
- **"PARADISE"** - 12,141 s.f. - 0.2787 acre - One lot off beach with beach access steps away - great elevated building site - central Great Guana Cay location - #GGV1138 - **NEW - \$199,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- **"CONCHED OUT"** - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10'-32' elevations - 360° views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - **\$546,000. - \$3,000,000.**
- **"PLAYING HOOKY"** - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 **\$595,000.**
- **"LONG BAY BEACH"** - Incredible beach parcel - ± 26,589 Sq.ft. - ± 0.6103 acres - 60' of spectacular beach frontage - Private gated entrance - Affordable building site for cottage or beach cabana. #GTV1121 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"LONG BAYSOUND"** - Back to nature. - Secluded - 24,565 Sq ft - 0.5639 acres - 105' of Black Sound frontage - Ideal home site - Dock site possible. #GTV1122 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"COCO BAY VIEW"** - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 **\$291,000.**
- **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** -- Two Prime Building Sites - ± 2699 Acre - ± 2255 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 **\$47,500. -Lot**
- **"CASUARINA"** - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 **\$89,000.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"GRAND BOIS"** - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 **NEW PRICE \$495,000.**
- **"SUMMERPLACE"** - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWV1082 - **NEW PRICE \$325,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A** - # 6A - 9,243 sq.ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq.ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A-#MHV1102 **\$970,000.** # 7A - #MHV1103 **\$1,455,000.** #6A & #7A - **\$2,182,000.**
- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49** - # 48 - 7,548 sq.ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq.ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48-#MHV1100 **\$667,000.** - # 49-#MHV1101 **\$667,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

- **"141 Hillside Developer Parcels"** - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available **NEW LISTING #SC1140 Priced from: \$170,000 - \$438,000**
- **"Block Q - Parcel # 1"** - Fabulous one-half acre building site - 25,658 sq.ft. - 0.5890 Acre - 172.61' on Sea of Abaco - Hillside - great elevations and superb views of the Sea of Abaco - Shoreline protected by small cay. #SCV1117 - **NEW LISTING - \$485,000.**



The Abaconian

SECTION B



VOLUME 17 NUMBER 24 DECEMBER 15th, 2009

Cooper's Town cathedral is dedicated

Bishop Archilaus Cooper sees his vision become reality



Eight years under construction, the Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral is now complete and was dedicated on November 29. Hundreds stood under the walkway to watch as Bishop Cooper lay the cornerstone and the ribbon was cut allowing the congregation to enter the sanctuary for the first service. The large sanctuary will seat several hundred while the adjoining church hall will accommodate many activities of the church and community.

The Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral held its cornerstone laying and dedication service on November 29 in Cooper's Town. After eight years under construction, the new Church of God Cathedral was dedicated in a solemn ceremony that sets it aside for worship and praise.

The congregation assembled in the covered entrance to the foyer and watched while Bishop Archilaus Cooper laid the cornerstone and while Prophetess Jennie Humes and Mother Estella Cooper cut the ribbon. The congregation then took part in the remainder of the service in the sanctuary.

Assisting with the service were Bishop John N. Humes, Administrative Bishop; Bishop Fedlyn Beason, Caribbean Field Director; and many local pastors and ministers.

The church is under the leadership of Bishop Cooper, who has been the pastor for the past 24 years. He has seen the membership grow and the church prosper. He has guided the congregation

Please see **New Church** Page 8

Hope Town hosts successful Big Hill Box Cart Derby



The Big Hill in Hope Town is the site of the annual Box Cart Derby on the day after Thanksgiving. The carts are judged in three categories: a speed competition, a slalom competition and a showmanship competition. Overall winner of the senior class were Dan and Pat McCully with their Red Devils while Every Child Counts Blue Junior Champion took overall first place in the junior class.

By Canishka Alexander

This year's 11th Big Hill Box Cart Derby brought hope to the hearts of many of its participants. Perhaps it was because the reigning champion, Ricky Sweeting, bowed out of the race this year, or maybe because junior and senior competitors believed their savvy rides would conquer the course.

One spectator has been watching the races for the last five to six years. "Usually the guy you have to beat is Ricky Sweeting because he has a very professional car, and he is always faster than everyone. But he chose not to race this year. So the car to beat this year is Justin's red car, which is equally as fast as Ricky's,"

Brad Gun advised. "It's a fast car and it has a fiberglass body. It's very nice."

The innovative competition draws scores of locals living on Elbow Cay and many others who travel by ferry to the home of this annual event. The 12:15 ferry, which left from Marsh Harbour that afternoon was crammed, and another ferry was needed to accommodate the remaining passengers. When passengers arrived at the public dock in Hope Town, free transportation was provided for them to be transferred to and from the site of the race. However, some opted to rent golf carts.

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New generators have arrived

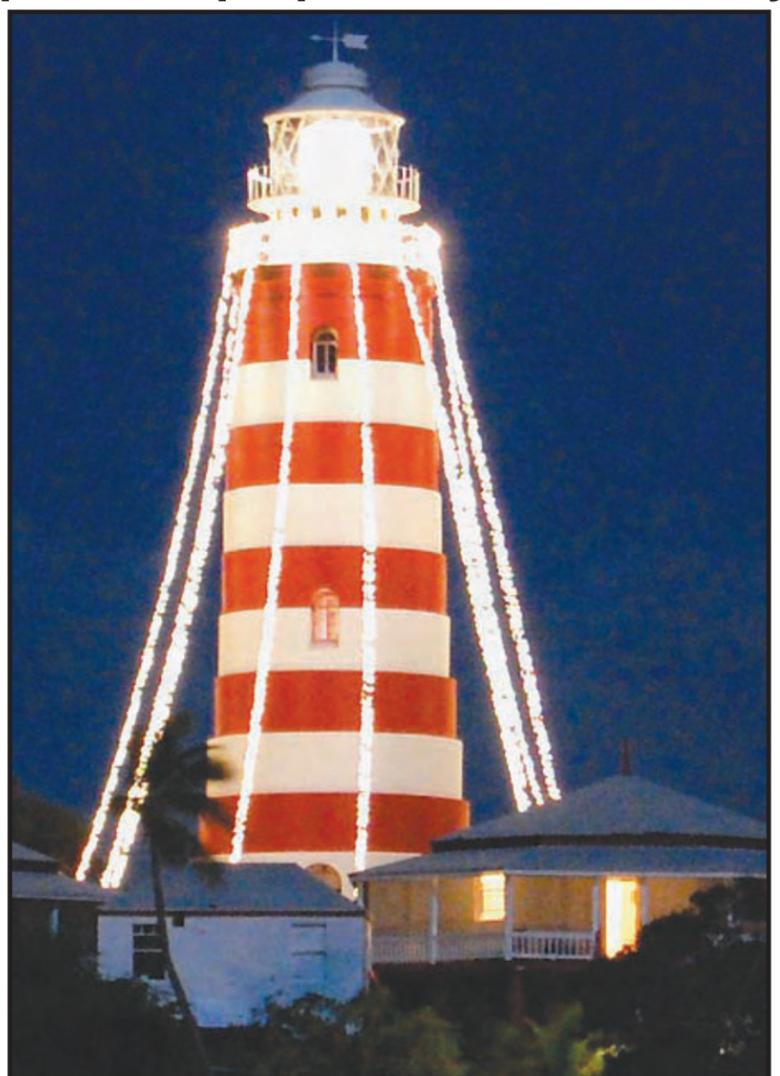
Four German MAN generators arrived at the Marsh Harbour port mid-afternoon on December 10. More specifically four engines arrived, weighing about 100 tons each and were accompanied by four gen-

erators weighing about 55 tons each.

A trained crew versed in handling heavy freight will offload the barge and transport

Please see **Generators** Page 4

Hope Town prepares for the holidays



Residents of Elbow Cay decorate the lighthouse each Christmas. Photo: Bonnie Hall

Min. Russell inspects Spring City houses

By Navardo Saunders

The remaining 25 homes to complete Phase One of the government's housing project in Spring City will begin sometime this month and immediately afterwards Phase Two will get underway, Minister of Housing Kenneth Russell announced on November 30 while inspecting the housing project. Mr. Russell said construction on the homes would start the same week of his visit or the following week.

The 25 homes will be in addition to the 75 already built. Twelve licensed contractors who have been approved by the Department of Housing will build the homes.

Phase Two will consist of about 200 service lots only. Those who are successful in acquiring the lots will have the option of using a government approved contractor or a contractor of their choice to build their home which does not have to be modeled after the one, two or three bedroom government-built homes in Spring City.

Meanwhile, Mr. Russell explained the delay in constructing the 25 homes. "The problem was that the money was used to complete housing projects in New Providence and Grand Bahama and we ran short," he said. "But we intend to get more money very soon, and once that money

comes through then we will again be in full force on Spring City."

As for the service lots, Mr. Russell said when individuals have been approved by the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation but decide not to use a contractor who has been approved by the Department of Housing, they will still be entitled to the benefits in the Housing Act, with one stipulation: "Their contractor must be licensed," he said.

Mr. Russell, who was accompanied by Acting Permanent Secretary in the Department of Housing Lorraine Armbrister and a number of local officials, explained the purpose of the Spring City inspection. "We want to make sure that there is easy access to the new houses, that all the essential services are available and those that are not available are put in place," he said. "We want to make sure for example that pipes aren't covered by roads. Our inspections will continue even when Phase One gets started to ensure that everything goes as planned."

Mr. Russell said, "Based on the interest we have had from Sandy Point to Crown Haven, the demand for housing on Abaco is just as strong as it is in New Providence and Grand Bahama. The only difference is that what we get from Abaco is normally correct data because persons on Abaco have not been applying for 20 and 30 years for their house. They only apply once as opposed to people in Nassau who apply five and six times to try to get a home."

Upon completion of the last 25 homes in Spring City, Mr. Russell said the government's next move will be to develop housing projects in Cooper's Town, Crown Haven and Fox Town.

"We already put the lots that are available in Sands Cove for sale, and the numbers are high for persons who want to purchase. We are going to do the same thing in Cooper's Town and Crown Haven."

Mr. Russell was asked about the status of the expansion in Murphy Town. "The Murphy Town expansion is not on hold at all," he said. "In fact, I just spoke to the permanent secretary awhile ago and instructed her to contact the designer in New Providence to find out where we are with that."

It's not just Murphy Town, it's also Green Turtle Cay. So we are going to try to step it up because it wasn't housing that initiated those. The designer was reporting to the Prime Minister on that because the Prime Minister initiated it. But we are moving now to take it over and have a direct relationship with the designer and get it moving as quickly as we can."

Mr. Russell said housing will move with urgency due to the fact that Central Pines has been sold out completely. "There are still many people looking for properties here on Abaco and we will provide them as soon as we can. Spring City in the next couple of months hopefully will be totally ready for land sales."

Among the plans for Spring City is the implementation of a six-inch water line from Marsh Harbour to good water pressure, several fire hydrants and a community park.

As for the level of construction in Spring City, Mr. Russell said he is very pleased. In fact, he said it has surpassed the level of construction by some contractors in New Providence.



The Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, second from left, visited Spring City to inspect the construction of the houses that government is building there. He was pleased with the quality of work and announced that construction on 25 additional houses there. After those are constructed, government will be opening up to perhaps 200 lots in Spring City. Shown here are Kevin McInstosh, Project Officer; Mr. Russell; Melanie Roach, Consultant; and Lorraine Armbrister, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing.



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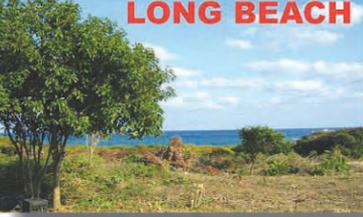
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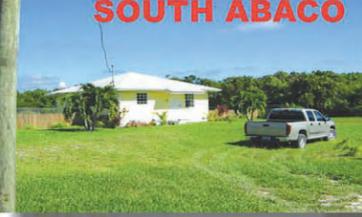
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Casuarina Point Home	\$230,000	Lynard Cay Lot 10 \$199,000
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B.P.Shores lot 15 section 4	\$16,000	Guana Cay Residential Lot \$90,000
B.P.Shores Beachfront acre section 1		NORTH ABACO
\$365,000 Long Beach Lots 316 & 418 (each)	\$50,000	Bahama Coral Island Lot (REDUCED)
Long Beach Lots 412, 413 & 414 (each)	\$79,000	Leisure Lee 4 lots (each) \$43,900
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#4433 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 46 Large waterfront lot. **\$298,000.** Laurie Schreiner
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#4580 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 107 Community dockage available. **\$79,000.** Laurie Schreiner
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Warm Wishes ...for the Holiday Season!

SEE SECTION A, PAGE 3 FOR HOPE TOWN, ELBOW CAY & TILLOO CAY

Moving generators to power plant will take time

Generators *From Page 1*

the equipment to the plant site about 18 miles to the south. One day will be allocated for moving each engine and each trip is expected to take about eight hours.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, a special truck connected to a trailer with 12 axles, 96 tires and a 100-ton load will begin the trip. It is expected to take about two hours to go from the port to the K & S Service Station corner on Don MacKay Boulevard.

If the trip proceeds as planned, the rig may stop at the K & S corner, allowing the morning commuter traffic to pass. The massive load will head south on Don MacKay Boulevard and should pass the airport junction about noon.

Police will be controlling traffic as the caravan moves at about two miles per hour, which is slower than pedestrians

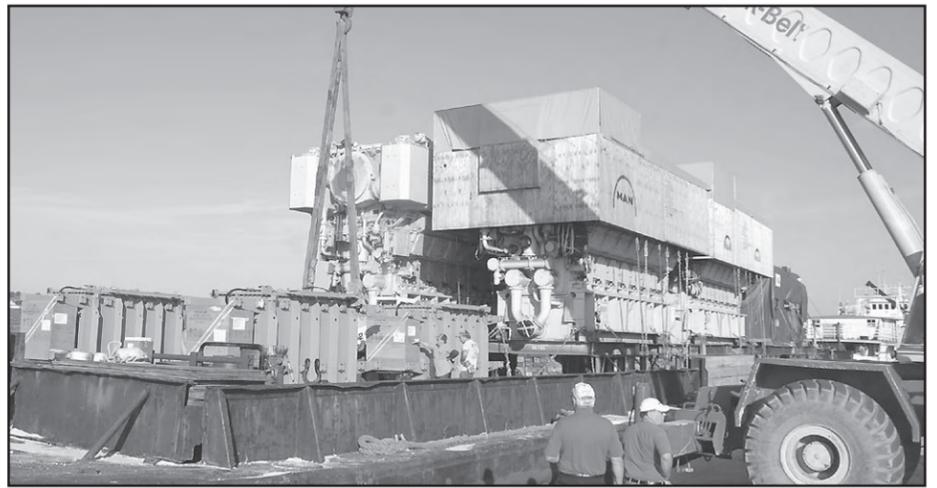
normally walk. Traffic can pass slowly and may have to creep around by using the roadside verges.

During this four-day moving exercise, crews from BEC, Batelco and Cable Bahamas will be cutting and splicing overhead wires as necessary to let the tall loads pass.

Marsh Harbour residents along the route in town may experience some interruption of electricity, phone or cable service during this move. Areas in South Abaco may experience power interruptions when high voltage primary lines are required to be cut.

Moving the first machine is expected to be the slowest as line crews learn to deal with obstacles. With experience gained from the first day's move, the public may be inconvenienced somewhat less on the succeeding three trips.

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The barge with the generators for the new power plant docked in Marsh Harbour on December 10. Offloading and transporting the machines to the site will be a timely and difficult effort. It is anticipated that each of the trips from the dock to the site with the biggest parts will take eight hours. Power lines, phone and cable lines will be affected as some of the equipment is quite high. A crane is shown here arranging slings to lift some of the heavy ancillary components.



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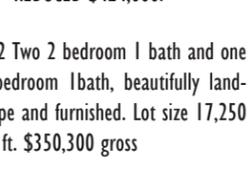
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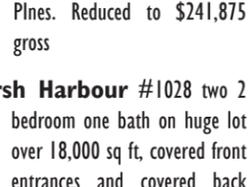
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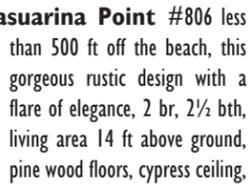
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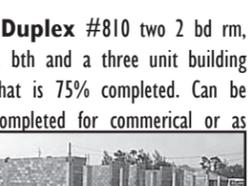
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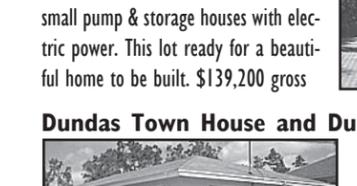
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Box Cart races raised money for sailing program

Box Carts

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A good mixture of people and booths lined the sides of the road that gave way to the steep incline known as Big Hill. Vendors sold ice-cream, pastries, hamburgers, hot dogs and a selection of beverages to the spectators as they eagerly looked uphill for each race to start. Proceeds from the box cart derby facilitate youth sports development within the community. According to the box cart banner that waved lazily in the breeze, Cracker P's Bar and Grill and Seahorse Boat Rentals were the sponsors.

Judges waited downhill at the finish line – one with a timer and the other with a checkered flag in hand for the signal that the race had begun. Oblivious or fearless – some lingered on the outside of the orange barricades, but a voice from below bellowed to them that they were standing in the wrong place. "Get off the track" and "Clear the track" were often shouted, un-

apologetically.

And the countdown would suddenly begin. There was no revving of engines, but the anticipation built and hung thickly in the air between the competitors accompanied by a hushed silence that would fall over the crowd.

Then two motorless contraptions would burst down the hill in haste to reach the finish line in the fastest time, each driver remaining on opposite sides of the five-gallon water bottles that divided the road to create two lanes.

However, the derby wasn't all about competition. One man definitely young at heart was dressed to the nines and playing music in his cool-cat ride that bore the name: Rage. He just eased downhill going at his own recreational pace or maybe he was keeping in time with the tune of his box car.

The next set of races resembled an obstacle course where cars would maneuver

adeptly – weaving expertly in and out of the water bottles – with some narrowly missing them.

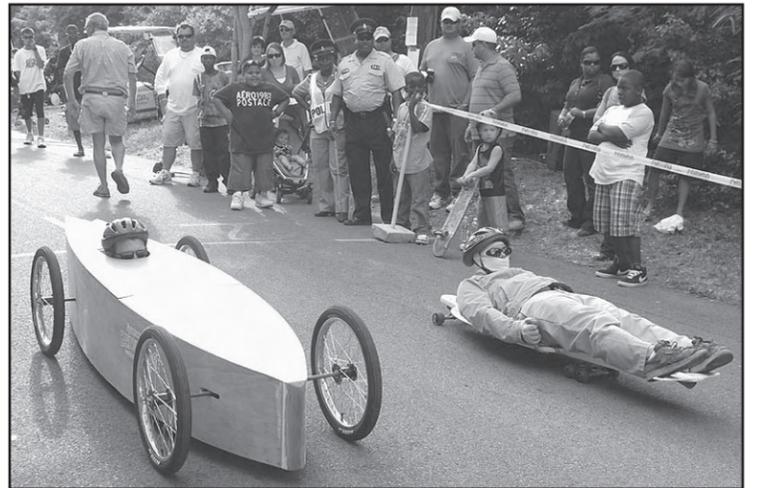
The Man-O-War Junior Sailing and Abaco Junior Sailing carts were represented at the race, and the driver of Hard Times predicted a win for his cart. Sonny Boy and Red Devil put on a good show. It resembled a ritual how carts were slowly towed uphill by a golf cart inscribed with Hope Town Harbour Lodge on its side only to come spirally helter-skelter to the base of the hill again.

Tom Hazel of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge was the crowd's next choice among those they believe would win. "He took a bit of a spill last year. His box cart flipped, and he broke his collar bone. So, yes, go Tom," Kathleen Albury cheered.

Although she hadn't gotten a chance to see all of the box carts, the ones she had seen were all dressed up. "Showmanship is a very big thing this year, so I can't wait to see who wins. It's a huge thing for our community and everything goes to charity, the kids. We're a very big community, and we all take care of each other. Our second homeowners come in for Thanksgiving, and so it's always a very wonderful thing for them to be able to partake in this," Albury said.



Some carts are purchased kits while most are made by the individuals racing. These two have just completed a speed race as indicated by the checkered flag.



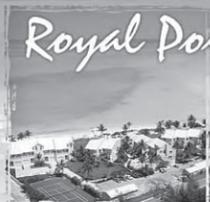
High tech and low tech competed, and it seemed to make no difference to the outcome. An extended skateboard seemed to compete well with a well constructed cart.



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Crowds from many towns watched races

By Stafford Patterson

The 11th annual Big Hill Box Car Derby was held November 28th on Elbow Cay. Mother Nature provided a beautiful day. A former Champion and a newcomer had a stellar day at the races while a veteran took first overall. Food, drinks and T-shirts were offered for sale.

After a full round of time trials were held, the eliminations began. With entries from Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Marsh Harbour and the U.S., there was some serious competition for the categories of Fastest Downhill as well as the Slalom run in both junior and senior classes. For the second year participants were also judged in a third category, Showmanship.

Justin Noice of Elbow Cay with his super streamlined Fox 1 entry had the fastest time down the 800-foot course in the senior class seconds, followed closely by The Coffin in second place, designed and built by Andrew Wilhoyte (Junior Champ in '97 and '98) and Morgan Engle's street luge third Justin's time downhill was 1.23 seconds faster than seven-time Champion

the Lip with Colyn Lightbourne in his pimp suit scored second and Brady Cobb with his red feather boa was third in Red Streak.

With points added from all three classes of competition Dan and Pat McCully emerged as Champions of The Hill 2009 in the adult class with ECC Blue Junior Champion coming in first in the junior class. Trophies were presented to the winners in a short ceremony following the racing.

The Box Car organizing committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of this event, especially all those who kindly donated goods or their time to help out. Funds raised will benefit the Abaco Junior Sailing Association.

Mark your calendar to attend next year's event on November 27th, 2010, and tell a few friends to come along. It is quite a unique event and worth the trip!



Big Hill is quite steep. These two carts are just completing a speed race. The fastest time this year was recorded by Justin Noice with his Fox 1 entry going down the 800-foot course in 31.97 seconds.

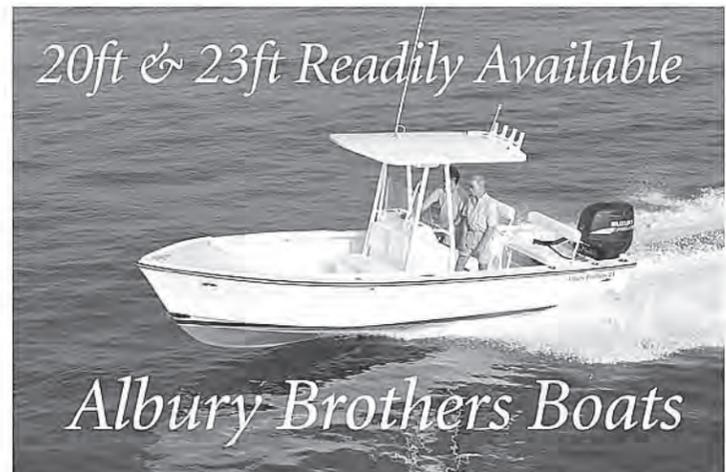
rick Sweeting's best pass to date. Unfortunately, the defending Champion on was unable to defend his title this year due to prior commitments.

Junior downhill results were Every Child Counts Blue came first with Obrien Darville and Marco Dubreus sharing driving duties. Eli Lowe's Seagull Cottages came in second, the Abaco Junior Sailing entry came third, Hope Town School was fourth and Man-O-War Junior Sailing rounded out the top five.

Slalom competition put on quite a show of driving skill as drivers negotiated the course of markers trying not to hit any of them and incur a five-second time penalty for each marker hit. The crowd witnessed a few great saves as well as a few wipe-outs. With the best time of one run each through the markers, Dan and Pat McCully's Red Devils topped the chart at 35.31 seconds with The Coffin, driven by Thomas Bethel, coming in second. Justin Thompson's Hard Times was third.

In Showmanship the judges were unanimous in their decision. The two Red Devils, Dan and Pat with their matching suits and well decorated cart, got first, Louie

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Church Dedication was a joyous occasion

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to improve its previous building over the years, enlarging the building and making it much more comfortable.

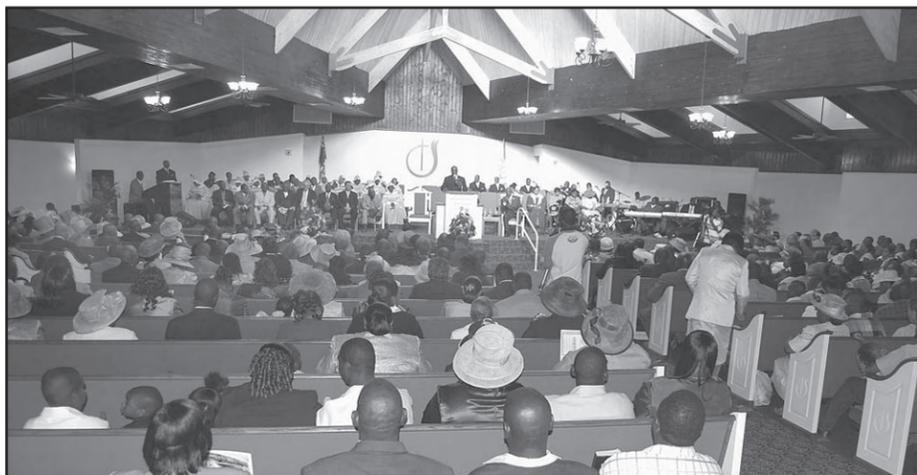
A little more than 10 years ago Bishop Cooper had a vision of a new building and since that time has worked to create it. The members began the ambitious program to build the church in 2001, eight years ago. The building is 17,000 square feet and is built on high ground so will serve as a hurricane shelter. The large sanctuary can hold 400 to 500 people with an adjoining fellowship hall equipped with a stage and kitchen. The hall will serve the entire area

as a site for public events.

The building was designed by Architect Donald Dean and the construction was under the supervision of Fletcher McIntosh and James Edgecombe of FRS Construction Company.

The Church of God in Cooper's Town dates back to 1914 when Rev. John Lowe of Green Turtle Cay and an American preacher began preaching there. Soon a small group formed the new church. Bishop Cooper is the seventh pastor during the 95 years of its history. This church has

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This is the interior of the Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town that was dedicated on November 29. The building was under construction for eight years but the results are beautiful. Daylight streams into the sanctuary from a series of high dormer windows. The sanctuary was filled with people from all parts of Abaco joining with church members for this momentous occasion.



The Hon. Tommy Turnquest, Minister of National Security, represented Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who was out of the country at the time of the dedication. He is shown in the foreground. Mr. Ingraham regretted not being able to attend as he grew up attending the church and has been supportive of Bishop Cooper and the construction of the new church.



After the dedication service, a delicious dinner was served in the spacious church hall adjoining the sanctuary.

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the distinction of being the second oldest continuing Church of God congregation

outside the United States with the church in Green Turtle Cay being the oldest. The building will now be known as the Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral.



Bishop Archilaus Cooper, center, with his wife Estella to his left appreciated many members of his family joining him for the dedication of the church building that he has brought into reality. It has been years of work, but he is pleased to have succeeded. Shown are Jamal, Gwendolyn, Tracey, Laverne, Administrator Cephas Cooper, Bishop Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, Agnes, Chikera, Lakeisha, Judy, Elizabeth Curtis, Ganyell and Gabriella.

Calendar of events

- December 14 Spring City Tree Lighting Ceremony
- December 15-16 Hope Town Christmas Production
- December 15 Murphy Town Tree Lighting Ceremony
- December 17 Dundas Town Tree Lighting Ceremony
- December 19 Audobon Bird Count, South Abaco
- December 24 Santa visits Cherokee Sound
- December 25 Santa visits Man-O-War
- January 1 Junaknoo Rush on Green Turtle Cay
- January 2 Audobon Bird Count, North Abaco
- January 2 Firewoks Extravaganza between Lubbers Quarter and Elbow Cay

Winter Cruisers Return to Abaco

By Robert Wilson

November 1st was the magical date for boaters heading south along the coast of the U.S. or departing for an extended stay in The Bahamas. As if the date were carved in stone, the marine insurance companies have written limitations into their policies in an attempt to discourage boaters from traveling south until the threat of an active hurricane season wanes.

While this remains a reason why the full complement of boaters bound for Abaco is yet to arrive, it should be noted that a large number of others have opted to head farther south to Eleuthra or Exuma expecting warmer weather and less frontal

activity and have plans to visit Abaco next year as they make their way north.

There appears to be a lot of new cruising boats on the water this year. Many seasoned boaters have already arrived and others have plans to return following the holidays. While the economy remains a consideration for most, it should be recognized that a large contingency of those returning to Abaco do so year after year.

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School News

Incident at Abaco Central High School

By Navardo Saunders

Abaco Central High School was placed on lockdown on December 4 after a free for all involving some male students left one of them with a stab wound to the back and several others with cuts and bruises. The brawl occurred on campus sometime around noon. The student was stabbed with a sharp object. Another was hit in the head with a rock or stick. Others involved were also injured.

The situation quickly erupted into chaos; and police were summoned after teachers, administrators and the security staff could not get control. An ambulance was called for the student who had been stabbed.

Scores of parents rushed to the school after learning about the incident, but were barred from entering the campus. The gate was shut while a number of police officers

could be seen on the campus conducting investigations into the incident.

By 1 p.m. vehicles were lined up just on the outside the school as anxious parents waited for word about their children. As parents waited, a voice on the school's P.A. system called for cooler heads to prevail and urged students to settle their differences without resorting to violence. Meanwhile, several students were taken into police custody for questioning.

District Superintendent of Education Lenora Black was at the Marsh Harbour Police Station while the students were inside being questioned by officers. She believed the incident may have spilled over from a disturbance between some students the night before at a Christmas programme at the school. She said one student hit another with a rock.

There were reports that a bat was involved, but Mrs. Black, who broke up the disturbance at the Christmas programme,

said she never saw a bat. Mrs. Black confirmed that a student was stabbed but said she did not think a knife was used, but maybe a pen or other sharp object.

Mrs. Black informed newly appointed Minister of Education Desmond Bannister about the incident. Ironically, she and the new school security chief for the entire Bahamas were at the high school earlier in the day.

Some parents were upset that the police refused to accept lunches they brought for their children. They took issue with the fact that their "minors" were being questioned without them or legal counsel. It is not known if criminal charges will be filed in the matter.

Mrs. Black urged parents to stress to their children the importance of controlling their tempers and dealing with conflict in a mature manner. She said discipline and respect must be taught in the homes and not only in the schools. "We look forward to getting to the bottom of this incident, putting it behind us and focusing on what's important," she said. "That is doing well in school and seeing our students become productive young men and women."

athletic and academic pursuits. Students are rising to the occasion and taking advantage of the opportunities given them.

One school in North Abaco is not to be left out. Students of S.C. Bootle High School have been known to be innovative when it comes to academics. Lately, they've taken their creativity a step further.

Principal Huel Moss, Jr., said auto mechanics is one of the subjects now available to male and female students at the school. He said the class gives them the opportunity to gain assorted auto repair knowledge and skills. Mechanics from throughout the community have been helpful in assisting the students. Additionally,

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Parents of students of Abaco Central High School congregated outside the gate to the school concerned about the welfare of their children because of an incident that involved a stabbing and rocks being thrown. A number of students were taken to the police station for questioning. A hair pick may have been used in the stabbing..



Students of S.C. Bootle High School can now learn auto mechanics at school. They are shown practicing on a staff member's car.

Students now learn auto mechanics

By Canishka Alexander

Lately, many schools have been acknowledging and rewarding students for their successes and achievements in their



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a number of teachers have volunteered the use of their cars for hands-on experience.

So far, the students are performing well and have been carrying out rim and tire inspections on faculty cars in the school's parking lot.

Students honour facility managers

By Canishka Alexander

Thanksgiving may have taken place on November 26, but the students of S.C. Bootle High School were determined that the month would not end without their saying "thank you" to a valuable group of people.

On November 30 teachers and students participated in a special assembly to express their appreciation and demonstrate their gratefulness to its facility management team. The team is comprised of six janitresses, one yardman, one security officer and one administrative assistant.

Each facility manager was given a gift from the school, various classes and individual students.

However, one of the facility managers stood out above the rest. After a 30-year tenure as a janitress at the school, Eleanor Bootle retired in June. The school presented her with an eloquent plaque. In her farewell remarks Ms. Bootle ordered the students to behave themselves and listen to their teachers.

The janitresses of S.C. Bootle are known for their harmonious singing, so she could not leave without a parting song. She concluded her remarks by singing two songs for the students: "Persevere" and a Bahamian favourite - "If you touch dat ting, ya momma ga know."

School held meeting in Haitian community

By Canishka Alexander

On November 4, Principal Huel Moss Jr., of S.C. Bootle High School took members of his staff to the Bahamas Star Farm to meet with parents of that community. He was accompanied by Rashida Murray, guidance officer, and a few teachers from the school. They were joined by Insp. Wilson Delancy of the Police Force and Selma Sawyer of the Social Services Department.

The group formed a panel to lead a discussion. Mr. Moss noted that the parents were pleased to see them. He said the residents of the farm community were very receptive to the school's attempt to reach out to them. The parents expressed unabashed gratitude toward Mr. Moss and his group.

Mr. Moss explained that the panel initiative was implemented to assert prevention and support systems.



Facility Managers were honoured at an assembly at S.C. Bootle High School on November 30. Eleanor Bootle received a plaque for her 30 years at the school.

By the time the meeting had ended, they had gained the support of the entire community, he said. Overwhelmingly satisfied with the outcome of the meeting, Mr. Moss announced that he would make per-

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sonal efforts to meet with the Farm Road parents at least once a month during the school term.

Awards Day—Always in Pursuit of Excellence

By Samantha V. Evans

The students of Central Abaco Primary School received awards on November 27th for all the hard work they had done for the school year 2009-2009. The theme for this ceremony was Always in Pursuit of Excellence.

Principal Eunice Mills commended the students who did well and would like to see more of them work hard so that they can make the honor roll next year.

The guest speaker was PTA president Melissa Bootle. She reminded them that they will have good and bad days, victories and disappointments, but they must remember to learn how to get along with others. She encouraged them to take pride in their work. Finally, she told them that as they pursue excellence that they must remember to respect self, school leaders and others.



Students at Central Abaco Primary School received certificates, medals and trophies for achieving excellence during the school year 2008-2009. One hundred five students made the regular honor roll, 32 students made the vice principal's list and 13 made the principal's list. Those to make the principal's list are shown above: Phendlyn Dubreus, Kobe Celestine, Brianna Green, Selane Saunders, Calvinnae Gilbert, Denise Decius, Nakajah Adderley, Twanasha Lightbourn, Antonyah Mackey, Lorenz Carter, Amelia Gomez, Kadesha Canton, and Sidney Decius.

Central Abaco held Thanksgiving Service

By Samantha V. Evans

Thanksgiving Day was observed at Central Abaco Primary School on November 26th and a service began at 9:30am under the theme: Give Thanks. During this service, the students brought non-perishable items that would be given to needy families within the community. Students sang, danced, performed skits and recited poetry that spoke of the many blessings they received and should give thanks for.

The Thanksgiving message was delivered by Pastor Emmitt Archer of Abaco Youth Ministries. He began his message by telling the students the history of Thanksgiving stating that it came about due to religious unrest as some Christians were not prepared to have their rights restricted. As a result of their persistence and willingness

to stand up for what they believed, these Christians were able to settle at Plymouth where they eventually grew a bountiful harvest. Hence, the celebration of Thanksgiving began.

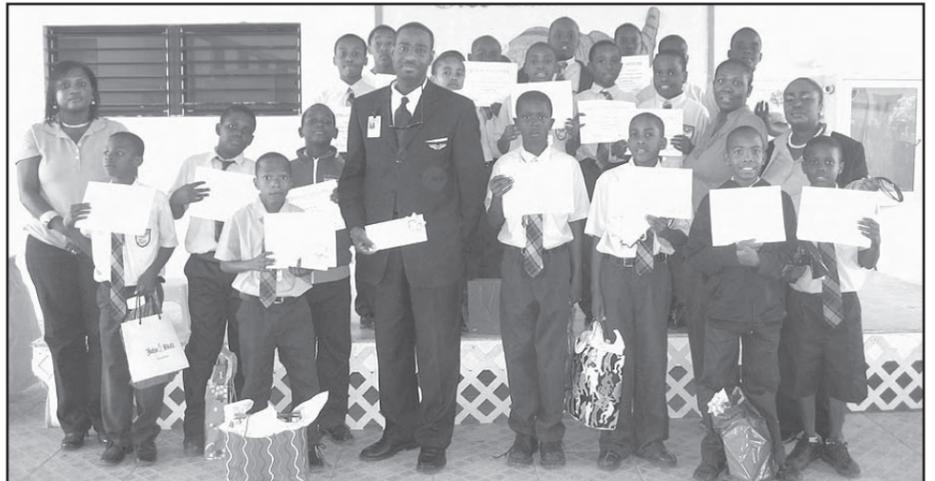
He told the students that there are some things they can choose to do every day to show how appreciative they are for their blessings. He encouraged the children to show appreciation to others by saying thank you the people to help them. They should thank their parents for all that they do.

At the end of the service a luncheon was held for the staff at the school.

Isaac Russell Wins Boys Reading Challenge

After a month of reading chapter books and filling out the newly revised book re-

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The participants in the Boys' Reading Challenge at Central Abaco Primary School are shown with Kenneth Romer of Sky Bahamas, who awarded the winner with a laptop computer. Sky Bahamas also awarded other boys with round trip tickets on Sky Bahamas.

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 - Chocolate Trilogy
 - Key Lime Calypso

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ports, the 22 boys from Central Abaco Primary's upper school who took on the challenge to read high quality books were rewarded on November 27th.

Isaac Russell of grade 6, who read 65 books, reigned victorious as his book reports were excellent. He received a laptop donated by Sky Bahamas as his main prize. Sky Bahamas included the entire Windows package and installed reading programs for him. He also received five chapter books, a photo package, a haircut voucher, school supplies, word search book, and other surprises. All of the top students received reading books, school supplies, special games, treats and other prizes.

The other top students were Darien Moureau, Receleph Mere, Steven Jones, Brandon Meadows, Trevar Blanc, Warren Moreau and Sidney Decius. All of these students did an excellent job writing their book reports. They had to draw main idea, inferences and conclusions from the books to relate them to the theme Making

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Ms. Evans believes in rewarding students with quality items especially when they do well. She has tried to get a laptop as the first prize for the past two years and, thanks to Sky Bahamas, it was possible this year. Mr. Kenneth Rumor was on hand to present the lavish gift. He also pledged that they would be the annual sponsor of the laptop for the Boys and Girls Reading Challenges at this school.

Receiving a cash prize from Capt. Butler and his wife were Steven Jones and Sondley Cajuste. Steven Jones received his recognition for getting his entire book reports correct, being self-motivated and dedicated to improving his reading skills. Sondley was recommended by his teacher as she admired his dedication to reading books and writing his book reports and his level of self-motivated.

Receiving a round trip ticket from Sky Bahamas to fly anywhere in The Bahamas was three-time winner of the Boys Reading Challenge Sidney Decius. Receleph Mere of grade 6 received a special gift for excellent writing skills. The teacher

with the most participates, Roberta Lindsay, received a round trip ticket from Sky Bahamas. The Girls Reading Challenge is in February and the winner will receive a laptop as well.

Coordinator of the program Samantha Evans said that last year the school had 99 percent participation from the boys who registered but this year the number was

down again with only 25 percent of those who registered participating. The boys received a certificate of participation. Those who read 10-15 books received a chapter book as a prize, and those who read more than 20 chapter books received special packages

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Long Bay School Gives Thanks

By Samantha V. Evans

At Long Bay School in Dundas Town the staff and students all played an integral part in giving thanks to God whether in

the form of canned goods or talents. Each year Principal Jacqueline Collie encourages the staff and students to show their thanks to God by making others happy and blessing them in a meaningful and tangible way. Hence, she used Thanksgiving in a positive way for the school to take goods to those who are less fortunate. Their food drive culminates in the Thanksgiving program held this year on November 26th. The food collected served as a part of the

decoration around the multi-purpose hall where parents, guests and students could see the items each class had collected.

The theme was Give Thanks and Pastor Anthony Campbell from the Church of God Dundas Town was the speaker. Each class participated with prepared acts which varied from musical numbers to puppet shows, skits and praise dances. Pastor Campbell gave a poignant message and left the students with words they will not soon forget: "We are the children, these are the teachers, this is the place, now is the time, to give God thanks!"

Principal Collie mentioned that Leann Albury was one of the top 10 finalists for the Elmira Student Scholarship of \$60,000. Her topic was Establishing His-

torical/Cultural Resort throughout the Bahama Islands. She was one of two students chosen from Abaco and on November 21st she travelled to Nassau to defend her essay and present it to the judges. Although she did not win, Mrs. Collie is proud of her making it to the top 10 in all of The Bahamas and proudly representing both Abaco and Long Bay School.

St. Francis students excel in competitions

By Canishka Alexander

Georgia Williams, a teacher at St. Francis de Sales School, has had a number of

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Students form human AIDS ribbon



On December 3rd students from schools on Abaco gathered at St. Francis de Sales School to make the human AIDS ribbon. After doing this, Principal Josephine Kumar told them that eight years ago she started the AIDS walk and rally, and it soon caught on. Now they gather to make the Human AIDS Ribbon as a symbol of keeping the promise. She added that all of the money raised from the t-shirt sales goes to the AIDS Foundation of The Bahamas to help those living with the disease. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley told about a fellow basketball player who died of AIDS and the pain it caused the other players to see him in such a horrible state. This disease is serious as it kills so they must be careful of the choices they make today. Hence, he told them to be wise in their decisions as they will affect them for the rest of their lives.



Georgia Williams is very proud of three girls who have competed in essay and speech competitions and have done very well. She is pictured here with Quitel Charlton, Va'Shon Robins and Octavia Dean-McIntosh. Octavia recently won \$30,000 with an essay on growing large quantities of the herb stevia and processing it to make a sweetener.



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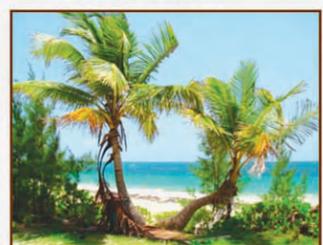
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recent successes at the school. She was referring to three students, Octavia Dean-McIntosh, Quitel Charlton and Va'Shon Robins, who have brought honour to their school by their accomplishments.

Williams began by speaking about Octavia, who won a \$30,000 scholarship from Elmira College in upstate New York for writing an essay based on this question: "Do you have an idea that could boost the Bahamian economy?"

Thanks to her mother Valerie Dean, whom Octavia described as an avid gardener, she learned about the stevia plant. She selected the stevia plant and focused on how to cultivate large plantations of the plant and manufacture its extracts. The plant is used as a sweetener and dietary supplement in some countries.

Octavia conducted a seven-minute PowerPoint presentation for a panel of judges on November 21, and to her delight she was selected as one of the ten finalists. Furthermore, when it was all over, she was a runner up in the competition. That was when she was rewarded with the scholarship.

"It's safe to say that I was beyond ex-

cited. Imagine me – a 10th grader – and I already have money for my college funds," she said.

Octavia and Quitel also entered the 10th Annual Public Service Week and Recognition of Retirees Essay and Speech Competitions in a ceremony was held at the Centre for the Performing Arts on October 30. Quitel was recognized as the second place winner in the speech competition and won \$500 while Octavia received \$300 for placing third.

Quitel and Vashon will be on the Abaco team for a debate competition in Freeport and will be competing in Zone 1 of the competition. The third team member is Ranihka Smith of Abaco Central High. Ms. Williams hopes they will be the victors of that upcoming debate competition.

However, Quitel is not simply focused on just winning. She speaks because it gives her the chance to voice her opinions. She said that the topics they are given are not only for the competitions they participate in. "It shows how we feel about certain issues that are happening. Adults should take us seriously because many young people who are not being heard resort to violence. We are wise and our minds are capable of speaking on any topic," she concluded.



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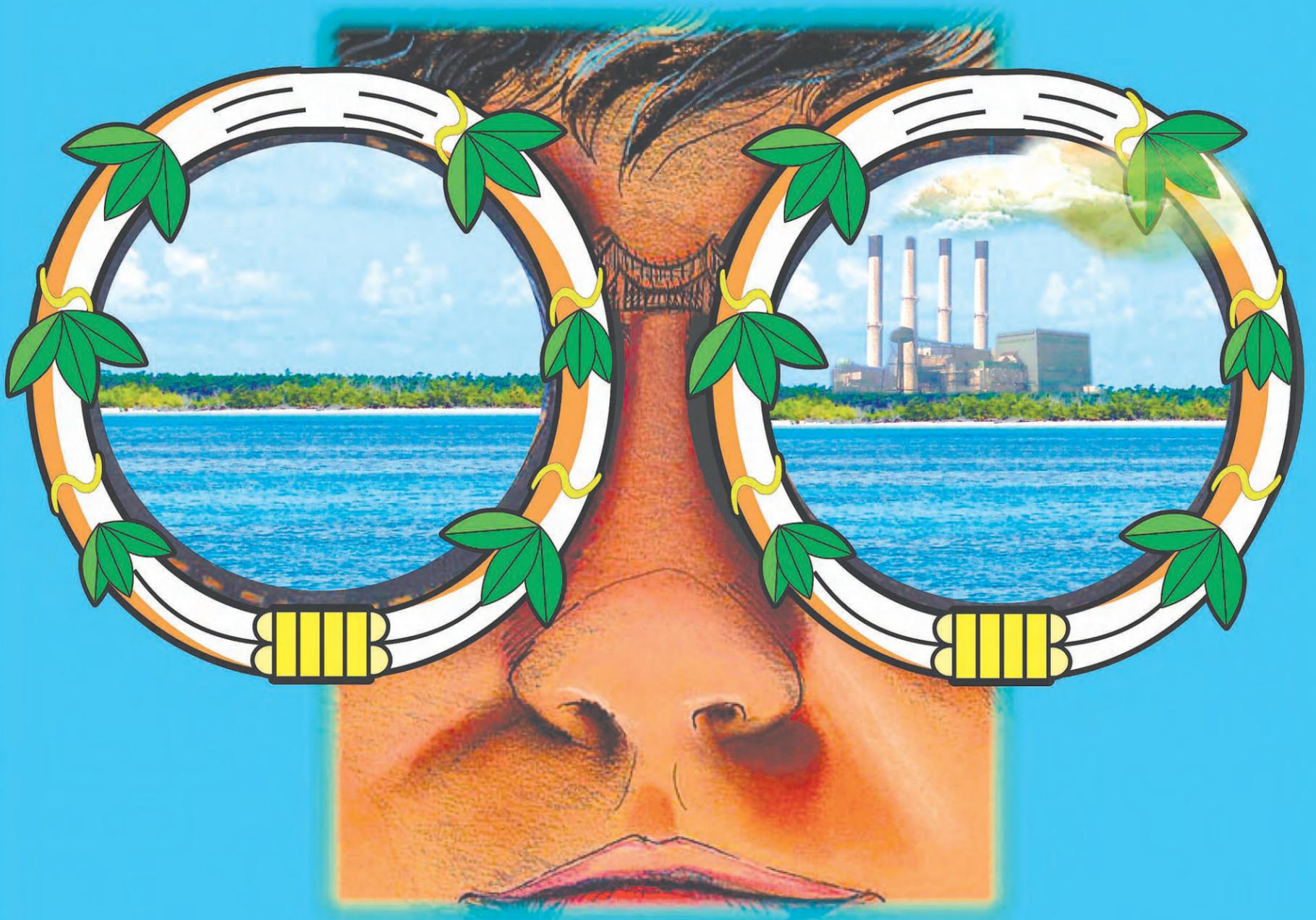


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Little League members meet with Freeport executives

By Samantha V. Evans

Clyde Edwards, District Administrator for Little League Baseball in The Bahamas, along with Alonzo Pratt, Vice President of the Grand Bahama Baseball Association, was on hand on December 3rd in Marsh Harbour to speak with the newly elected officers of the All Abaco Little League Association. He listened as the members talked about their plans to get the games organized and the children placed into various leagues. They discussed ways that they can get the word out to the public about the league on a more regular and consistent basis.

Director Faron Newbold reported that the bathrooms at the Murphy Town Park are being repaired at this time. However, repairs to the fence have not yet been made as the area the Association wants to have enclosed was not clearly understood by those giving quotes. He further told them that the Association will have to find someone to clean the area or be prepared to go out themselves onto the field to clean the grounds.

The group discussed assigning a representative to each cay as some cays still do not have anyone who can practice with the children. Other business matters were discussed including the shipping of equip-

ment, the application process for players, opening a bank account to handle Association business and ensuring the safety to children while at practice and when they are at a game.

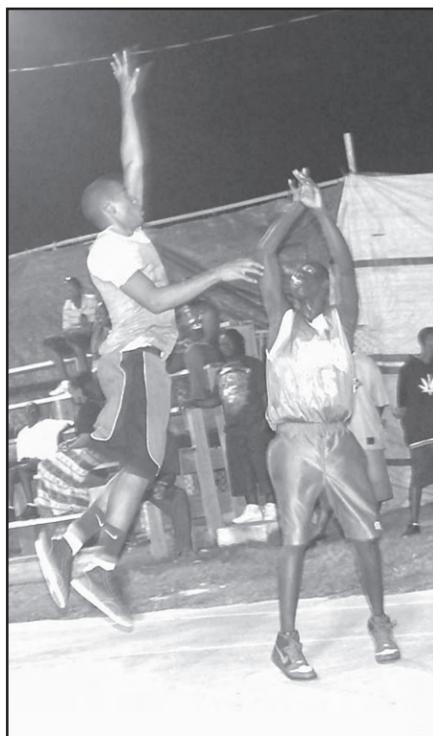
Mr. Edwards told the members that they must organize themselves properly before they go full fledge into promotions. The public relations officer, Jeffrey Rodgers, agreed. Mr. Edwards told them that some of the methods that they used in Freeport included seminars at schools, announcements in church bulletins and flyers. They have all been very effective. He told them that the application form presented was a good one, but they have to remember that insurance and association expenses must be considered before application forms are given to kids. They should look into getting quotes for insurance to cover the kids so that this information can also be shared with parents.

Mr. Edwards will look at the possibility of bringing Abaco under the Federation's insurance so that they can get a better rate. He further told them that when their equipment arrives, they must assign persons to store and distribute it so that it does not disappear. They need to make their plans and put goals and objectives in place to execute them.

Volleyball Championships

By Mirella Santillo

The Volleyball championships games marking the end of the season were held on December 4th and 5th at the Grace Gymnasium. Two games were played on Friday evening. The women's championship game between the BTC Strikers and the Dynamic Divas was played first. Both teams competed in a fierce match which required five sets to determine the winner.



The basketball season is well underway on Abaco. The Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament was held on November 27 and 28 and all games were all played at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town.

The BTC Strikers were the first to reach the 15 points needed in the last set to win the championship. The match point stroke was served by seven-year-old Chanae Davis, the daughter of coach Randy Davis. The BTC team remained undefeated throughout the season.

The second game of the evening featured two high school teams, the Agape Eagles and the St Francis Tornados. The winner was to play the Abaco Central High School Marlins the following day.

The Eagles won the two first sets, eliminating the need of a third set. It was up to the Eagles to defend their victory against the Marlins on Saturday evening, which they did by winning the first set and the third set.

The highlight of the tournament was the final game between the BTC Strikers Men's Volleyball team and the Age in Action men's team. It was great volley ball with each team delivering its best efforts, so much so that it took seven sets to finally have a winner: Age in Action!

The Friday games were well attended, but unfortunately because of the Christmas Festival, only a few people supported the players on Saturday. But that did not deter the teams from playing their best.

The awards were presented after the game by President of the Bahamas Volleyball Association, Don Cornish who had come from Freeport for the occasion.

Personal awards were presented to each player and extra awards were given to the Most Valuable Player of each winning team. These awards went to Crystal Field

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for the BTC Strikers, to Ashley Carrol for the Agape Eagles and to Cedric Ferguson for Age in Action.

Chris Smith, a former national player, is the president of the Abaco Volley Ball Association.

Vitamalt sponsors trophies for tournament

By Canishka Alexander

DeCarlo McPhee of Burns House presented Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Abaco's sports official, with a cheque to purchase the trophies for the winners of the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. The tour-

namment brought in teams from Cooper's Town and North Abaco, the Treasure Cay Youth Club, the Grand Cay Lions, Youth in Action and Sunland Baptist teams..

As part of the championship weekend, a steak-out was orga-

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Vitamalt provided the funding for the trophies for the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. Shown are DeCarlo McPhee of Burns House presenting the check to Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Abaco's sports official.



Several teams competed at the volleyball tournament held on December 4 and 5. This tournament marked the end of the volleyball season.

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nized to aid one of the players who was injured recently and to assist some players from Abaco who attend Sunland Baptist on Grand Bahama. Both the championship tournament and steak out were successful, according to Morley.

The championship results indicated that in the under 12 championship game with Youth in Action vs. Treasure Cay Youth Club, Treasure Cay scored 46 points and

Youth in Action scored 28 points. In the under 15 championship game, it was the Youth in Action team rivaling Wood Cay Lions for a score of 51 points to 43 points. In the under 20 boys championship game, the Sunland Stingers pummeled the Youth in Action team scoring 71 points to their 55.

Bodybuilding - 49 and counting

The NPC South Florida Bodybuilding Championship was held on November 28 in Hialeah, Florida.

Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden placed first in the Masters Over 60 Heavyweight Division and also won the overall trophy for the same age group. The show closed the 2009 season, and it also was Arthur's 49th year of competition. The new season will begin in March 2010 when Arthur again steps on stage beginning his 50th year of competing.

Arthur competed four times this year. In May he won the over 60 Heavyweight Division and the Over 60 overall at the Gold Coast in Hialeah. In July he placed second in the Over 60 at the Southern States in Fort Lauderdale. In October he placed fourth in the Over 60 at the Southeastern USA in Orlando.



Basketball is quite popular on Abaco and by the enthusiastic start to the season, it should be a great season. These players are competing in the Thanksgiving Tournament played at Ocean View Park.

Football comes to Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

If you passed the Murphy Town Park in the afternoon of November 28th, you would have witnessed an unusual scene: football players practicing for an upcoming game of American football. They belonged to the Eight Miles Rock Crushers and the Freeport Titans who had come to Abaco to play a promotion game that same afternoon. According to Ricardo Robinson, head coach for the Crushers, they were hoping to awaken the interest of local youths for American football.

Between the players, coaches and supporters, approximately 60 people came on the ferry for a two-day stay on Abaco. The game which lasted approximately two hours was won by the Crushers 26 to 6.

A local player, Darius Pinder, mentioned being in the process of putting a team together, the Abaco Pirates. Should that football team get organized, the Grand Bahama visitors are willing to come on a regular basis to play matches.

On a regrettable note, the Grand Bahama players were in an accident upon leaving Abaco. According to James Kemp, the coach for the Titans, although a couple of people suffered serious injuries, everyone is expected to fully recover.

Swimmers compete in Freeport

By Cathy Pinder

Thirty swimmers, coaches and family members traveled to Freeport to enter in their second inter-island swim meet of the year as a new club. The 10th Annual Northern Bahamas Short Course Juniors Swimming Championship meet was held

there on November 21.

The team knew that practicing morning and afternoon for the previous weeks was about to pay off and no one could hide their excitement.

On our arrive at the pool the day of competition began.

Sixteen of our team members participated in the various events, all placing within the top seven in every event. Coach Lawrence, Coach Brenda and Assistant Coach Stephen continued to encourage, train and support the swimmers in every event they entered while moms, dads and friends cheered loudly from the side lines.

Abaco Swim Club placed third overall in the day's events. Once aboard the bus, Coach Brenda announced all the placing, with cheers and whistles the team roared, "We did it, and we've got more to come."

The team intends to train throughout the winter season with the help of a new pool heater and plans to attend several meets next year with the goal to attend Nationals in June.

This meet confirmed our vision. Abaco is the best, and we have great kids and great parents. We can do it, we have what it takes.

Boys 6 and under

Trent Alburyr 50M Freestyle ~2nd Place, 25M Backstroke ~2nd Place, 25M Breaststroke ~2nd Place, 25M Freestyle ~2nd Place

Girls 7-8

Samantha Williams 50M Butterfly ~2nd Place, 50M Backstroke ~4th Place, 50M Breaststroke ~6th Place, 50M Freestyle ~7th Place

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 Brady Pinder 50M Backstroke ~ 2nd Place, 50M Breaststroke ~ 5th Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 4th Place

Girls 9-10
 Rebekah Higgs 100M Freestyle ~ 7th Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 4th Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 6th Place
 Christina Pyfrom 50M Butterfly ~ 3rd Place, 100M Backstroke ~ 2nd Place, 100M Freestyle ~ 6th Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 5th Place

Boys 9-10
 Miller Albury Boys 9-10 50M Butterfly ~ 1st Place, 100M Freestyle ~ 3rd Place,
 Donte Richard 50M Freestyle ~ 6th Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 4th Place
 Joshua Wong 100M Freestyle ~ 2nd Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 2nd Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 3rd Place

Girls 11-12
 Natasha Albury 100M Backstroke ~ 3rd Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 4th Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 3rd Place, 50M Butterfly ~ 3rd Place
 Kylie Pinder 100M Backstroke ~ 2nd

Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 2nd Place
Boys 11-12
 James Boyce 100M Backstroke ~ 3rd Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 2nd Place, 50M Butterfly ~ 2nd Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 3rd Place
Girls 13-14
 Miranda Albury 50M Freestyle ~ 3rd Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 3rd Place
 Aisha Lebrun 100M Backstroke ~ 2nd Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 6th Place, 50M Butterfly ~ 4th Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 4th Place
Boys 13-14
 Ashton Kemp 100M Backstroke ~ 5th

Place, 50M Freestyle ~ 2nd Place, 50M Butterfly ~ 2nd Place, 100M Breaststroke ~ 2nd Place
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The funeral service for **Hannah Alice Hall**, 62, formerly of Man-O-War Cay was held on November 25 in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.



Hannah Hall

She is survived by her husband, Oliver Hall; stepmother Naomi Roberts; daughters Carla Darling and Tammie Thompson; sons Roger, Brian and Randy Hall; grandchildren Alyssa and Zachary Hall, Brandon and Brent Hall, Candace, Chelsea, Cassidy and Chloe Darling; daughters-in-law and sons-in-law Wendy Hall, Elise Hall, Shorn Darling and Drexon Thompson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Francis, Roberts, Margaret and Mike. Estrella, Marlene Roberts, Kayla Thompson, Jeannie Hall, Richard and Christine Hall, Patricia and Ross Carey, Bradley and Beth Hall and Gladys Darling; nephews and nieces Christine Albury, Paul Roberts, Eliana, Elisa, Maria, Monica, George, Gail, Kevin, Keith, Karen, Crystal, Michelle, Frederick, Rosie, Suzanne, Anthony, Cindy, Raymond, Roscoe, Robert, Richard, Ashley, Marisa, Linda, Ciro, Latario and Mikhail; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Benjamin Brennen Davis**, 81, of Murphy Town was held on December 5 at Bethany Gospel Chapel in Murphy Town. Pastor Bert L. Williams officiated. Interment followed in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughters San-



Benjamin Davis

dra McKenzie, Helen Forbes, Joy and Cecile Davis; adopted daughter Natasha Davis, sons Joseph and Selvin Davis; adopted son Tyrone Davis; brother Herschel Davis; sisters Lorraine Farrington and Aremonta McKenzie; grandchildren Tiffany, Brittany, Tyrone, Natasha, Gretel, Judith, Misty, Dennis, Lashasha, Schumir, Leann, Franchesca, Denard, Deberia, Jopedo, Selvin Jr, Keisha, Christina, Kimberly, Sable, Richard Jr, and Tyia; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; sisters-in-law Verleta Davis, Willimae Dawkins and Beverly Davis; brothers-in-law Benjamin Dawkins, George McKenzie and Leonard Knowles; sons-in-law Sterlin McKenzie, Sherman Forbes and Leroy Woodside; daughter-in-law Addie Davis; grand-daughters-in-law Taka Davis and Chess Davis, grandsons-in-law; godchild Lloyd Swain; and many other family and friends

The funeral service for **Captain Ivan Stuart**, 78, of Moore's Island was held on December 5 at Zion Baptist Church on Moore's Island. Pastor Nixon Simms officiated assisted by Pastor Preston Knowles. Interment was in the Moore's Island Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Stuart; sons Dudley, George, Ivan Jr and Edmond Stuart; daughters Eulah Greene, Francina Heild, Fever Roberts and Monique McKenzie; stepchildren; sisters

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Ivan Stuart

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Nathalie Greene, 95, of Moore's Island, died in Nassau on November 29. She is survived by her daughters Melvina McBride, Catherine Williams and Alma

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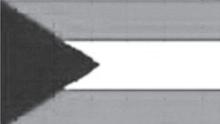
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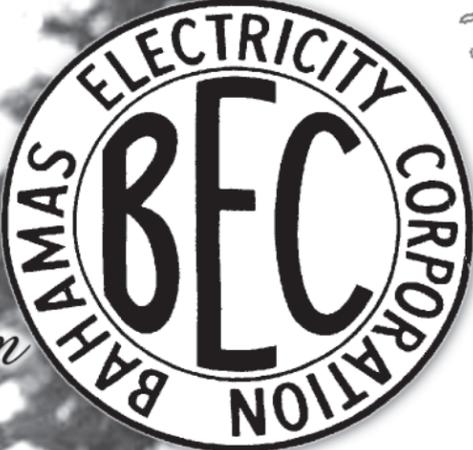


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More Obituaries of Family and Friends

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Millis; son Robert Greene and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Wilfred Cornish**, affectionately called "Uncle Bill," 85, was held on December 6 at Change Ministries International in Murphy Town. Pastor Paul Scavella officiated assisted by Pastor Renardo Rahming. Interment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.



Wilfred Cornish

He is survived by his wife Eloise Cornish; sons Livingstone (Winkie) Alfredo, George and Pastor Samuel Cornish, Oswald and Wensil McBride; daughters Marguerita (Maggie) Cornish, Rosalie Cornish-Jones and Ernestine Rolle; daughters-in-law Patricia, Renay, Brenda and Carmen Cornish, Maryann and Allison McBride; grandchildren Niwano and Kailonni Ferguson, Tavia and Patrick Maynard, Conrad and LaShanda Riviere, Tamika and Petral Rolle, Crystal and Rohan Spicer, Livinsey, Livingstone Jr., and Anitra Cornish, Timothy and Anneisha Jones, Ashana, Alfredo Jr., Corrinne, Georgia, George Jr., Jaynell, Samuel Jr., and Joshua Cornish, Chaqua Ferguson, Zeneikah and Zendell Jr., Carey, Kermit, Nadia, Renardo and Tamika Curry, Cindy Curry, Meredith and Mingo, Oswald Jr., Mercury, Desmond, Jarrod, Manvella, Chevez, and Chavez McBride; Dovania and Leslie Archer, Celestine, Chanzel, Chovanzin, Chevonnia, Chanarve McBride, Shanta Moore, Adencia Miller,

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From - The Hope Town District Council,

It is at this most holy time of the year, that we want to pause to give thanks for our Saviour's many blessings, and to wish all of our residents and the wider Abaco community, a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.

We would like to thank you for your support and community participation over the years. When local government partners with you, the residents, on community projects, much is accomplished, and we are able to see local government at its best.

This past year, together with your help, much has been achieved.

HOPE TOWN

- Major repairs to White Sound dune road
- Repairs to Public Dock steps
- Repairs to all street lights
- White Sound Park project commenced
- Restoration of Sunshine Park (scheduled to commence early 2010)

GREAT GUANA CAY

- Constructed Public Restrooms
- Re-paved Cheri B Lane
- Built new community notice board

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- Helped to form Sojer Day committee, which introduced the island's first heritage day
- Added 3 more names to Wall of Heroes
- Re-construction of Upper Public Dock
- Partnered with William Albury Construction to install handicap ramp at dock
- Minor road repair

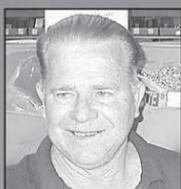
Again, we genuinely thank you for your community involvement and participation, without which, some of the mentioned accomplishments may not have been. As we enter the yuletide season, amidst the hustle and bustle and hectic schedules that come with the holidays, may we not forget the reason why we celebrate. As we get together with family and friends this Christmas, let us remember on that blessed morning many years ago, "One cry awakened the world, one birth changed history, and one life made all the difference."

And so again, on behalf of the Hope Town District Council, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, and may you enjoy your holiday.

Jeremy T. Sweeting, Chief Councillor



Jeremy Sweeting



Walter Sweeting



Lana Russell



Herald Malone



Glen Laing

Local Government at Work



Central Abaco District Council Nov. 23

By Navardo Saunders

Nearly 30 bids for the upkeep of verges and a park have been submitted to the Central Abaco District Council for consideration. Tenders were sent out for the upkeep of S.C. Bootle Highway, Snake Cay road and Murphy Town Park.

Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper unsealed the tenders during the meeting. In some instances it was unclear if the bids were submitted for the upkeep of one area, two areas or all three.

Chief Councillor Cubell Davis suggested that individuals and companies who submitted bids be summoned to meet with the Council early in the new year to discuss the bids.

He said it was also important to meet with the bidders to determine if they have trucks and other equipment to carry out the jobs. Additionally, he wanted to make it clear that the jobs are a five day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job. The other members of the Council agreed that meetings with the bidders should take place.

In other news from the Council meeting, Administrator Cooper announced that an islandwide exposition is being planned for February 2010. "This is going to be sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and BAIC in conjunction with Local Government," he said. "We're asking for the assistance of local government. We already have about \$16,500 as a budget to bring the whole island together. The event will showcase what Abaco really has to offer in the areas of agriculture, agribusiness, arts and craft. We want to bring all of the arti-

sans, all the farmers, all the crafts people at the BAIC site for one day to display their goods."

Mr. Cooper said the purpose of the expo is to encourage people to get into agribusinesses, raise the level of appreciation for locally grown produce and locally made commodities and also to secure stronger partnerships between the agriculture, education, marine industry and tourism sectors. "It is hoped that we will include in this expo agriscience and technology, food processing, a food court, handicraft section, marine resources, ornamentals, perhaps even livesock and entertainment throughout the day. This is all to expose what Abaco has to offer," Mr. Cooper said. "We have decided to fix the date to coincide with the Junkanoo festival which starts on the 20th of February."

The Administrator announced that ap-

plications for government's six-month temporary employment stimulus program can be collected at the Administrator's office. "Encourage people in your townships to come and apply for jobs," Mr. Cooper said. As for the kinds of jobs available, Mr. Cooper said that information was not contained in a letter he received from the Ministry of Finance. However, he said, "What they're asking is for people to give their job placement interest. Then depending on what they're interested in is where they will be placed if they are selected." The government proposes to hire 2,500 people throughout the country on a temporary basis in an effort to bring relief to the growing numbers of unemployed people. The deadline to submit applications was December 4.

The Council received a letter from Abaco Youth in Action asking for sponsorship of \$100 for its first annual Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. Another letter from the maintenance man at the high school requested \$1,608 for urinals. But Chief Councillor Davis said he would prefer to go to the school and discuss the cost with the maintenance man who previously attached a cost of about \$5,000 to something, but reduced the figure to about \$3,000 after speaking with local government representatives. The Councillors agreed for Mr. Davis to conduct an inspection before determining whether or not to pay the bill.

Councillors discussed repairs to the

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baseball field and track at Abaco Central High School. Chief Councillor Davis had received several quotes for repairs to the fence and the bathrooms at the park, which are utilized by scores of people everyday.

Councillor Faron Newbold, who assists with the program, explained, "We started Little League baseball and the turnout is very good. Sometimes we have like 100 plus kids. We have kids from Sandy Point to Cooper's Town. The reason we want the bathroom repaired is the kids that are participating are from ages five up to 17. The school bathrooms are too far away, so we want something that is close so that we can monitor the kids. They can easily access the bathroom and get right back in the game."

Chief Councillor Davis read quotes he had received for fence repairs and replacing toilets. The Council agreed to pay for the repairs to the bathrooms.

Elbow Cay has new real estate agent

Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty has expanded to a sixth location on Abaco by merging the boutique real estate firm Bahamas Waterfront Properties into its real estate portfolio. Bahamas Waterfront agent Pleasants Higgs joins Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty, giving the latter a permanent presence in Hope Town on Elbow Cay.

"We're delighted that Pleasants has joined the Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty team," said Mike Lightbourn, president of Lightbourn Realty.

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Pleasants Higgs

Mrs. Higgs lived in North Carolina before she moved to the Bahamas 14 years ago. She has worked as an interior designer in Nassau, providing services to many

- and has agents in Cherokee, Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. exclusive residential and resort clients throughout The Bahamas. Her knowledge and experience in high end properties is a huge advantage in dealings with high-end clientele, Mr. Lightbourn said.

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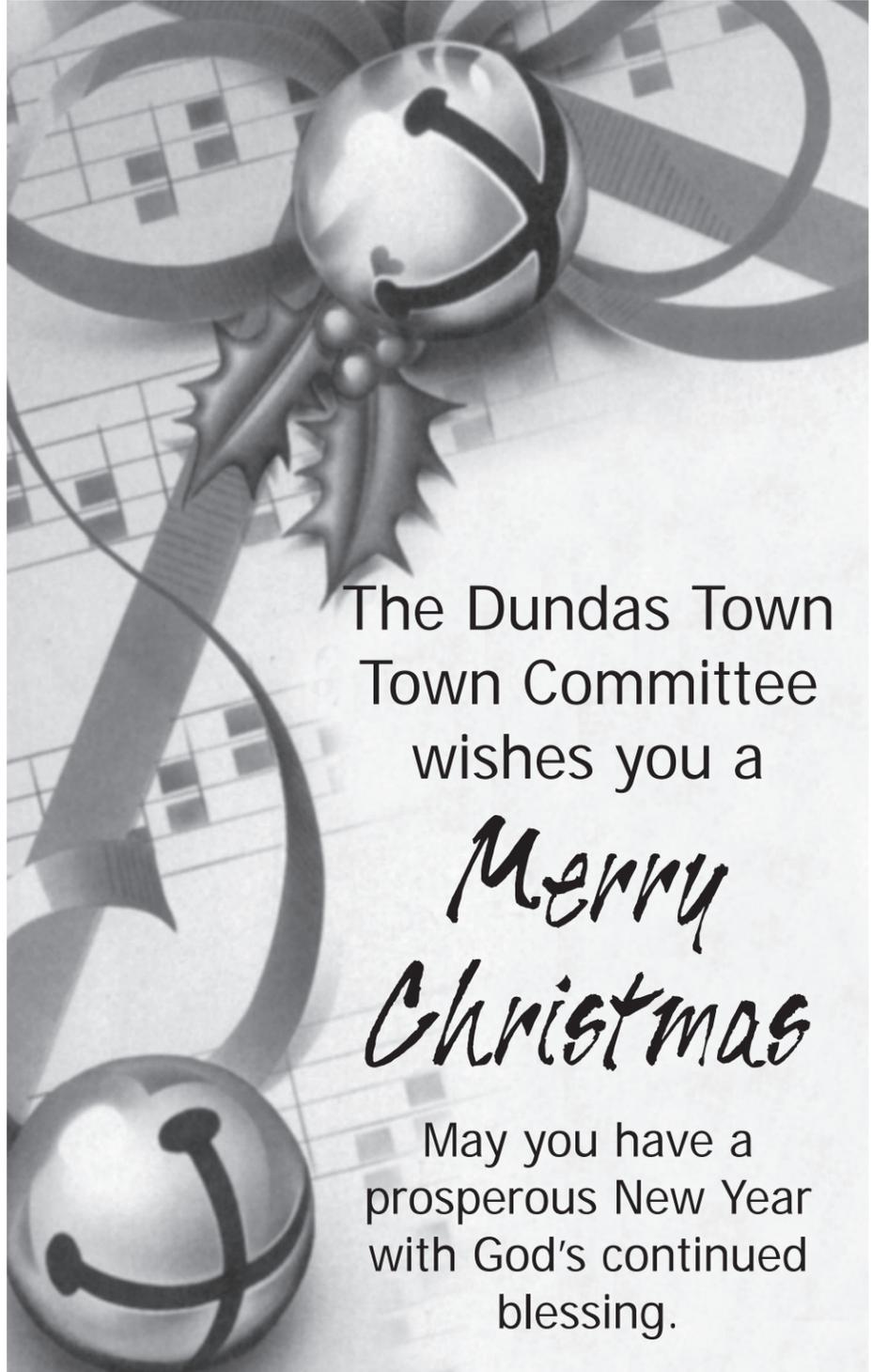


The members of the North Abaco District Council bring greetings to all the residents of North Abaco during this holiday season.

May the New Year bring you and your family health, happiness and prosperity.

We thank you for your confidence in us. Our Council members are committed to serving North Abaco to bring about good governance of the district and orderly growth and development.





The Dundas Town Town Committee wishes you a

Merry Christmas

May you have a
prosperous New Year
with God's continued
blessing.

A reporter's notebook . . .

Six men making outstanding contributions

By Navardo Saunders

Edison Key, Executive Director of BAIC, MP for South Abaco

Mr. Key is focused on getting Abaco to the point where it can supply itself with sufficient food by upgrading and expanding the farming industry by leaps and bounds. Mr. Key, a former farm owner, recently led a group of Chinese investors on a tour of several farms and designated farm sites. The Chinese have expressed an interest in investing millions of dollars in farming on Abaco – a move that would see food prices drop significantly and the creation of hundreds of high tech jobs.

Mr. Key has been the catalyst to attracting the Chinese to invest in the agricultural industry. It proves he has vision, as the agriculture industry has emerged as one of the most important sectors globally due to a growing demand for food worldwide. If he is successful in getting the Chinese to invest, generations of Bahamians to come will never have to worry about having enough food and will owe him a debt of gratitude. Indeed, Edison Key is delivering for the people of Abaco and the country.

Roscoe Thompson, Chairman, Marsh Harbour/Spring City

He can be loud and argumentative, but Roscoe Thompson gets things done. Take for instance over the last several weeks he's led a massive cleanup campaign in the Haitian communities, the Mud and Pigeon Pea. Over 100 derelict vehicles were moved and discarded and nearly a dozen 30-foot bins of garbage were collected and disposed of. Some say he's motivated by political aspiration. Well, if that is true it should not matter as long as he gets the job

done. Mr. Thompson was recently asked by central government to identify roads in the Marsh Harbour/Spring City area that need to be repaired or paved. The quicker he takes central government up on its offer the sooner he's sure to win, as many motorists are frustrated with the conditions of the roads. In the meantime, Mr. Thompson is working daily to resolve the issues surrounding the Mud and Pigeon Peas such as illegal construction.

Rose Thompson is a worker.

Faron Newbold – Deputy Chairman Dundas Town

He has stepped up to the plate and has been effective and efficient in the absence of Chairman Cay Mills. He has chaired many meetings and has succeeded in getting many things done in his town while Mr. Mills refuses to play an active role. Mr. Newbold has seen to it that contracts are awarded for clean-up projects, repairs to the burial society building are carried out, the Dundas Town graveyard is cleaned when necessary among other things. Despite the verbal attacks and threats, Mr. Newbold has never wavered, staying true to his pledge to work to improve the Dundas Town community. He has gained the respect and admiration of his fellow committee members for displaying great leadership skills in what can be described at times as a very hostile environment.

When duty calls, call Faron Newbold.

Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor

Hope Town District Council

He is calm, cool and collected and one of the more productive Chief Councillors on Abaco. In his case age really "ain't

nothing" but a number. The youngest of all the Chief Councillors, you would not know it if you were to compare the meetings he oversees with those of the other chief councillors. His meetings are far more organized, respectful and never chaotic like many of the meetings which are normally overseen by his counterparts. Mr. Sweeting never comes across as a dictator even though he is in control. He asks for input from his fellow Councillor before making decisions. Because of Sweeting's fair and cooperative leadership, the Hope Town Council is moving quickly and efficiently to address the needs and concerns of people in the district. With Mr. Sweeting at the helm, Hope Town District Council could easily be the model for local government district councils.

Jeremy Sweeting is a model leader with a bright future.

William "Tony" Davis

He is the epitome of service. He runs several businesses, but still finds the time to serve the community in many different ways. Mr. Davis is president of the Kiwanis Club, Chairman of the Junkanoo committee, a track and field coach and director of his church choir. He has been instrumental in attaining scholarships for many local students and is always doing something to ease the suffering of the poor and needy. The devoted father is known to help people who come into his business needing help. If we had more people like Tony Davis, this world would be a much better place.

William Tony Davis is a giver.

Pastor Samuel Cornish

For a long time young people did not feel as though they were a part of the Christian churches on Abaco. They never felt like they were accepted. But then along came Pastor Samuel Cornish. He accepts young people just as they are. He doesn't immediately try to make them over in every way like some other men of the cloth. He tells his young followers, "You know what? It's okay to wear jeans and a t-shirt in church." He says it is okay to have a social life interacting with other young people. He says it is okay to want to be successful and have the good things in life. The result has been phenomenal. Scores of young people are actively involved in the ministry and are saying no to drugs, alcohol, premarital sex and other social ills and are saying yes to godly principles. Pastor Samuel Cornish is making a difference in the lives of young people especially and our community is much better for it.

Pastor Samuel Cornish is a great symbol of true Christianity.

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Generators

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A huge amount of additional freight will be moved to the site during the following week, but this will be handled with existing trucks and trailers following normal traffic rules.

The barge with these engines arrived several hours before this paper went to press so this information is somewhat minimal. The next Abaconian should have photos of the engines and generators being set on their foundations.

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Paving job was not satisfactory

Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of BAIC, recently had Bahamas Hot Mix pave a 30-foot strip along the property on Don MacKay Boulevard

belonging to BAIC. It is the future home of an arts and craft display area combined with a farmers' market. He had the paving done in anticipation of the Christmas Festival being held at the site.



This is another drain that is ineffective because of poor planning. It is on the corner of the BAIC property in Marsh Harbour and should be keeping surface water off the property. A 30-foot strip along Don MacKay Boulevard has recently been paved by Bahamas Hot Mix. Pipes should have been installed to drain rainwater off the area. Mr. Edison Key, who had the paving done, is very unhappy and feels that the company did not do an acceptable job. He feels strongly that the public is not getting value for their money. Members of the Anglican Church in the background are upset that water now drains onto their property.

val being held at the site.

However, Mr. Key is very disappointed the quality of the work that Bahamas Hott Mix is doing. Proper drainage was not planned prior to paving so rain water collects on the property. Rain water also drains into the yard of the Anglican Church and the members are upset about that.

The day after the Christmas Festival was held on December 5 it rained enough to make the site very sloppy. Mr. Key feels that the Festival could not have been held there if the rain had been a day earlier. He feels that the Abaco people are very disappointing and deserve better. The Bahamian taxpayers are paying for inferior work. They are not getting their money's worth.

Mr. Key has paid almost \$55,000 for work that is not satisfactory. The money for the paving is part of the funds allocated to each Member of Parliament to be spent for the benefit of the constituency.

Renewable Energy

The Bahamas Renewable Energy Corporation is one of six companies being considered for supplying electricity to BEC using alternate energy fuel sources. This company has said that if it is chosen to participate, it would install wind and solar facilities to generate 10 megawatts of power for the Abaco grid. It would also install a 10 Mw facility in Nassau and a four Mw facility for Harbour Island bringing its overall production to 24 Mw.

Six companies are being considered by BEC with two proposing to use wind and solar generation and four converting Nassau's annual 200,000 tons of waste into energy. It was said that only Nassau has sufficient waste to support continuous power generation.

Initially, 28 companies submitted alternate energy proposals which BEC reduced to 13 and subsequently to the six now being considered. A BEC goal is to reduce its fuel imports by ten percent which would have saved \$37.6 million in 2008. No timetable was given for selecting the alternate energy companies or for when their plants might come on-line.

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Booths at the Christmas Festival offered a variety of items

By Jennifer Hudson

Hundreds of people from all over Abaco converged on the newly prepared BAIC land in Marsh Harbour on December 5 for the 6th Annual Christmas Festival. This occasion is greatly anticipated each year and the crowds once again seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The grounds were separated into two distinct halves, the food on one side and all of the other stalls on the other side of the lot.

I was very impressed with the overall appearance of the fairground with its many peaked tents in neat rows which certainly provided excellent shade from the sun and allowed a certain degree of comfort for the stall holders. But during the first hour or so of the fair they certainly had some rough weather elements to deal with as the strong gusts of wind blew some tents down and covered everyone and their wares in layers of dust. However, fortunately, by the time the fair got really busy, the wind had died down; and the stall holders could blow off the dust and be more comfortable.

I must say that this year I was rather disappointed in the lack of local arts and crafts, a sentiment which was echoed by several of the fair goers. Many people went looking for local crafts to buy as Christmas gifts, but the selection was small this year as many of the usual crafters were absent. A large number of the stalls were selling inexpensive toys and gizmos which had been purchased in bulk.

It was pleasing to come across stalls which did offer handcrafted items. Rhonda Pearce's photography, which is always stunning, was on display, and a great deal of it was offered at greatly reduced prices. This was nice to see at this time when many people have had to "tighten their

belts" a bit. Another talented member of that family, Rhonda's daughter, Kristin, had a nice display of handcrafted jewelry, much of which included beautiful delicate sea glass pieces. Amanda Darville was displaying her line of very popular macrame jewelry and Sharon Dorsette showed her talents utilising sea shells and coconut in her hand-crafted jewelry. Rebecca Bethel had put her skills to good use in producing many attractive cloth bags and brightly colored pot holders. Ms. Laing was here once again from Freeport with her exquisite Christmas tree decorations crafted from shells and straw work.

Andy Albury's display of half boat models once again stood out as his talent is extraordinary. He has copied the patterns of boat models of his father who worked on the Abaco Rage and William H Albury and seeks to continue to put wood together in the old fashioned way - strong and beautiful.

The two plant stalls, run by the Kirk of the Pines and the Horticultural Society, were attractive with a large variety of plants to choose from. As well as landscaping plants such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, croton and Mexican bluebells, there were vegetables including key limes, lemon, papaya, jujube and carambola (star fruit). On the Horticultural Society's stall Stephen Knowles displayed his beautiful wood-turned bowls with interesting samples of each of the native woods he uses. Members of Kirk of the Pines were selling tickets for their luncheon on December 13 and also raffle tickets to raise funds to complete the construction of their new church.

It was pleasing to see a couple of schools and a Junior Achievement group doing their part for the community. Members of

the First Caribbean Cash Junior Achievement Group had been busy making some very colorfully decorated and customized Christmas cookies on sticks and were also offering colorful teddy bears which could be customized in clothing bearing the company's logo. The St. Francis de Sales Interact Club provided a play station for young people where they could have five minutes on a Play Station game for \$2 or five minutes on Wii for \$3. This seemed to be providing the kids with much enjoyment (and concentration). Students of Forest Heights Academy provided fun, games and prizes with a lollipop pull and hoopla stall.

D's Signs and Imaging offered onsite photos. Anyone wishing to have his photo taken at the fair could do so at this stall and have it printed out within a few minutes. It could then be framed with a colorful fes-

tive border.

Two booths encouraging better health were Abaco Neem displaying a variety of products well known for their healing properties and Nutrition for Life. A company representative was offering information on the programme which promotes fast, healthy weight loss though the consumption of apple cider vinegar and flax seed powder. She visits Abaco from Nassau twice a month to assist people on the programme.

As always, a fair is loved by children who, with boundless energy, run around having fun. Characters for Kids was on hand with Sponge Bob and Dora products and the kids enjoyed taking on different characters with their skillfully painted faces and enjoying letting off steam in the bouncy castle.



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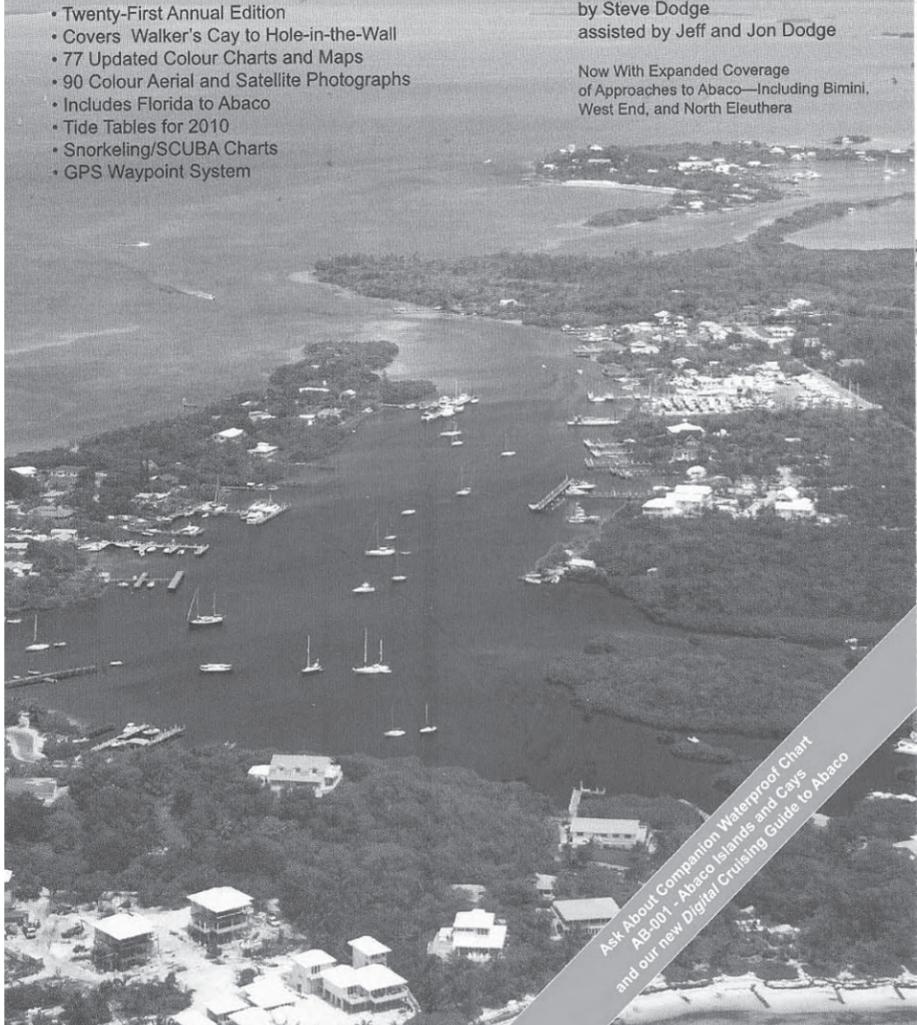
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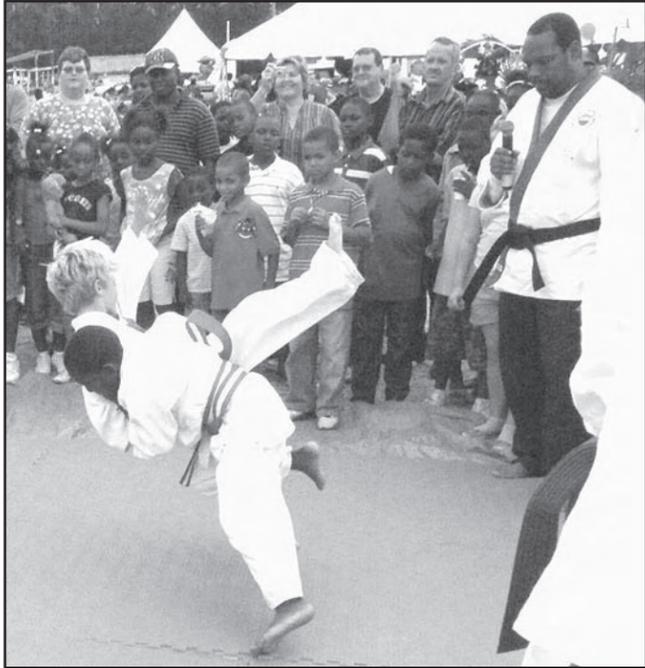
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Judo was a new Festival presentation



One event that was new and unique to the Festival was the Judo presentation led by Gina Parotti, Albert Lill and Sensi D'Arcy Rahming, president of the Judo Federation of The Bahamas. Sensi Rahming stated that Abaco has a lot talent and he would love to host an Abaco tournament one day to showcase this talent. He said that Judo is a bit like wrestling and can be learned by people of all ages. The students performed various workouts, rolls, head protection techniques, physical demonstrations, throw-

ing, rolling over objects, pinning, choking, and self defense moves. Sensi Rahming stated that Ashton Forbes, one of the students will be participating in Barbados next week as he made the Junior National Team. He stated that Ashton has great talent, and he is looking forward to him doing well in the program. Sensi Rahming added that they just got started here in May and already the 12 students have earned belts. The kids have earned the first level belt which is orange and the older ones have earned the yellow belt which is the first level adult rank.



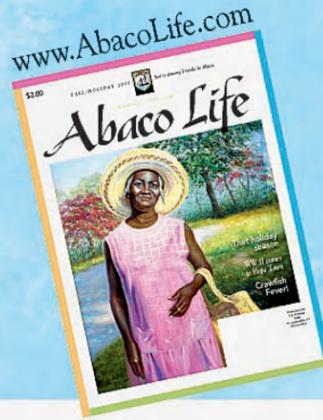
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Abaco remembered World AIDS Day

By Navardo Saunders

The Bahamas joined the rest of the world on December 1 in observing World AIDS Day under the theme Universal Access and Human Rights. A number of events was held throughout the country, including here on Abaco, to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Abaco Youth Ministry held an event where skits, songs and dramas about HIV/AIDS were staged. But the highlight of the night was when a young lady from New Providence who has been diagnosed with AIDS gave a chilling testimony about her ordeal.

The mother of five said some years ago she was diagnosed with HIV. She said, "I was totally devastated." Her HIV status eventually reached the critical AIDS stage. "I was on the AIDS ward. My lungs had collapsed. Many nights the doctors were afraid I wouldn't make it to see the morning." But the woman pulled through by "the grace of God."

The woman urged the young people to abstain from sex and urged them to protect themselves if they are sexually active. "Don't end up like I did," she said. "Make smart choices. Respect you parents and elders. Do the right thing."

The AIDS foundation of the Bahamas in conjunction with the Resource Committee at the AIDS Center and the Ministry of Education is stressing the importance of

Knowing Your Status. They say knowing could help prevent the spread of the disease and save lives as persons with the onset of the disease can live long, healthy lives with the right medication.

This year the United States has proposed to give The Bahamas a minimum of \$200,000 to strengthen laboratories, gather key HIV/AIDS data and develop the skills of health care workers.

AIDS officials said the money would be used to purchase expensive HIV/AIDS drugs and conduct critical research.

Exposition will showcase Abaco's products

By Canishka Alexander

The All Abaco Base Exposition is being planned for April 10, and no time is being wasted in preparing for the grand occasion. Cephias Cooper, Senior Administrator, met with a number of government officials on November 24 to discuss the budget for the event, explain its purpose and gather suggestions on how to make it better. They are scheduled to meet again in January.

He said that this is the first time an event of this magnitude is being encouraged in the major Family Islands. Expositions will also be held on Andros, Eleuthera, Exuma and Long Island.

The exposition will showcase the products of agriculture, agribusinesses, marine resources and handicrafts in Abaco. It is also intended to encourage potential agribusinesses and raise the level of appreciation for Bahamian-grown, Bahamian processed and locally made commodities.

With a theme of Progressing in Food Security and about \$16,000 budgeted for the event along with additional assistance from the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC), Mr. Cooper said agriculture is leading the way.

However, Pastor Lennie Etienne, reminded Mr. Cooper that food security items must be highlighted in conjunction with the theme. The items include all root crops particularly cassava, sweet potato, hot pepper, breadfruit and some types of corn.

Vendors would be showcased in seven different areas: agri-science and technology, food processing, a food court specializing in Bahamian dishes, handicraft, marine resources, ornamentals and livestock. Mr. Cooper said that the people living on the cays must be included because they produce great artwork. Additionally, he hoped that the chief councilors and administrators would go back to their districts and meet collectively with all concerned persons to inform them of he proposed event.

It has been determined that some of the budgeted money will be spent on booths, entertainment, transportation particularly for those bringing livestock, portable restroom facilities and possibly for tents.

Mr. Cooper added that one of the most significant features of the exposition was the partnership with the schools.

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Nassau residents enjoyed Festival, too



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Baker's Bay gave out toys at Christmas Festival

By Samantha V. Evans

Baker's Bay gave out toys to the children. Even though there are cutbacks, this organization saw it important to still give to the kids. According to Simone Bowe, this is the second year that they are partnering with the Ministry of Tourism in the spirit of community. They have a total of 900 gifts to give out this year. Some were given out at the Festival, but Social Services, Heal Our Land and Moore's Island will receive toys to distribute as well. The toys range from puzzles to I-pod holders to jewelry sets to Karaoke sets.

They had two categories of toy distribution: under seven years and eight to 12 years. Ms. Bowe would love to see more

businesses join Tourism and give to the youth. She stated that it must not only be about getting but they should be prepared to give back to make the communities on Abaco better. She would like organizations to realize that they have a social responsibility as well which requires them to get involved in the community in which they operate. She stated that they can take part in school events such as career fairs, work experience and other activities that can equip the youth with skills for life. Thirteen persons helped to make this event possible including the committee that spearheaded the purchase of the gifts and those who wrapped them for the kids.

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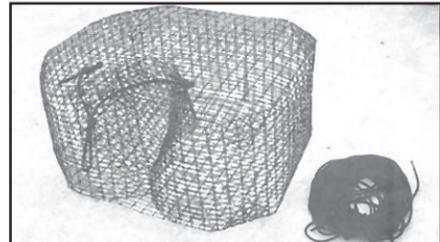
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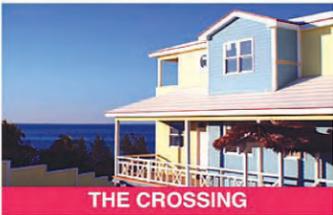
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Stunning estate residence has 7 bedrooms and 8.5 baths on 1.4 acres in this exclusive golf retreat. **\$9,750,000. Ref. AS11098**



ELBOW CAY
Serene 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on the beach, comprised of 2 buildings connected by a wrap-around deck. **\$1,390,000. Ref. PS10616**



REGATTAS
MARSH HARBOUR
Spacious turn-key 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo, fully equipped and centrally located. **\$286,500. Ref. AS10622**



THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY
A unique beauty, this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home has exquisite finishes and exclusive Club amenities. **\$3,995,000. Ref. AS10701**



MARSH HARBOUR
Recently renovated commercial property in the downtown area. This small lodging facility is a great investment. **\$650,000. Ref. AS11282**



THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY
Stunning estate with 200 feet of beachfront and privacy. 1.626 acres with 5 star amenities. **\$1,795,000. Ref. AS10802**



THE BLUFF AT WINDING BAY
A unique parcel of land with dramatic views comprising of 17,000 sq. feet near the club house. **\$500,000. Ref. AS11263**

LOTS

WHITE SOUND, ELBOW CAY: 13,770 sq. ft. lot near beach. **\$215,000. AS11205**
NORTH END, ELBOW CAY: 19,974 sq. ft. oceanfront lot with 120 ft. of beach and foundation for a 2,600 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home. **\$695,000. Ref. AS11144**
BREEZY HILL, ELBOW CAY: 10,494 sq. ft. elevated lot. **\$132,000. PS10603**
TREASURE CAY: 22,574 sq. ft. lot with 10 ft. elevations, 100 ft. of water-frontage, and easy access to all amenities. **\$120,000. AS11061**
AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY: 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 ft. elevations. Community dockage. Nearby Tahiti Beach and Hope Town. **\$364,000. PS10661**
TILLOO CAY: 16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a private island community. Near the community dock. Electricity available. **\$150,000. PS10630**
CENTRAL ABACO: 5 acre beachfront tract between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations and utilities. **\$650,000. AS10756**
MARNIE'S LANDING, ELBOW CAY: Half acre building sites in a private waterfront community with electricity, dock slip, and beach access. **\$595,000. PS10659**
MARSH HARBOUR: 9,750 sq. ft. sea view lot in gated Sunrise Bay. All amenities nearby. **\$249,900. AS11026**
LUBBERS QUARTERS: 10,489 sq. ft. homesite in the Abaco Ocean Club. Near the community dock. **\$77,000. AS10969**
BAKER'S HEIGHTS: 41.6 acre sea view tract. **\$1,040,000. AB5178**
THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY: Superb 1+ acre beachfront, oceanfront, and golf course estate lots. **Starting at \$1,900,000**
GUANA CAY: 6,811 sq. ft. sea and oceanview lot within the Shipwreck Subdivision. Nearby the new community dock and beaches. **\$125,000. AS10891**
TREASURE CAY: 15 acre estate with elevations to 70 ft. and 630 ft. on the Sea of Abaco. **\$1,400,000. AS10886**
DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES: Collection of homesites within a beachfront community. Hilltop lots starting at \$150,000. Waterfront lots starting at \$395,000. Beachfront lots starting at \$595,000.
GREAT ABACO CLUB: 7,630 sq. ft. canalfront lot in a gated community. Nearby amenities including pool, tennis courts, and beach. **\$225,000. AS10731**

BEST OPPORTUNITIES



SCOTLAND CAY
Enjoy stunning sunsets from this beautiful beachfront home. 4 bedrooms and 4 ensuite baths, dock house, terraces, lush gardens with panoramic ocean views. **\$1,850,000. AS112777**



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



TREASURE CAY
A great opportunity to build your own paradise. Just walking distance from one of the world's most beautiful beaches. 10,000 sq. feet in a gated community next to golf and marina. **\$98,160. AS11257**

FEATURED VACATION RENTAL



The Crossing MARSH HARBOUR
This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom turn-key condo is fully equipped and beautifully furnished. Central a/c, covered porch, swimming pool and steps away from the ferry dock and downtown. **\$1,800/week. AR10596**



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



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



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