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All Abaco Expo showcases local produce and crafts

The Police Band, displays, demonstrations and farm animals are attractions

By Jennifer Hudson

The First All Abaco Expo presented two days of educational opportunities, inspiration, shopping for unique purchases and a lot of good entertainment and fun. The first day was school day and the second day was designated as family day. Fifteen stalls showcased agriculture, 12 presented handicraft items, three covered food processing while several more were devoted to fish and farm stores and the conch man. The Expo was held at the Farmers Marketplace in Marsh Harbour on April 16 and 17.

Several educational stalls were set up including Friends of the Environment and the Bahamas National Trust while a petting zoo was very popular. This showcased some very healthy and attractive animals such as sheep, goats and kids, adorable piglets, some poultry and a donkey. In order to protect these animals from the heat they were gently hosed down on a regular basis.

It was rewarding to see such a variety of vegetables produced here on Abaco. Some were grown in people's small backyards while others were produced on larger-scale farms on land leased from government.

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Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, right, officially opened the two-day All Abaco Exposition that featured local farm products, locally produced processed foods and crafts. During his tour of the booths he was impressed with the produce on display. He is shown here talking with Pastor Lennie Etienne and his wife Jerutha, who have been farming for many years. They grow a wide variety of vegetables and market them on Abaco as well as shipping them to Nassau.

Auskell Surgical Center is now open



Auskell Medical Clinic has opened a surgical center in an adjoining building that will accommodate patients for many surgeries and emergencies. This means that people will not have the bother and expense of going away for necessary surgery and women will not have to leave Abaco to have their babies. Shown are the two full time doctors, Dr. Francis Biney and Dr. George Charite, with Angie Collie, Medical Director. The procedures that can be done here cover a wide range of maladies but nothing that requires an overnight hospital recovery. See story on page 21.

Blue Heron Wins First BBC Tournament in Treasure Cay



The captain and crew of the Blue Heron are showing the trophies they won as winner of the first leg of the 2010 Bahamas Billfish Championship. Besides accumulating the most points, they were also awarded for being the top release team. Shown with them is Al Behendt, far right, organizer of the event. The fishermen enjoyed three days of excellent fishing.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship launched its 37th season with the Central Abaco Championship. With three days of perfect spring weather and ideal sea conditions, the fleet of 29 of the world's top sportfishing boats caught 41 billfish during the three-day event at Treasure Cay Resort and Marina.

The first leg of the five tournament series was won by Blue Heron, a Hatteras 50 from Key West, Florida. The Blue Heron team gathered 1,400 points by catching and releasing two blue marlin

and one white marlin on days one and two of the tournament. Team Blue Heron edged out defending BBC champion team Double Dog which also achieved 1,400 points catching and releasing five white marlin and four sailfish. In BBC competition, when two teams get the same point total, the winner is determined by the team reaching the point total first.

The win garnered the Blue Heron a

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Prime Minister Ingraham officially opens Expo

By Jennifer Hudson

Huge crowds turned out to enjoy the All Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agribusiness Expo on April 16 and 17. The Expo, which was held at the Farmers Marketplace in Marsh Harbour was open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on both days. The expo began with an official opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday before which music was provided by the Royal Bahamas Police Pop Band and Abaco Central High School Band. Many officials attended from Nassau along with administrators from throughout Abaco, senior civil servants and the public. Many schools brought bus loads of students to enjoy the experience.

Several students took part in the opening ceremony with Shantrecia Hield and Vascille Stuart Jr. from the Moore's Island All Age School performing admirably the task of moderators. A liturgical dance was performed by students of the J.A. Pinder Primary School, a skit by Abaco Central High School and Junkanoo rush-out by Central Abaco Primary School. Shaquille O'Neal Jones, a Grade 12 student at the Abaco Central High School, read an excerpt from his winning essay, Food Safety in a Critical Time for which he was later presented with a prize of \$500 by Mrs. Lenora Black, District Superintendent of Education. Second and third place winners,

Candace Cornish and Sonia Cooper of the S.C. Bootle High School, also received their prizes.

In his welcome address, Anthony Gibson, Co-Chairman of the Abaco Expo committee, told the audience, "Agriculture is the only riches that a nation can truly call its own and commended backyard farming to both children and parents. Backyard farming is a very powerful tool and a community builder, not much land is needed and I encourage everyone to get involved." He praised the progress which Abaco has made in the food sector by the three new farming associations of North Abaco, Central Abaco and food processing.

of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, encouraged the public to grow more of its own food. "The government's mandate is to feed ourselves, and food security is a top priority of BAIC," he stated. He spoke of the 10,000 acres of prime farmland in Central Abaco which was entrusted to BAIC to manage, stating that it has been divided up into five and 10 acre plots for lease at \$25 an acre a year for 10 years and is renewable after 10 years. In North Abaco land at Norman's Castle has also been divided and farm equipment is being provided for the use of all the farmers on Abaco.

Mr. Key stated, "Money cannot con-

Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco and Executive Chairman

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After the opening ceremony of the All Abaco Expo, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries walked through the area looking at the displays and booths. With him were Anthony Gibson, Abaco's Agriculture officer and Administrator Cephias Cooper, both behind Mr. Ingraham. The Hon. Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources; Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation; and Creswell Sturup, Permanent Secretary, are all on the right. In the middle background is Benjamin Rahming, Director of BAIC.



Many farmers had booths displaying their produce and plants that were all available for sale. One farmer is growing several varieties of lettuce and other crops hydroponically. Many mentioned the need for a farmers' market where residents could purchase fresh produce. Several outlets do sell local produce but do not market it as Abaco-grown. Schooner Bay expects to open a market at their development later in the year, but most farmers want to sell in Central Abaco.

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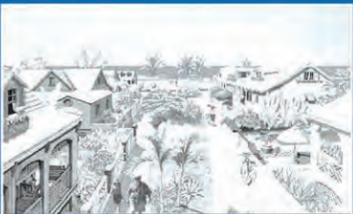
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Expo displays amazed many

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tinue to be spent on imported goods for tourism," and he encouraged people to tap into another lucrative source of income - handicrafts.

In his introduction of the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Hon. Lawrence S. Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, congratulated the artisans, farmers and fisher folk taking part in this historic first agribusiness Expo. This Expo on Abaco, he explained, is the 9th of 10 taking place throughout the Bahamas; there is still one remaining for Grand Bahama.

Mr. Cartwright was pleased to announce several new impressive initiatives.

- Formation of Marine Protected Areas, two of which are in North Abaco at Green Turtle Cay
- Closed seasons for grouper, lobster and stone crab
- The Department of Marine Resources is seeking to improve the sustainability of spiny lobster fishing and has launched a public education scheme, *Size Matters*
- He further stated that he was pleased to see the progress made by Abaco's two co-

operatives

- A new sod grass farm
- Food handling for a full scale seafood processing facility
- A corn mill about to be erected
- Training workshops for cottage industries in food processing which will include the Abaco Central High School and S.C. Bootle High School

Mr. Cartwright closed by vowing to put proper tools in the hands of local farmers and procure tractors for Abaco. He then welcomed Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to the podium, the first that he has been able to attend out of all nine already held in The Bahamas.

Mr. Ingraham highlighted the need to increase food production in the country. Since the 2007 oil crisis, food costs have been rising. "We have turned to imported goods to fill our tables and have moved away from the field and fishing. We have turned instead to tourism and failed to see the importance of locally produced foods. But we will ignore food production at our own peril, he warned. We could supply

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The Royal Bahamas Police Marching and Pop Bands performed several times on both days to the delight of those attending the All Abaco Expo. This shows them on Don MacKay Boulevard with some of the tents of the Expo in the distance.



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Expo provides education and fun

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It was very inspirational to see just how much can be produced in a small back yard and should have been an encouragement to everyone to start planting if they have not already done so. It certainly made me want to expand my little backyard farm and I bought some plants from stalls in order to do so. I saw many people going home with bagfuls of delicious fresh produce and plants to grow their own vegetables. It is impossible to mention all of the impressive stalls but one which greatly impressed me was the Lightbourn Family Farm, which is run by a couple and is located just south of Spring City. Though they have only been farming for one year, their crops were im-

pressive, and they sell fresh vegetables to the community from their farm.

An impressive display of produce which had actually been brought in from Nassau for the show was there to demonstrate what is planned for the Schooner Bay Village in South Abaco and what will be grown there. An area in the centre of the development has been designated The Commons and will consist of farmland for anyone interested to develop and will include allotments for homeowners to grow their own produce which be can consumed personally or sold at the Farmer's Market opening at Schooner Bay in January of 2011. Lucayan Tropical from Nassau will be long term advisors for the project.

Abaco Neem, famous for its various

healing products, has teamed up with Ka-reem Knowles of King Eagle Farms in an effort to protect both the human body, pets and the environment. At their booth, Daphne de Gregory of Abaco Neem stated, "We are now promoting healthy environmental products for the home gardener designed to protect the environment from the pesticides used in large scale farming. These can be purchased at Abaco Neem and in the hardware stores."

It was very interesting to peruse all of the many handicrafts on display. The artisans are amazingly creative in their ideas of how to utilize many different items from the environment. There were mirrors framed with shells of many colours, shapes and sizes as well as shell figurines,

outstanding wood carvings from many native woods, jewelry utilizing many types of seeds, berries, shells and coconut and straw bags and baskets of all shapes, sizes and patterns.

Various interesting demonstrations took place throughout the expo including a chicken processing presentation, lionfish demonstration, coconut shell polishing, safe farm practices, bread baking, root crop presentation, a budding and grafting demonstration, a Garden Club presentation, green house technology demonstrations and a high school culinary exhibition.

The crowds were kept entertained throughout by a variety of performers in-

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The animals on display at the All Abaco Expo fascinated the children, many of whom had never seen farm animals. Chickens, goats, sheep, pigs and this donkey were included in the show. Pastor Stephen Knowles is shown with the donkey.



The Department of Agriculture held classes last year on making jams, jellies and hot sauces. Several people are now producing excellent products and are finding there is a good market for their products. Shown are Vianna Gibson and Theresa Haynes who enjoy their new part time business. They are members of the Abao Food Processors Association.



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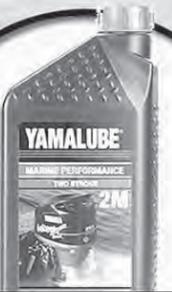
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The Editor Says . . . Expo showed potential of farming



The Farmers' Marketplace in Marsh Harbour came alive for two days, April 23 and 24, with fresh farm produce, local crafts and foods. This site is the beginning of a permanent farmer's market facility.

The ground had been leveled and lights were installed over a year ago allowing several community-wide celebrations to take place. For this event, over 40 tent canopies were in place for farm products, craftsmen and food vendors serving meals.

A farmers' cooperative was represented which has been in existence for many years with members farming land west of the present BEC plant and in the area of the Cherokee road. A newly formed farmers' association represents farm interests on a square mile of five and ten acre plots south of Spring City. A second association has been formed by interested farmers on similar plots west of the Treasure Cay airport on prepared land left fallow when the Bahama Star Farm citrus operation left Abaco due to the citrus canker. A recently formed association that is processing preserves, hot sauces and other bottled items had a display of its products that are beginning to show up in local stores.

The event was well organized, and the displays summarized much of Abaco's potential in the agricultural sector. Available for purchase was a wide selection of fruits and vegetables which were harvested in late April. A generous assortment of local produce is expected to be available when the site is utilized on a regular basis.

Our impression was that those persons attending were caught off guard and were not prepared to shop for produce at that time. The produce displayed was tempting and attractively priced. The situation was not conducive to purchasing as vegetable and fruit bought would be heavy and had to be taken to cars parked some distance away. This discouraged buying.

However, the public was given a glimpse of what is in store for the area as farmers begin to bring their fruit and vegetables to roadside stands. It was also a wake-up call to the farmers to see the potential for direct sales to the public.

Within the next month we should see

one or more farmers setting up Saturday morning stands with fresh produce for sale.

Mr. Edison Key, Chairman of BAIC, who is responsible for developing the site, has plans for proper stalls for farmers and craftsmen, restrooms and other facilities. The site is about four acres in size beside the Anglican Church and across the street from the BEC office in Marsh Harbour.

Abaco has a wide variety of artisans, and this site is expected to grow into an active outlet for their art and crafts. It is quite possible that some stalls will be open more often than on just one morning or on Saturdays. The expected demand from residents and visitors will drive expansion of the site as farmers and craftsmen take advantage of a centralized location.

This site will grow in harmony with the expansion of our farming community. Over 100 farmers, both old-timers and newcomers, have taken advantage of leased farm acreage at the annual rate of \$25 per acre. Members of the farm co-op and one of the two farm associations are working five- and ten-acre plots south of Marsh Harbour. This is a fraction of the 20,000 acres cleared in 1966 for sugar cane. North of Treasure Cay similar plots have been spoken for and are being tilled

by farmers in the north. They have formed another association to improve their odds for success.

While these new farm lands are being prepared for crops, another group is learning food processing techniques. This group is presently contributing to Abaco Central High School for the use of their stoves in the Home Economics classroom. Preserves, pepper sauces and other products are prepared, bottled, labeled and are now available in local shops.

Many of the locally grown vegetables are available in our grocery stores, although this is not well known. Being locally grown shortens the delivery cycle which means produce can be harvested closer to the peak ripening time. This yields fresher, tastier produce.

Marketing remains a major challenge for the farmers as store managers want to know there is a consistent supply of quality produce. Ordering from the wholesale outlets in Florida is a straightforward but slower process with shipping, handling and refrigeration concerns.

As our 100 or more farmers become producers, they must coordinate with their wholesale customers, the store managers. This will result in farmers staggering their

planting schedule to have a continuous supply available. As the system matures, supply will be driven by demand and prices.

Some farmers may get discouraged by the work required and drop out. However, with this large initial response and encouragement by BAIC and the Ministry of Agriculture, we expect to see tangible on our tables from those who persevere.

The Agricultural Exposition provided an important first step in linking the farmers with consumers, their end customers. The displays at the BAIC site gave the farmers insight on how they must present their produce and the public learned that more is produced here than just tomatoes and onions.

Produce sales at the two-day exposition may not have met the expectations of the farmers, but the attending public was educated in the extent of what is being produced

We look forward to this site hosting the farmers and their fresh crops. Our farming efforts can only improve with time, and this market site should give farmers encouragement and satisfaction by those consuming their produce. The consuming community will watch the progress of our agriculture with renewed interest.

Letters to the Editor

Great service from a government department

Dear Editor,

I would like to compliment the Port's Boat Licence Department.

Last month I renewed my boat licence in five minutes. While the lady was typing, the gentleman looked up the file, etc. I was given a slip of paper to pay. While doing so, they had the card signed and I was finished.

Thanks, everyone,
Bobbie Higgs

Praise for Auskell Clinic

Dear Editor:

I had the pleasure of attending the opening of Auskell Surgical Center this past Saturday, 17th April 2010. Some of the attendees included Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper, his Deputy Whelma Colebrook, Office Administrator Ruth Flowers, a strong contingent of doctors from Grand Bahama and Nassau including Doctors Charite, Biney, Lundy, Ash, Bodie, Farquharson and Williams as well as the competent staff of the Auskell family, patients, family, friends and well wishers.

As Angie Collie, part owner and manager, shared her vision of the Auskell medical project, I could not help but remember when our small island community had

one clinic on Steve Bonnet Drive in Marsh Harbour. Now, thanks to the ambition of our own Angie, in addition to the private medical offices and the government clinic, we have a privately run general medical clinic which can boast a full slate of medical specialists who can treat Abaconians, second home residents and visitors for just about any illness or provide them with emergency services.

I find it mind blowing that now we have a facility where, locally for the first time, mothers can give birth to babies (naturally or by C-section), dialysis patients will soon be able to receive treatment, circumcision can be performed and minor orthopedic surgeries can be conducted. What an achievement!

To all Abaconians, second home residents, visitors: I encourage you to visit the new facility and you, too, will be impressed.

To Angie, Dr. Charite and the Auskell family: You have come a long way. Keep up the good work and be encouraged!

Sincerely yours,

Faron Y. Newbold, Deputy Chairman
Dundas Town Local Gov. Committee

A letter to the Prime Minister

Dear Editor,

Would you print the following letter addressed to Mr. Hubert Ingraham.

I am a concerned Bahamian and would like to know why you feel like you have the right to force the Haitians on us. We want them off the Key Tract. You do not own it. So you think you have the right to put them on us. And you gave them the right to steal land that is not yours. If you want them so much, let them live on your land. Here we are forced to be awake all night with loud music. And now they are putting trash on my land.

By the way I have papers for my land since 1981. What do you have to show for the land you gave the Haitians? I would not vote for you any more and plenty others feel the same.

A concerned Bahamian

Reply to environmentalists

Dear Sir,

I wish to respond to a letter from Clint Kemp which appeared in *The Abaconian* of April 1, 2010. For the record, I don't know Mr. Kemp from Adam, so my disagreement with his opinions can hardly be seen as personal. I actually intended to offer this letter for publication in your last issue, but that issue came out a few days early, and therefore I missed the deadline. Hopefully, this is a case where it's better being late than not ever getting published.

Mr. Kemp opened with a reference to the motion picture *Avatar* and stated that he wondered if we weren't already living in the days portrayed in the movie.

First off, while the box office sensation *Avatar* was a smashing success and a very enjoyable movie to watch, it was so politically rife with a decidedly liberal slant that it is no wonder at all to me that the global environmental movement - and especially the very liberal members thereof - would welcome it with open arms. Having said that, allow me to say again that if one is able to set aside the involvement of the political message, it is a very nice film. Period.

Mr. Kemp goes on to explain how he left his pastoral calling after a long commitment thereto, and is now very involved in the environmental movement in The Bahamas. I commend him and others of his ilk for his and their concern for our environment and I hope that there can be made some progress in the protection of it. But quite frankly, the intention of committed environmentalists is to control every aspect therein and to entice - or force - our government to enact legislation that will not only accomplish the job of protecting the environment, but will make our interaction therewith a bloody nightmare. Remember the turtles?

In every situation of the public's interaction with the various governmental agencies, there is always a way to ensure that there is a balance whereby the public is not overly frustrated and the government

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gets its due. We know, of course, that is never the case, and we still hear on a regular basis how angry many people become because they had to go to a particular governmental office to apply for some license or the other, only to be so frustrated that they nearly gave up on the whole unfortunate affair.

Back to the turtles. Surely the government realized that its ruling on that matter was over zealous. In what I believe was a bid to appease the environmentalists, they not only took steps to protect the turtles, they went overboard and forbade us as Bahamians who have been eating turtle for generation after generation to even go out and get one anymore. Yes, I can see where the process of catching and killing turtles would be a rather unpleasant scenario for many people, but the fact is we are Bahamians. I myself am not that crazy about turtle, but we have lived off the sea since we arrived in these islands - and my people have been here for hundreds of years - and to think that the johnny-come-lately environmentalists have taken that right away from us is disturbing. There was a happy medium to be struck, but alas our government caved.

I wish to take this opportunity to warn Bahamians that they must stay vigilant. Although extreme environmentalists are a small minority amongst us, the movement has gone from a genuinely motivated entity to a politically powerful lobby. It's the turtles now, but tomorrow you won't be able to cut down a poisonwood tree on your own private land without a permit from the government! Sounds funny, doesn't it? It is however fact in certain areas of the United States that you need permits to do almost any and everything on your own land.

I realize that I will be laughed off by the environmentalists. That's to be expected. However, I implore you, my fellow Bahamians, to watch their progress carefully. We live in a global community now where even our government - whoever they may be at any given time in history - will be pressured into regulating to the max all things concerned with environmental considerations in a bid to qualify for the many billions of dollars that developed nations of the world have been asked to commit to the new Global Environmental Government that is at this very moment in the making.

Questions: How are the members of this new global, environmental initiative supposed to contribute the many billions of dollars being requested when the whole world is supposedly in a huge recession? And aren't there more important issues at hand, such as world hunger; AIDS in Africa; genocides that seem to happen every several years; child slavery; and last but certainly not least, the imprisonment of Christians in several nations around the world for no other reason other than being a Christian? Oh, that's right, Christianity is not so much in vogue these days, and the earth is actually our spiritual mother. Oh, Lord, have mercy on us!

Thank you for the space in your column, and please include the following info in this letter because newspapers are hard to come by at times here on Abaco, and I would hate to think that I missed an opportunity to debate my position with anybody:

My email address: rockhoppin@gmail.com Also, you can find me - Billy Boom-bastic Roberts - on Facebook.

So, a summary is in order.

Do I believe the environment needs protecting? Of course, it does. But I also believe there are those who do not wish to find the happy medium for all but are rather intent upon forcing their opinions into

law. In a true democracy, "the people's" voice should be heard on all issues that affect their day-to-day lives. A government, no matter how in tune to the people's wishes they may feel they are, cannot possibly know what the desire is of the majority at all times. It is my belief that if the government were to offer the decision to ban turtle catching to the public, the ruling would be overturned.

Sincerely,
William (Billy) Roberts

Appeal for all to preserve our environment

To the Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that an individual has removed coral from the beach at the North End of Elbow Cay below the high water mark. He accomplished this by use of a bulldozer and left quite a mess behind.

I write of this incident because it serves as an example of the way in which residents of The Bahamas and developers often choose to destroy the natural environment for their own benefit with little regard for the consequences to "the greater good." In this particular case the natural environment that he chose to destroy was not on his land but belonged to The Bahamas government as it was clearly below the high water mark.

As I understand it there is a statute in place that says that destruction of a beach area without a permit is a government offense with a substantial financial penalty. However, it is also my understanding that it is difficult to enforce this penalty as the government is overwhelmed with more serious cases.

Since the government cannot fine these people, it is the work of each of us to bring awareness to each offender of the major destruction that they are enacting. It is the responsibility of each of us to voice our outrage at their self interest. These islands have remained untouched for centuries. Our challenge is to fight to preserve them without totally inhibiting growth and development in a sensitive way. Friends of the Environment has done an amazing job of enacting educational programs to raise awareness of a sustainable way of living on these lands. But they cannot do it alone. It takes a concerned citizenry to help them spread the word and advocate for better protection of our natural resources before they are all destroyed.

We built a home on Elbow Cay because of its natural beauty and pristine environment. We chose Elbow Cay so that our 14 grandchildren might get to experience the wonder of this unique and unspoiled place. It has touched each of them. There is no place that they or we would rather be!

However, since we have built this home we have witnessed the destruction and near destruction of the place that we all love. Only last year a grove of 100-year-old buttonwoods was destroyed on the adjoining lot to ours because the owner did not like them and wanted to replace them with palm trees.

Just last night the Hope Town Council courageously voted down a development that would have profoundly altered this amazing island. And I was delighted to learn that BEC is no longer considering Bunker C fuel for its new power plant in Wilson City, due to the voices of over 1,000 concerned citizens.

These are terrific accomplishments in the quest for preservation of the very things that make this area of The Bahamas unique. Let us all continue these efforts to preserve the very things that we all love about this place.

Susan Maxman, FAIA

Response to a Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently there was a letter to the editor regarding a visitor to Abaco stating that they were unable to find a salon that cuts Caucasian hair. In fact, the letter went on to say that the one salon they found did not accommodate them. This was most disappointing to the stylists at Hair, Body, and Soul who would like to respond to this article because the beauticians do cut and style all hair types as they are a unisex salon.

This Salon is located on Forest Drive behind the K & S Service Center. The salon is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. They do regret that those visitors were not able to find this location and hope that this does not happen again. The salon can be contacted by calling 367-3977.

Call for a new principal

Dear Editor:

As a parent of a child of an Abaco high school, I have seen the unfair treatment of students by the school principal. In fact, when a big fight took place late last year and many of those boys were put out of school, this was unfair to many of them as their names were falsely called, and they were accused of fighting when they did not. In fact, some of the students who are guilty of causing problems at this school are pets of the principal, the guidance counselor and others.

This is wrong and for this reason a petition was prepared to obtain signatures to have the principal removed from this school. I do not believe that she is the right principal for this school, and she is making a lot of the children hate her.

If a student does something wrong or disobeys the school rules, a course of action should be taken. But the principal is quick to put children out of school when they make a mistake, have on the wrong color socks or shoes or is missing some other item. There is no grace or warnings issued to students so that they can have time to correct their behavior. It seems as if she has forgotten her human side and that parents are not able to replace shoes or buy all items a child may need for school. Instead

of sending a note home to the parent, the principal puts the children out of school.

An incident took place recently involving a few males at the school. Several of the boys were never problems before but were being bullied by a student. A scuffle developed and the instigator was beaten for his attack. Instead of this boy being suspended along with the other few boys, he was kept in school.

At a meeting held at the school on April 19th, I along with the others present listened to the principal, it was clear that she loves this bully. It is unclear what this boy has done for her, but she praised him and reported only on one side of the story - his side. The other students did not have a side. This is wrong. The principal is not an impartial principal at all; instead she has favorites and makes it clear that only the words of those she deems worthy will stand where witnesses are concerned. As I sat in that meeting, my heart bled for those young men whose lives she was so ready to quickly throw away.

Is this what education in this Bahamas has come to? Is there no longer a period of innocence before one is pronounced as guilty? Is it all right for a student to be bullied by others and not defend him or herself when approached to fight? What is a student to do in a case like this? I am heartbroken that as a parent my child is no longer safe from bullies at school. I am aware that children will be children, but my innocent child who is quiet and likes to be by himself or with a select group of persons should not be made a target for vigilante youth.

I appeal to the Minister of Education and the Prime Minister of the Bahamas (and my Member of Parliament for North Abaco) to please send this large high school a fair principal, one who looks beyond nationality, beyond color, beyond race and beyond academic ability; one who is prepared to give all children a chance to thrive and to learn in a safe school environment.

There are a lot of smart intelligent children at this school and great teachers. But as a parent who speaks for many others, we are not pleased with the way the principal runs this school and treats our children. I do not want my child or any other child to be scarred by such an experience. So I

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Central Abaco News

Tourism hosts private pilots' association fly-in

By Timothy Roberts

An aviation group including airplane pilots, family and friends were introduced to Abaco during a weekend fly-in from April 9-11, enjoying a three-day stay at the Abaco Beach Resort.

The group, part of the Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association, flew to Abaco as part of a program sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism that introduces pilots to the islands of The Bahamas.

Joe McMonigle, the organizer of the fly-in, says the group has been making a yearly trip to different locations in The Bahamas for seven years; their last trip took them to Nassau where they stayed at Atlantis for a weekend.

The Cirrus Association, with about 3000 members, brought 33 planes to Abaco for the weekend. Only five of the pilots visiting this year had been to The Bahamas before, so for the rest it was a new experience.

The Cirrus Aircraft Company is a leader

in personal aviation aircraft and has been around since 1984 with planes that are designed for the comfort and ease of use of a luxury car.

The Ministry of Tourism welcomed the pilots at Cherokee Aviation's FBO, then hosted a dinner party for the group at Abaco Beach Resort. Mr. Greg Rolle, Chief Aviation Specialist with Tourism in Fort Lauderdale, is working to increase private pilot traffic to the islands through marketing and promotions.

Mr. Rolle said that despite more stringent policies enforced on aviation by the United States' Homeland Security and other agencies, The Bahamas has made major strides in streamlining the ease of access and paperwork for private pilots who want to visit The Bahamas by working in conjunction with the FAA, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

International Home Trade Show is open

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco has the rare opportunity to host the International Home Trade Show and according to Michael Martinez, spokesperson for the group, it is like a mini-mall as it has over 100 new products that cater to the needs of all professions and ages. The show has been to Nassau several times and travels all around the world selling items including some products that advertise only on television and that come from as far away as Germany.

Before coming here, the group got all of its documents straight to allow them to sell goods on the island. The show will be at Faith Convention Center until May

3rd from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday. The show has a wide selection of items to sell including multi-purpose knives, professional rulers that can improve children's handwriting, bone density tests, choppers, pillows, corsets, grills, 50-foot hoses, jewelry, tile cutters, generators, non-stick frying pans, novelty products, beauty items and a large variety of household items.

On one evening Michael had his team demonstrate some of the items including the suction pump that can unclog any toilet. In fact, it can even remove dents from your car. On one afternoon he was demonstrating the use of the non-stick frying pans. More than 20 vendors are a part of this trade show. According to Michael,

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The participants of the fly-in, organized by the Ministry of Tourism, enjoyed a reception at Abaco Beach Resort on April 9, the day they arrived for a three-day visit. Thirty-three planes came bringing family and friends to enjoy the area, most for the first time.



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cluding Jus' Us, Wesley College School, New Direction Band from Treasure Cay, Genesis Band from Central Abaco, Estin Sawyer, Impact Band, Arthur Moxey and Joseph Davis, Eugene Davis and, of course, the ever popular Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop and Marching Bands. The Marching Band, parading along Don MacKay Boulevard, drew a large crowd as always to enjoy its uniformed splendour and listen to its lively music while watching the precision marching displays and enjoying a special treat performed by the Drum Major.

No Bahamian event is ever complete without something to satisfy the appetite and there was no shortage of tasty foods at the expo. A total of eight stalls provided a selection of all the Bahamian goodies from conch fritters to a full meal.

The hardworking committee, having organized such a worthwhile and successful event, should have been truly gratified at the results of all its labour, and I am sure all of the farmers, artisans and fishermen are looking forward to Expo Number Two along with the community who not only thoroughly enjoyed the event but also learned a great deal about agribusiness.



Shelley Austin, our own well known Mistress of Ceremonies at many events, entertained the crowd watching the Royal Bahamas Police Band as she mimicked them, then danced with the Band master. The crowd loved her performance.

Expo Opening *From 5*

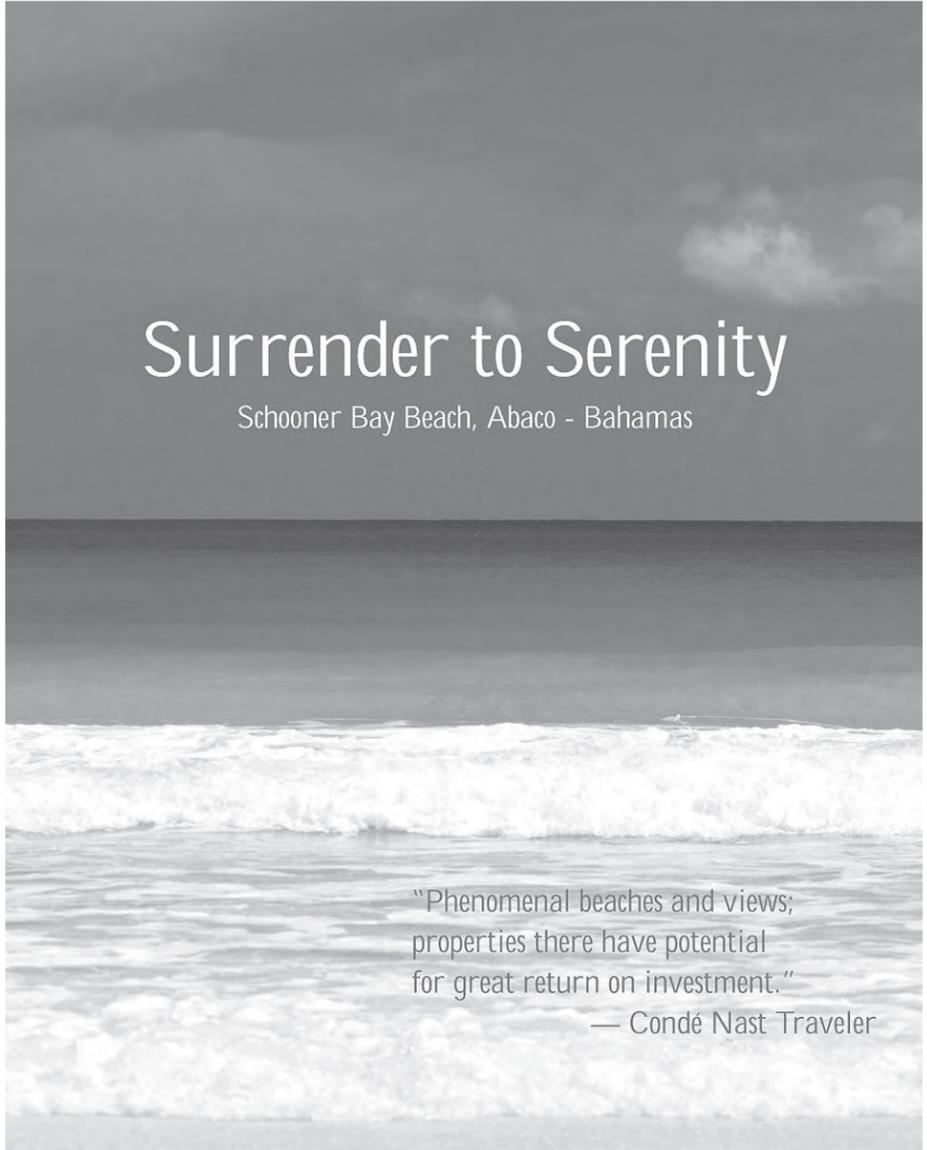
hotels with locally produced foods, decorative items and furniture which will have a multitude of benefits. "We are not yet all we could, might or should be."

Commenting on Abaco in particular, Mr. Ingraham stated that this island is blessed with the natural resources for producing food and that we can produce a lot more than we are presently producing. He stated that he was pleased with the large number of students attending the expo

from Abaco schools and was honored to declare the first All Abaco Agribusiness Expo open.

Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Key were each presented with a gift basket which included a variety of items such as jams, jellies and sauces, all of which were made on Abaco.

Following the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries officially toured the expo booths, chatting with the farmers and artisans.



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More Central Abaco News

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they are looking to partner with local people who are interested in selling the items locally. While here, they plan to meet with a few prospects.

Training Held for Ardyss International Distributors

By Samantha V. Evans

April 23rd was a historic one for local distributors of Ardyss International, a company that focuses on health and wellness and provides a lucrative compensation plan that allows people an opportunity to improve their financial situation.

The meeting was held at Central Abaco Primary School followed by the training. Present for the meeting and training was executive present Dr. Karen Johnson from South Carolina to conduct the training. Dr. Johnson is responsible for opening the Bahamas' market.

The training was very informative as many persons in the company just became a part of it in January. It focused on benefits of the company, compensation plan, measuring for various garments and natural benefits of health care items. Dr. Johnson told them to identify the main reasons they enrolled in the business and let those goals keep them focused. She reminded

them to be people of integrity as they grow and to not allow their ethical standards to be compromised at any cost. The distributors were able to meet all of the other persons on the island who are a part of the business. Refreshments were served during the session.

Earth Day Promotion at Abaco Groceries

By Jennifer Hudson

April 22 this year marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. To encourage people to protect the environment and the

planet, Bernadette Hall and Abaco Groceries in Marsh Harbour ran a promotion at the store. The goal of this promotion was to raise awareness of the variety of eco-friendly products now on the market. Earth Day falls within Coastal Awareness month and this year's motto is *I care, do you?*

Ms. Hall is certainly doing her best to get the people of Abaco to care about their environment. "I want people to remember that there is only one earth and that

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Work progresses on airport taxiway



The new runway at the Marsh Harbour International Airport has now been in use for several months but in the absence of a usable taxiway, pilots have had to use the new runway for taxiing. This procedure will soon come to an end as a new taxiway is presently

under construction. This new taxiway is being rehabilitated from the previous runway which is no longer in use. The taxi way will measure 6,100 feet in length by 50 feet in width. The project is being undertaken by Bahamas Hot Mix, the same company responsible for the construction of the new runway last year. Harlin Johnson, Abaco's Manager for Bahamas Hot Mix, explained the process being used with rock and sand imported from Freeport where it is mined. When all of this has been completed, Bahamas Hot Mix will place solar lights along the taxiway. The project began on April 1 and was expected to be completed by April 20th, weather permitting.



Earth Day was on April 22, the 40th anniversary of this special day, that brings attention to the need to preserve our environment. Bernadette Hall and Abaco Groceries promoted the use of "green" products that are available at Abaco Groceries. These products are not so damaging to our environment as normal cleaning supplies. She is speaking to Levaughn Albury.

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More Central Abaco News

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we must do our best to preserve it," she stated, then asked the question; "Have you given any thought to what you buy?" She wants to get the message across that people can make a difference in the grocery store.

Ms. Hall had a table outside Abaco Groceries showing a variety of eco-friendly products available in the store so that before people entered the store she could tell them about the advantages of these products and encourage them to purchase some. She praised Ian Roberts, owner of the store, for reducing waste by selling many of his products in bulk, selling the eco-friendly cleaning products and promoting local growers by selling locally grown, organic vegetables.

Since Ms. Hall herself uses all of the products, she was able to tell customers firsthand of their effectiveness and advantages. The products included Green Works All Natural Cleaner and refills, liquid dish soap, Simple Green All Purpose cleaner, dishwasher detergent and Ecos Laundry detergent. All of these products compare very favorably in price with regular brands and in most cases I noted them to be actually less expensive.

Recyclable cups and other biodegradable containers were being promoted but it is unfortunate that at present Styrofoam, which is very harmful to the environment, still carries less duty than the eco friendly materials. Energy-smart light bulbs which are great energy savers are on sale.

The Ministry of Tourism has been promoting Coastal Awareness month nationwide for the past six years and this is the

fifth year that Abaco has participated. Ms. Hall is the volunteer coordinator for Abaco. She is passionate about preserving the environment and runs her own business that includes a business encouraging recycling to reduce the impact of solid waste on our beautiful environment.

What can be recycled?

- Aluminium cans, preferably crushed or squeezed.
- Glass bottles (Kalik, Heineken, Guinness, Vitamalt)
- Batteries (car, boat or golf cart)

How?

Put your bottles and crushed cans in a bag and drop them off at your local depot. Batteries may also be taken to a depot.

Why?

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- Saves money and energy
- Creates more jobs

What not to recycle

- Wine bottles, plastic bottles and no other beer brands than specified

Recycling depots can be found in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Guana Cay, Scotland Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point, Man-O-War Cay, Treasure Cay, Sandy Point and Cooper's Town.

There is now a new "green" acronym RAD for Responsible Appliance Disposal for the recycling of large appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and stoves. For more information on recycling or to organize pick up, call Ms. Hall at 367-0699 or Friends of the Environment at 367-2721.

Haitian Flag Day will aid earthquake victims

By Luzena Dumercy, Committee Chairman

The second annual Haitian Flag Day Celebration will be held on May 15 at the Farmers' Marketplace in Marsh Harbour adjacent to the Anglican Church from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. The parade will be from 5:30 p.m. starting from the Abaco Hardware to the park. This year the Flag Day Celebration will be in aid of the earthquake victims in Haiti.

According to official estimates, 222,570 people killed, 300,000 injured, 1.3 million displaced, 97,294 houses destroyed and 188,383 damaged in the Port-au-Prince area in January and in much of southern Haiti. We will be working with the Red Cross, the Rotary Club and other service organizations to make sure that the money raised from this event assists with building supplies, tents and other much needed

items. We will be accepting a \$2 donations from everyone that attends the event.

Flag Day commemorates the history and the importance of Haiti's struggle, glory and saga. This year it is even more important due to the earthquake. Haiti needs all of our help now. Haitians are a strong, resilient and proud people, and they showed these traits; even through disaster they can find joy. This Flag Day, we will highlight this spirit.

Flag Day will be a fun-filled event with many activities. There will be Creole music, popular Haitian dishes, Caribbean food dishes, theatrical stage plays, skits, dancing, children's fun activities, sporting events and much more in a wholesome family environment. All races and nationalities are invited.

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News of the Cays

Hope Town happenings As the lighthouse turns

By Peggy Thompson

Hope Town Village founded in 1785 is home to the candy-striped, hand-wound Elbow Cay Reef Lighthouse. This picturesque cay is a combination of local Bahamians, many of whom descended from Wyannie Malone, second homeowners and boaters. Hopping with activity, this island has a diverse amount of activities as it does population. There is never a dull moment in the village, it's cross section of population and the five-mile island is literally hopping with activities. The poles tell all – the most sure way to discover the hap-

penings in Hope Town is to be a pole reader – the latest activities are stapled to the telephone poles around the island and will keep you informed.

The Writer's Circle is an informal group that meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each participant brings something they have written and it is shared with the group. The writer can choose to be reviewed by fellow writers or not. Sometimes guest authors join the circle and share their skills. The group meets from November to May or June and has even printed a book, *The Hope Town Reader*. You can come once without any material, but then you must bring something you have written.

The Hope Town Youth Soccer League just completed a six-week session and will play their final match on April 25th. Ages for players are 4 -12 years old and often a visitor will be invited to join in. Game day is exciting as parents are invited so it is a gathering for moms and dads as well.

The Hope Town Sailing Club sponsors sailing series throughout the year and just finished their open invitational races and dinghy races. The Optimist sailing program began in January and will end with the Homer Lowe Regatta in Marsh Harbour on May 8 and 9. The Derek Lee Trophy race follows shortly after and at least a dozen of the youth will be competing from

Hope Town and neighbouring islands.

St. James Methodist Church's youth group holds Bible studies on Wednesday and youth group on Saturday nights at the Mission House. Some of the teens are participating in Teen Challenge and will be heading to West Virginia in July as part of a mission trip. Money is being raised by car washes, bake sales and cook-outs. Teens also offer services like babysitting, yard work or other odd jobs to help the cause and can be hired by calling 366-0400.

Most of the restaurants include happy hours and Cap n' Jacks offers fun nights

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like trivia and bingo (donations are raised for various local charities). Abaco Inn features a Cuban night as well as a live music on Tuesday nights. Check the poles as they often will do special family day activities.

The Hope Town Harbour Lodge returns Hope Town to her British roots by holding proper high teas – please pass the scones. The Lodge has other theme nights like outdoor movies, raw and sushi bar, champagne/wine sampling and guest chefs with fixed menus.

The Early Bird menu at Harbour's Edge not only offers a break in price but items that are not found on the regular menu. Local Vibe, a talented band of Hope Town musicians plays on Thursday and Saturdays at Harbour's Edge and should not be missed. Tuesdays at On 'da Beach feature rotisserie chicken. Be sure to call ahead to reserve your souse on Sundays starting at 10:30. They have a variety of beach activities throughout the year including beach volleyball. Sea Spray in White Sound offers New Entry, a popular local band, on Saturday nights as well as specialty Bahamian breakfasts on the weekends like stewed and boiled fish. There are various activities from fishing tournaments to surf contests and Junkanoo.

Hope Town is all about service - help-

ing one another and the community. The parents and grandparents of the youngsters on the island have banded together with the Hope Town Association to improve the Jarrett Park playground. Current promotions are regular cookouts and a unique picket program. Donations are \$50 per picket and the name of your choice (child's name, boat name, your dog, etc.) is then carved into the picket for all to see. The plans for the lighthouse-shaped climbing equipment and series of decks in the famous cork tree are on display in the Hope Town Post Office. They even include instructions for tax deduction for U.S. donors.

The Wyannie Malone Historic museum is seeking volunteers to work in the museum so it can stay open for visitors. Interested persons should stop by the museum or call 366-0088.

The Elbow Cay Community Association is a community volunteer committee focused on ensuring all the needs of the island are met. The group was formed as a back-up for when government budgets are not enough or non-existent. So far this year they have worked on Hope Town garbage removal, paying for extra bins, maintenance of the dump and a ramp bulkhead for trucks to unload directly into bins. The attractive and practical waiting gazebo on the end of the upper public dock (post office) has been a wonderful addition to the island.

The Hope Town District Council has been busier than ever. They are responsible for Elbow Cay, Lynard Cay, Pelican Cays, Tilloo, Lubber's Quarters, Man-O-War, Scotland Cay and Great Guana Cay, and they try to keep growth balanced and healthy. On five-mile Elbow Cay it is important you don't make a mistake as there is not room for error. The future of all these special islands is in the hands of the Council that is elected by the community whose members are paid a small stipend by the government to meet monthly. The dedicated board completes site inspections and meets as often as necessary to get the business done in a timely fashion. Applications are posted publicly. When any plan is controversial, they have to work even more hours to ensure everyone is heard. As the economy takes an upward turn, they are receiving more applications than last year for buildings, small resorts and docks. They continue to work with everyone to ensure Bahamian laws are followed. Hope Town

appreciates this hard-working board.

Hope Town's massage and yoga guru, Rachel Aberle, leads yoga classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. behind St. James Methodist Church. It lasts an hour and the view is overlooking the Atlantic Ocean Beach.

Just off of Elbow Cay's Tahiti Beach is the famous Cracker P's Restaurant and Bar. They have a new shuttle running from Marsh Harbour on Saturdays for those wanted to have lunch at Cracker P's and do some exploring on Lubber's Quarters – there is a wonderful nature path. Full Moon party is on the Saturday night closest to the full moon and is a great time to dance the night away.

Please e-mail any happenings or announcements to abacopeg@yahoo.com so we can share the activities. I am sure there are many things I missed so e-mail me with Hope Town Happenings in the subject line to be sure you are included in each edition of The Abaconian.

Hope Town Council Meeting April 12

By Timothy Roberts

The Hope Town District Council held two meetings to deal with the numerous projects and issues set before them. The meeting was held in the evening on April 12 and continued on April 14.

On April 12 the Council was addressed by the principals of the Elbow Cay Club development, an extensive redevelopment of the existing property. The project has met with much resistance from the community and has 1000 signatures against it.

Victor Apat, one of the principals, presented the project as it was originally presented over a year ago. However, he spoke of possible changes to the plan to accommodate criticism of the project. The criticisms he listed, based on a community meeting the

developers held with Elbow Cay residents on April 10, were that the marina is too big, the breakwater extends out too far and the building density is too great.

He pointed to the resizing and repositioning of the marina and breakwater to be less obtrusive in the waterway. He would add a small boat basin on the north side of the property. The basin would reduce the density of the project.

Mr. Apat said that the project would be a community asset and would be fully developed over a 15 to 20 year time span. The intent, he said, is to take the Elbow Cay Club back to the way it was.

A letter representing the view of many

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residents and second homeowners and visitors was read by Clay Wilhoyte which addressed many of the same issues that Mr. Apat said they were willing to reconsider.

The public was dismissed and the committee deliberated and reached a unanimous resolution. The Council opposed this development and rejected the plan as presented.

The Council, however, made it known to the developer that the proposed changes, when put into writing, would be considered favorably.

The meeting was recessed and resumed on April 14.

HT Council Meeting April 14

Robert Malone attended the meeting on April 14 to clear up matters relating to letters of opposition regarding his proposed New Wave Radio Station. The main complaints concerned the tower as an "ugly blight" on the island, that it would diminish property values and present safety concerns.

The project was unanimously rejected with the main factor being the height of the proposed tower.

Clay Wilhoyte spoke to the Council concerning the dumpsite and the problems of maintenance and burning. He proposed that he and his son run the waste management for Hope Town. He would like the Council's approval and a long term contract before investing in the equipment and resources. The equipment needed would

include a truck with a compacter to reduce the bulk, a trailer to collect garbage from boats in the harbour, a commercial chipper and a backhoe for transfer station maintenance.

In his proposal he stated that the main goal is to stop the burning of garbage on Elbow Cay. He would like to return the dump to being a transfer station and have someone "man" the dump to control and sort where waste is deposited.

Addressing the financial aspect, he said that rates need to be charged for use of the dump/transfer station using a voucher system instead of cash. Rental homes would have to be considered a business and pay accordingly. A public meeting would be needed to outline rules and regulations and

educate people on how to reduce the bulk of the garbage and how everything would be enforced.

There was general support of the idea by the Council. Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting expressed a desire to work with Mr. Wilhoyte toward the resolution of the dump problems but said they need to iron out the details concerning the prices and regulations and ensure central government's support before Mr. Wilhoyte goes forward with plans.

It was noted that effective that week the Council will enforce the law requiring construction sites to have a 30-foot bin for construction debris. Building permits will be contingent upon the acquisition of the dumpster.



A group of protesters were on hand when a ferry brought Councillors to a meeting of the Hope Town District Council. They are protesting a proposed development of the Elbow Cay Club property. They feel that the marina extends too far out into lane of traffic and the building density is too high. The Council unanimously rejected the plan as it was presented.

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Driftwood . . . The Shipwreck and Agriculture

By John Hedden

Last weekend the Abaco Expo proved to be excellent. In terms of displays and turnout, the presentations revolved more around artisan and artistic displays than anything else. Food courts were also predominant as were the institutional booths of organisations such as Bahamas national Trust and Friends of the Environment. In a sense this proves the economics of value added. The livestock display was ever popular, and the few agricultural booths were well set up and manned.

In the agricultural arena those deserving special mention include Mike Lightbourne with vertical hydroponics, Leanne Key Kaighin and Charles Carey both with small ruminants and poultry, Stephen Knowles with his donkey and Sugarland Nursery with semi-native plant displays.

The Ministry of Agriculture imported a large contingent of sheep, pigs and goats as well as the manpower to manage them and educate the public. Unfortunately, the livestock were for the main part unmonitored, animals lacking water and suffering the abuse of not so young children with sticks and missiles. The public was unable to get answers to their many questions concerning breeds and grow out. If it was not for the public interaction of the above mentioned private operations, the livestock displays would have been sorely lacking.

Big Bird's poultry display was an example of total apathy, as two cages of broilers and young chicks were unceremoniously dumped, exposed to full sun with no food and no manpower or signage. If not for the intervention of Charles Carey, they would have succumbed to heatstroke within a few hours.

However, both local Ministry of Agri-

culture and the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation's input were instrumental in the success of the Expo, and a special accolade goes to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee and its chairman for their efforts.

As most are probably aware by now, I have always had a special interest in farming and the arena of primary production, which includes fisheries, marine ecology, terrestrial forests, agronomy and horticulture.

This show has raised several questions in my mind that need to be addressed.

1) Why was farm production so poorly represented?

2) Is agriculture and farming viable as an economic entity?

3) What is food security?

4) What is the meaning of sustainability?

5) Should the public service be a partner in farming enterprise?

Poor representation by growers could be more than likely due to three main factors. First, the main vegetable production season had already finished, farmers therefore had little to display. Second, the charge of \$150 per booth would negate any farm sales. Third, the general state of agricultural enterprise in the country was reflected in the lack of farm displays.

This then leads, along with the previous observations, to demonstrate that merely putting on a show does not guarantee a healthy industry. In fact, the industry should be working towards its own display of talent and product, government just providing the venue. In other words farming in The Bahamas is in poor shape and needs urgent resuscitation. One hundred fifty dollar medical fees will not do the trick.

The future viability of agriculture for us is highly debatable and the media have their own opinions. Dave Ralph of *The Abaconian* feels that we need to initiate an agricultural tourism sector where visitors will actually pay to make input into grow out operations. Larry Smith, an independent journalist, questions whether The Bahamas is capable, considering all the external inputs required for grow out operations. Others with their feet more firmly planted in the dirt question the costs of inputs, especially labour and labour saving devices such as equipment and fuel. Yet others question the viability of our soils, seasons and infrastructure for efficient food production. Still others question the actual size of the local markets and the perceived preference for imported product over Bahamian grown. Finally, some even question the influence of government and the resulting dependence on the public service, the lack of legal access to land for production and the time delays inherent with permissions and licences.

The fact of the matter is that all are right, and the challenge to find an answer needs thorough examination and analysis by a diverse and independent group.

Food security is a term that is constantly bandied about by politicians especially and public servants reiterantly, but its exact definition is difficult to establish. Its meaning is almost as vague as that of Organically Certified. It depends who does the defining. As a result we are left with that rather empty feeling in our stomachs when we are fed on ideas of food production and little else. The Chinese are not our answer to food security by a long shot, unless we are prepared to learn Cantonese.

Sustainability in food production is equally as vague and in its purest sense means the ability to produce without any imported agricultural inputs at all. We all know however that this is not in fact possible. This has been previously attempted

over many generations of plantations and slash and burn agriculture. This latter has come the closest with its task definition, and the use of locally available know-how and physical inputs from labour to dung and seaweed fertility. Production achieved a basic subsistence level with little or none to distant markets.

Finally of course, comes the questioning of government and hence political partnership in food production. Believe me, this does exist today, and in all likelihood tomorrow also. It will continue until the farming community has been unable to survive the repeated attempts at talking to revive a moribund industry, unless issued a death certificate by the government.

This is still an essential issue especially on islands where cultivating tourists has not become more life sustaining than slash and burn and the food packet on the mail. The manner of the control of lands and lack of Bahamian access, the control of inputs and infrastructure, lack of knowledge based extension and educational services have all given rise to political interference in the industry. The lack of a definitive agricultural policy has allowed political influence, no matter which regime may hold the power of the moment. Each government has its own different ideas and so also introduces a sense of chaos and confusion to the planning, decision making and implementation of the industry.

Government needs to get out of marketing, supplies and the physical aspects and devote itself to logistics, sensible regulations, streamlining permissions and removing barriers. Leave the farming to us; you don't know how.

One of the senior livestock officers at the Expo told me that the reason he was constantly absent was because he couldn't take the heat and the sun. That's fine with me; stay in your office and assist with the licencing and paperwork. I am used to the heat, and I also have a big hat.

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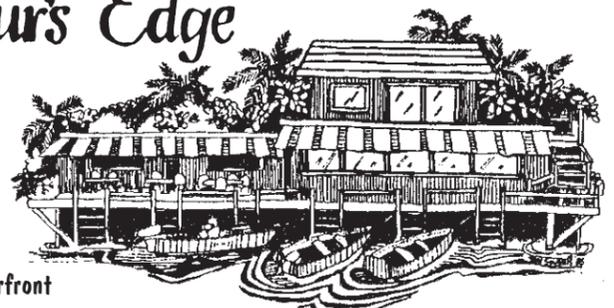
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Surgery center will provide additional medical services

By Jennifer Hudson

On April 17 Auskell medical staff, visiting doctors, local government officials and well-wishers gathered in front of the new Auskell Surgical Center on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour to celebrate another milestone of the Auskell Medical Center. The cutting of the ribbon to officially open the Surgical Center was performed by Dr. Francis Biney, Executive Director, and Mrs. Barbara Bain, Office Manager.

This new, well appointed Surgical Center will set new standards in surgeries for Abaco. It is designed to be a minimally invasive surgical centre where procedures will be performed with great precision and less recovery time to ensure the best surgical outcomes. The patient will be supported and given peace of mind throughout the process. Many specialty services will be offered such as orthopaedics, trauma, oncology, podiatry, cosmetic and plastic surgery, cardiology, neurology, anaesthesiology and deliveries to name but a few.

The Surgical Center, which is located in the building just to the northwest of the Auskell Medical Center, is outfitted with an operating room, scrub room and two recovery rooms, one for patients who are able to sit and the other for patients needing to lie down, plus bathrooms and fully computerized office. It will be used purely for surgery and emergency services.

Mrs. Angie Collie, Founder and Medical Director, vowed that Auskell will continue to give only the best the medical field has to offer and that the new Surgical Center will be a blessing to the people of The Bahamas. Mrs. Collie described how on Saturdays when all of the rooms are full in the Auskell Clinic with visiting specialists, and there is standing room only,

if an emergency comes, one of the doctors has to vacate that room in order for the emergency to be dealt with. Now instead, emergency patients will be taken straight to the Surgical Center where they can be treated in a specially assigned setting and with complete privacy.

"Medical facilities such as Auskell play a vital role," stated Ms. Collie. "This is the first step in the massive plan of Auskell to advance medical care and facilities in The Bahamas." Ms. Collie noted how busy the Auskell Clinic is now, necessitating longer opening hours so that hours have now been extended to 8 p.m. More emergency flights have been taking place and since December 18 of last year, the clinic has dealt with an emergency every night. This year Auskell began an on-call service and has teamed up with the Emergency Medical Service to fly patients to Nassau when necessary.

"These are exciting times for Auskell and the community of Abaco," stated Mrs. Collie. "Except for New Providence and Grand Bahama there is no other facility like it in The Bahamas and when complete, there will be no other like it in The Bahamas." She mentioned that soon people will be able to receive health care in their home from a medical practitioner or nurse. There will also be a Medical Concierge service which will make use of all technologies including airlift.

Mrs. Collie became quite emotional when she spoke of all the people who support her. "I am not here by myself," she stated; "People pray for me all the time." She thanked her staff who stick by her even through the rough days, telling them that one day they will be rewarded. She thanked Dr. Biney, who has been at Auskell for six years and has been her mentor,

giving her words of wisdom and keeping her calm during times of stress.

Dr. George Charite, who welcomed everyone to this auspicious occasion, is now Medical Director of Auskell. He came originally as a Primary Care Physician from Freeport for two days a week. But once here he heard the stories and saw the need on Abaco so decided to come here full time. He now goes back to Grand Bahama just two days a week; the rest of his time is spent at Auskell. Dr. Charite speaks and writes three languages. He told how Ms. Collie, seven years ago, was touched by the lack of medical care here and dreamed of bringing specialty care to Abaco. He praised her the work and foresight saying, "Her dream gets bigger and bigger, she has inspired many, but it has not been an easy path."

In his remarks Administrator Cephas Cooper offered his congratulations to the administration and staff of Auskell on this great achievement and wished them every success in their future endeavours. He stated, "Government cannot adequately satisfy the growing demands of Abaco's fast growing community and its increased demands and challenges on public institutions. The opening of the new Auskell surgicentre is a landmark effort to improve access and care for patients of Abaco and

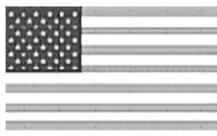
represents the first step of the revolution of medical services on Abaco." Some of the benefits he noted are:

- Patients will no longer need to go to Nassau or Freeport for minor surgical procedures
- Pressure will be taken off the Princess Margaret and Rand Memorial Hospitals
- Patients will reap considerable savings on airfares and hotel rooms
- People will experience greater comfort because they can stay in their own homes which is vital to healing
- Medical procedures can be done in a timely manner and treatment administered in the early stages of illness

Before inviting everyone to take a tour of the new surgicentre, Mrs. Collie answered a question she said that many people have been asking. "Stocks in the new Auskell Medical Center for which plans have been passed and which will be coming shortly will soon be available for purchase."

This new Medical Center will include digital X-ray services, mammogram, MRI, telemedicine with Cleveland Clinic, laboratory and ambulance services. Facilities will include seven patient rooms and surgical suite (20 beds), ophthalmology room, dialysis unit, medspa and helipad for helicopter.

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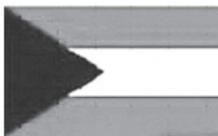


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More Letters to the Editor

Letters From Page 9

plead to the powers that be to remove this present principal and send us one who will do right by our children.

A concerned parent

Against Chinese farming proposal

Dear Editor,

I get the feeling the same Environmental Assessment Officer who thought it necessary to put the 150-foot-wide BEC road though one of the most valuable pieces of woodland and history rich areas in Abaco is the same one who is working for the Chinese farm.

Most Bahamians are like me; they have no idea what a 10,000 acre tract of farm land will look like. It is a far cry from what my Grandad's did on Matt Lowes Cay growing watermelons.

I was somewhat educated on the subject while on a fishing buddy's farm in Florida. Here is what I learned. Looking at the massive pumps pushing water out of his farm into a dike, I asked where is all that water going. So he gave this island boy a crash course in large scale farm water management.

"When it rains, one inch of water equals 27154.2876 gallons of water. So after the ground has reached its optimum water content, the rest is removed. Where does it go? It is pumped out of the farm into dikes or drains that flow through a complex system all the way to the sea. Is that bad? Yes, all those chemicals and pesticides are what has killed the reef out from there, and that is why I come to Abaco with you to catch a fish.

"Don't let Al Gore fool you into think-

ing Global Warming killed the Florida reef. North Abaco is on that same temperature latitude as those same dead reefs. Water runoff killed those reefs.

"So where will that 10, 000 acres times 27,154.2876 gallons equals 271,542,876 gallons of pesticide- rich water from every summer squall go.

I know we don't have either the same soil as Florida or the water management system as Florida. But look where the water runoff has gone in the past. When the sugar cane company was in full swing, they were big, too, and their water drained into that useless swamp we call the Marls. We still call the place where the water ran into the marls "The Drain." Google it up; it's visible from space still.

26° 24' 40.69 N 26° 21' 17.70 N

77° 09' 13.39 W for the BAIC farm and 77° 06' 45.92 W for the Chinese.

We have no idea what hundreds of millions of gallons of pesticide-rich water will do to our water table or ecosystem, and Abaco people don't need to find out.

To give you an idea what one common pesticide called Malathion can do. On idiot used one spoon full of it to kill four dogs. It will work the same for you, the fish, lobster, ducks and everything else that drinks it.

The democratic government needs to ask Abaco people what is best for Abaco, not the Chinese.

I do realize most of us cannot see past Friday night, but even a blind man can see what this will turn into.

What do you think?

Also I need to check and be sure the BEC road is 150 feet like it looks.

Amos Weatherford

29 Compete in the Central Abaco Championship

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trophy as well as a trophy for being the Top Release Team. Second place honors Fort Lauderdale-based Double Dog, a 66 Hines Farley. Jichi, a C&L 58 from Coral Gables, Florida, finished in third place with 1,256 points. Team Jichi caught and released a blue marlin and boated another blue on day one that weighed 656 pounds.

For the BBC's first tournament of the 2010 season, 41 billfish were caught – eight blue marlin including a 10-foot, 656

pounder caught by Jichi 25 white marlin and eight sailfish. As with all BBC tournaments, all catches are validated using time and date stamped digital images. Affidavits signed by all participants fishing on each team further confirms that the fish was released in accordance with IGFA and Bahamas Billfish Championship rules. Gulfstream International Airlines and Hatteras Yachts were the sponsors of the Central Abaco Championship.

Now celebrating its 37th season, the BBC is the oldest billfish tournament series in the world. Anglers can fish any

or all of the tournaments with cumulative points determining the overall Bahamas Billfish Champions. In an effort to give back to the Bahamian people, the Bahamas Billfish Championship endowed two scholarships that enable Bahamian students the opportunity to pursue a degree in marine biology or advanced education in marine technologies.



This billfish made the mistake of grabbing a lure. Fortunately, the Bahamas Billfish Championship requires the release of all but the very largest of the fish caught.

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Pinnacle	\$
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Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
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Cracker P's	366-3139
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Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
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NEW



Yellow Wood - Cherokee Sound
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath
 - 1,062 s.f. Residence.
 - 0.565 Acre - 24,621 s.f.
 - Hillside Lot
 - Excellent Rental History
 - Fully Furnished & Equipped.
 #CSH1145 - **\$259,000.**

NEW LISTING



Hope Town - Elbow Cay
 - 0.049 Acre - 2,140 s.f.
 - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 1,700 s.f. Residence
 - Views of Lighthouse from upstairs loft
 - Private Yard
 - Central Town location
 #HTH1146 - **\$630,000.**

NEW PRICE



Great Guana Cay
 - ± 1.5 Acres
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
 - 1,760 s.f. Residence
 - Covered & Open Decks
 - 160' of Ocean Beach
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Additional Land Available
 - Boat Slip Available
 #GGH1129 - **\$1,975,000.**

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.**
- **"PRINCE'S TRUST RESIDENCE"** - 1.5 Acres - 160' of Atlantic beachfront - 1,760 s.f. Residence - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,026 s.f. of covered verandah on north and east sides - 84 s.f. covered porch in the sw corner - 1,012 s.f. of open decks on nw corner. #GGH1129 **\$1,975,000.**

NEW PRICE



Sandcastle
 - 5,000 s.f. - 0.114 Acre
 - 960 s.f. Cottage
 - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths
 - Guana Seaside Village
 - Near Atlantic Beach
 - Ocean Views
 - Rental History
 #GGH1011 - **\$340,000.**

★ FEATURED LISTING ★



Man-O-War Cay
 Option #1
 - 0.282 Acre Sea to Sea Lot - 119.7' of frontage
\$650,000.

Option #2
 - 0.451 Acre Sea to Sea - 260.97' of frontage
 - 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath residence
 - 3 bedroom, 1 bath guest cottage
\$1,450,000.

Option #3
 - Entire Estate
 #MWH1134 - **\$1,950,000.**



"Lovely Hill"

★ FEATURED LISTING ★



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 lic. on Coco Bay, to **\$2,300,000** for entire Estate



Green Turtle Cay - Deep Draft Marina
 - Shell Fuel Dock
 - Bay Dock
 - Residences 5,583 s.f.
 - ± Land 2.7 Acres
 - Bar/Restaurant 272 s.f.
 - Pool
 - Prime Dev. Potential
 #GTH1151
Price Upon Request

NEW LISTING



Green Turtle Cay
 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
 - 1,282 s.f. under air
 - 887 s.f. ground floor - bed-bath-garage
 - 1,597 s.f. decks
 - 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre
 - 200' on Coco Bay Beach
 - 8,000 gallon cistern
 #GTH1152 - **\$1,385,000.**



Green Turtle Cay
 - Land 17,191 s.f. - 0.394 Acre
 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
 - 1,518 s.f. of Residence
 - Covered Screened Porch
 - Hand Scraped wood floors
 - Travertine Tiles
 - Fabulous Coco Bay Views
 - 15,000 gallon cistern
 - Tool shed
 - Impact Doors & Windows
 GTH1149 - **\$665,000.**

NEW PRICE



Green Turtle Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - Bunkroom
 - 1,455 s.f. Luxury Villa
 - 0.173 Acre
 - Covered Screen Porch
 - Golf Cart Garage
 - Deeded Dock - Boat Lift
 - Auxiliary Generator
 - Complete Renovation 07'
 #GTH1098 - **\$750,000.**



Green Turtle Cay - Settlement
 - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths
 - 1,240 s.f. Residence.
 - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.
 - Hillside for great Ocean Views.
 - Beautifully Landscaped
 - Fully Furnished & Equipped.
 #MWH1020 - **\$525,000.**

NEW PRICE



Green Turtle Cay
 - Land 17,191 s.f. - 0.394 Acre
 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,800 s.f. of Residence
 - 560 s.f. Screened Porch
 - Tile Floors throughout
 - Open Floorplan
 - Panoramic Water Views
 - 35,000 gallon cistern
 - Impact Doors & Windows
 #GTH1150 - **\$699,000.**



Green Turtle 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.**

★ VACANT LAND ★

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

NEW OFFERING



Great Guana Cay
 - ± 2.2 Acres - 95,832 s.f.
 - 100' Atlantic Beach
 - 100' Sea of Abaco
 - frontage to build dock
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Additional Land Available
 #GGV1143 - **\$895,000.**

- **"Crawl Bight"** - Sea to Sea building site - Two offerings - 1. 95,832 s.f. - 2.2 Acre, 100' Atlantic, 100' Sea of Abaco. 2. 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 - **\$895,000. - 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.**
- **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**
- **"BLACK JACK'S REST"** - 32,750 s.f. - 0.751 Acre Lot #33 in Orchid Bay with amenities, 120.41' Sea of Abaco Frontage, available to build dock - Private community - GGV1147 - **NEW \$667,000.**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"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 \$545,000.**
- **"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 PRICE \$485,000.**
- **"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.**
- **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. - 0.278 Acre lot with views of Atlantic ocean. One lot from beach - great value - 15' elevation - easement to beach. #GGV1138 **NEW \$199,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- **"CONCHED OUT"** - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic Beach frontage - 12' Elevations - Beautiful Ocean Views - Very Private Area - Additional Acreage available. #GTV1008 - **\$379,000.**
- **"PLAYING HOOKY"** - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 **\$595,000.**
- **"LONG BAY BEACH"** - Incredible beach parcel - ± 26,589 Sq.ft. - ± 0.6103 acres - 60' of spectacular beach frontage - Private gated entrance - Affordable building site for cottage or beach cabana. #GTV1121 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"LONG BAY SOUND"** - Back to nature. - Secluded - 24,565 Sq ft - 0.5639 acres - 105' of Black Sound frontage - Ideal home site - Dock site possible. #GTV1122 - **NEW \$325,000.**
- **"MADEIRA HILL"** - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 **\$395,000.**
- **"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 **\$59,000.**

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

Scotland Cay

- ± 0.874 Acres
- 1,900 s.f. of Residence
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- Open floor plan
- dock slip in marina
- 145.70' Sea of Abaco
- Fabulous Views
- #SCH1148 - **\$2,250,000.**

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.**

MANOWAR CAY

- **"SUMMERPLACE"** - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 - **NEW PRICE \$325,000.**

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**



The Abaconian

SECTION B



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Science fair emphasized conserving crawfish 16 schools competed with displays and projects



Students of Agape Christian School were delighted to pose with Miss Earth Bahamas, Krystle Brown, who attended the Earth Day Science Fair held on April 23 at New Vision Ministries. Several hundred students from schools throughout Abaco participated. Students competed in four categories with displays, projects, games and demonstrations. The judges had each group explain its project and the winners were chosen partially for the knowledge of the theme. The overall theme was the conservation of crawfish. The science fair is an annual event to commemorate Earth Day.

By Timothy Roberts

Friends of the Environment hosted an Earth Day Science Fair at New Vision Ministries on April 23 with 16 schools from across Abaco and special guest Miss Earth Bahamas, Krystle Brown, attending.

The science fair featured many beautiful and well put together projects by students from various schools and focused on conservation of crawfish under the theme Conserving Abaco's lobster populations now and for the future.

The projects were judged on originality, content, presentation, interview and overall appearance throughout the morning. They were grouped into categories by grade level, which were lower primary, upper primary, lower secondary and upper secondary.

In both the lower and upper primary groups, Hope Town Primary School's projects Does Size Matter and Dive with PRIDE won both first prizes. Forest Heights Academy took home the prize for lower secondary and Cyber Learning Center won in the upper secondary group for their project Crawfish Conservation Trap. The schools winning first place each were

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FNM Special Awards include three Abaconians

By Jennifer Hudson

Three Abaconians were among the 19 party members honoured by the Free National Movement at a gala banquet entitled Celebrating the Trust on April 10 in Nassau. The banquet, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham and Mrs. Dolores Ingraham, was held to honour Meritorious Council Members of the

Free National Movement. These persons were selected by a committee which was established in 1994 to award deserving members of the party "who have sacrificed and helped preserve democracy and whose names will always be renowned in the annals of The Free National Move-

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Bombardier demonstrates aircraft for Bahamasair



Five government ministers were treated to an introductory flight on a Bombardier turboprop airliner under consideration by Bahamasair. The flight brought them to Abaco on April 15. Shown arriving on the plane are T. Brent Symonette, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; O.A.T. (Tommy) Turnquest, Minister of National Security; Neko C. Grant, Minister of Public Works & Transport; Dr. Earl D. Deveaux, Minister of the Environment; and Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation.

By Timothy Roberts

Bombardier Commercial Aircraft showcased its Q400 NextGen turboprop airliner on Abaco, Nassau and Freeport on April 15 giving government, Bahamasair representatives and other stakeholders a demonstration tour of the fuel-efficient, lower-emission aircraft which was manufactured in Toronto, Ontario, and configured with 76 seats.

"The Bahamas demonstration tour provides an opportunity to showcase one of the world's most technologically-ad-

vanced turboprops," said Kevin Smith, Vice President with Bombardier. "The Q400 NextGen aircraft's operational flexibility, low-cost operation, reduced environmental impact and passenger comfort are ideally suited to the needs of the people of The Bahamas and the neighboring region."

Minister of Public Works and Transport, the Hon. Neko Grant, said, "One

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Bonefish tournament raised funds for cystic fibrosis



These are some of the bonefishermen and their guides who participated in the Baker's Bay Bonefish Classic held at Abaco Beach Resort. It is one of the fishing tournaments in the Redbone Celebrity Tournament Series that raises money for research on cystic fibrosis. A total of 24 anglers and 12 guides fished on the weekend of April 9 and 10. The anglers fished with different guides each day, fishing from North Abaco to Sandy Point. See story on page 19.

Earth Day was celebrated with Science Fair

Science Fair *From Page 1*

given a laptop computer while the second place winners were each given a digital projector.

Miss Earth Bahamas had an interactive and engaging talk with the students, encouraging them to preserve our crawfish and not to eat undersized crawfish nor eat

them out of season.

The director of the Size Matters campaign, d'Shan Maycock with Friends, said that when they started the research for the campaign one year ago, the number one issue that came up was the overfishing of undersized crawfish. From that starting point they created a program to help fix the problem to protect the crawfish for future generations.



Dr. Woody Bracey, well known bird expert, kept the attention of his audience of primary school students as he explained the Power Point presentation that he showed. The students are from Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay. Dr. Bracey is a second homeowner living in Treasure Cay.

You Can Make a Difference!

Suggestions for conserving our natural resources.

- Pick up litter when you see it.
- Shop at local farmer's market and buy organic food.
- Take shorter, cooler showers and use less shampoo.
- Install a water saving shower head.
- Ask your local electricity company about its plans to offer a green energy programme using solar or wind power.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning projects.

Use a reusable water bottle and use a mug for coffee or tea.

- Organize a clean-up in your neighbourhood.
- Use recycled paper.
- Plant a tree.
- Clean a beach.
- Use a reusable shopping bag for groceries.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Pay bills online instead of receiving bills in the mail.
- Recycle aluminum cans.



The judges of the displays are shown making notations that will add up to naming the winners of the competitions. Four categories gave students in all grades an opportunity to work on projects and displays. They had to explain their entries and were judged partly on their knowledge of the subject.

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GUANA CAY
 Dolphin Beach Estate Lot 93A/92B \$129,000
REDUCED



GUANA CAY
 Guana Cay Waterfront Lot# 28 \$259,900
REDUCED



GUANA CAY
 Guana Cay Home
 WAS \$1,750,000 NOW \$1,250,000
REDUCED



GUANA CAY
 Seashore Villas & Harbour \$2,000,000
REDUCED



GUANA CAY
 Coconut Tyme \$569,000
REDUCED



NEW - SOUTH ABACO
 Bahama Palm Shores
 One Acre 100' Beach \$249,000
 "All serious offers entertained"



GUANA CAY
 "New" 2.5 acres 325' of waterfront. \$725,000



GUANA CAY
 "New" waterfront home 2 beds 2 baths, fantastic views. \$750,000



LONG BEACH
 Corner hill top residential lot, fantastic views of beach and ocean. \$125,000



SOUTH ABACO
 Yellow Wood 2/1 Cottage on 1/2 acre, \$229,000



GUANA CAY
 Harbour View Haven & Sunrise Cottage (great potential rental income) "must see" \$950,000



JOE'S CREEK AT LEISURE LEE
 Interior Lot 12 at Joe's Creek. 18,000 sq. ft. \$49,500



GREEN TURTLE CAY
 Joyless Point 1.676 acre peninsula 1,000 waterfront \$499,000



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 Island's End waterfront 2/2 home protected private dock US \$569,000
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NEW LISTING

LUBBERS QUARTERS #5349
MIRAMAR - WATERFRONT - Two side by side waterfront lots on the Sea of Abaco & an additional inland lot. 2 bed 2 bath cottage & a dock. **US\$870,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS #3785
HUMMINGBIRD COTTAGE & GARDEN COTTAGE Two cottages with total 3 bed 2 bath, deeded dockage and beach across the street. **\$480,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS #4939
GETAWAY - ABACO OCEAN CLUB Escape from it all! Cozy 1 bed 1 bath cottage with A/C on the water. Community dock. Extra lot available. **\$349,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS #5231
LOT 4 - EAST VIEW 11,181 sq.ft. wooded lot 4 lots from east side of Lubbers on the Sea of Abaco. Designated dock slip to tie up to 30 ft. boat. **\$165,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY #5064
ANNE BONNY-WATERFRONT 180ft of the best harbour in the Abacos, 98ft dock, 1.23 acres; 360 degree views; charming down east 3 bed cottage. **US\$1,500,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY #4336
WATERFRONT - LOOKOUT HOUSE Stunning views overlooking western harbour; 2 bed 1 bath main house with 1 bed 1 bath dockhouse cottage. **\$1,395,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW LISTING

MAN-O-WAR CAY #5353
AURORA COTTAGE - Well-built 1,200 sqft home, 2 bed 2 bath, central A/C. Just steps from the beach. **US\$385,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5233
WATERFRONT - ST. CHARLES PLACE - SUNRISE BAY Stunning 4 bed 4 bath home with direct beach access and private dock slip. **US\$2,800,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #4859
WATERFRONT - GREAT ABACO CLUB #36 Spectacular home, pool & views. 4 bed 4 bath, 2,750 sq. ft. with dockage. Open to Offer. **\$1,599,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5155
WATERFRONT - HIDEAWAY - EASTERN SHORES Sea to sea, 150' dock & boat lift. Main house with 1 1/2 bed 1 1/2 bath, guest quarters with 2 bed 2 bath. **US\$1,795,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5159
SKY VIEW - BEST VIEWS IN ABACO 4 bed, 360 degree views, swimming pool, recreation room, wrap around covered porches. **\$1,750,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #4657
WATERFRONT - THE STOWEAWAY - GREAT ABACO CLUB 50 ft dock with lift, meticulously appointed sea views, also extra lot available. **US\$1,499,000.** Lydia.Bodamer@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5151
WATERFRONT - THE RESIDENCES 5 star high end 3 bed 3.5 bath at the Abaco Beach Resort and the largest marina in the Bahamas. **\$1,415,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5232
SEAGRAPE - WATERFRONT 3 bed 3 bath on Eastern Shores with 2 docks, boat lifts, swimming pool. **US\$985,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #4736
SUNRISE BAY #7 Beautiful 3 bed 3.5 bath home with pool, dock slip, beach access. Very desirable family neighbourhood. Gated community. **\$950,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #4989
R FANTASY - WATERFRONT - GREAT CISTERN New 4b/3b home with dockage. Gorgeous pool with sea views. Guest Cottage. **US\$995,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5162
WATERFRONT - SUR LA MER - EASTERN SHORES 2 bed 2 bath plus bonus room & decks. Desirable neighbourhood. Steps to beach. **US\$950,000.** Lydia.Bodamer@SothebysRealty.com



NEW PRICE

MARSH HARBOUR #4658
WATERFRONT - GRANDER - GREAT ABACO CLUB 3 bed 2 bath, add your own finishing touches. Prime area with 55ft dock. **US\$549,000.** Lydia.Bodamer@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR #5283
THOMPSON HOUSE - BARRACUDA LANE 3 bed 3 bath newly built with modern kitchen, high end appliances. **\$492,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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#4940 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 18 - Steps to water. \$180,000. Laurie Schreiner
#4433 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 46 Large waterfront lot. \$298,000. Laurie Schreiner
#4193 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 87 Interior lot, high elevation. \$125,000. Laurie Schreiner
#4580 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 107 Community dockage. \$79,000. Laurie Schreiner
#3947 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 143 Approximately 11,450 sq. ft. \$150,000. Bill Albury
#4606 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 152 NEW PRICE - dockage. \$119,900. Laurie Schreiner
#5049 LOT 4 EAST VIEW - 11,181 sq.ft with designated dock slip. \$165,000. Jane Patterson
#4713 NORTH END LOTS 2 & 4 - Beachfront. \$180,000 each. Laurie Schreiner
#4714 INTERIOR LOTS - 14,295 sq. ft. \$59,500 - \$62,000 each. Laurie Schreiner

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#4482 Fabulous Beachfront Lot. Best Beach Location. NEW PRICE \$375,000. Stan Sawyer
#4671 Sea Views, high elevation, 1/2 acre. FURTHER REDUCED \$135,000. Stan Sawyer
#1836 Tilloo Beach Subdivision Hillside lots, shared dock. From \$150,000. Laurie Schreiner
#3738 Tilloo Beach Subdivision Lot 10 Beachfront lot. NEW PRICE \$270,000. Laurie Schreiner
#4558 Tilloo Beach Subdivision Lot 22 Waterfront. \$335,000. Laurie Schreiner
#5128 Tilloo Beach Subdivision Lot 27 Superior elevation, shared dock. \$125,000. Kerry Sullivan
#3792 One Waterfront Acre Great elevation, room for dock. \$290,000. Laurie Schreiner

OTHER CAYS

#4493 GREEN TURTLE CAY Leeward Yacht Club Lots & house packages. From \$275,000. Stan Sawyer
#4533 GUANA CAY Dolphin Beach Estates. Lot 68 Hilltop View. \$180,000. Bill Albury
#5121 GUANA CAY Lot 32/32A Two elevated lots total 23,000 sq.ft. 90 ft of waterfront with a dock. \$500,000. Jane Patterson
#5237 GUANA CAY Paradise Cove - Waterfront, dock plans included. \$165,000. Kerry Sullivan

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School News

Abaco student wins top Family Island award

By Canishka Alexander

Last month Joy Archer of St. Francis de Sales School was honoured at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Honours Day program. "I was truly blessed because at the awards ceremony, I found out that I was the top Family Island student, and I also won for the best essay in The Bahamas," she exclaimed. "God blessed me in that respect because from the two wins, I

was able to collect \$2,500 in total."

Joy was joined by 51 other females from around the country. As a part of the program, Joy said they were featured on Bahamas at Sunrise, ZNS and one of the local radio stations in Nassau.

One of the highlights for her was meeting the Hon. Charles T. Maynard, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, who spoke to them about future goals and gave them sound advice to steer them in the right direction.

The rest of her stay in Nassau included tours of the islands and a visit to the College of The Bahamas. She said Abaco was well represented at the competition. While visiting COB, the students were given a general knowledge test that was sectioned into Social Studies, English and Mathematics questions. Afterwards, they sat an essay test, which closely resembled that of the BGCSE English examination, she said. The test determined the top overall student, the top Family Island student and the top essay competition winner. Among the prizes given to the honourees were commemorative clocks, T-shirts, jewelry and cash prizes.

She was privileged to meet with a number of girls who had done amazing things and who have made positive changes in their schools and communities.

Forest Heights students get a taste of the real world

From February 8th through the 19th, 31 Forest Heights Academy 11th grade students "took a short intermission into the real world of work." After choosing jobs they felt would be of interest to them, they wrote letters of applications and sent their resumes. All were accepted. So with "butterflies" and uncertainty, they arrived understanding the true meaning of Monday



Joy Archer

morning.

All chose interesting jobs including medical assistants, boat mechanics, office personnel, bank tellers, computer technicians, photography, law and even an apprentice pilot. While on the job they kept journals and answered questionnaires to help them in writing their reports for office practice.

Their journals reflected their varied reactions. Many enjoyed "observing the proceedings of the job," and it was clear that the experience along with the camaraderie of the workplace was their paycheck. However, most came away with a renewed sense of what they want to do in the future. One student defined the experience well when she said, "For the first time, I truly understand that when you choose a job you love, you will never work a day in your life."

Forest Heights has been involved in this program for nearly 20 years and wishes to thank all of the businesses that have helped to make it so successful. It is truly an important investment into our children's futures.

Emmaniqua Sawyer wins Girls Reading Challenge

On April 22nd the awards ceremony for the Girls Reading Challenge was held at Central Abaco Primary School. The theme for this Challenge was Heroes and Heroines Teach Courage. Coordinator of the Challenge Samantha Evans was pleased that the students did a fantastic job show-

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Abaco students visit Nassau



Teachers and students from Agape Christian School pose with the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, during a courtesy call in Nassau on April 19. Their trip included visits to several other interesting and educational locations.

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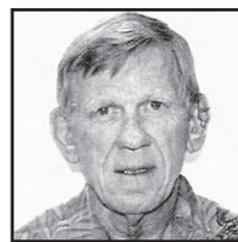
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Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool
2 bed / 2 bath lower unit marina view.
Good rental income EXC \$526,350

2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view.
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TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.

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casing all of the heroes and heroines in their lives. Some of the heroes the students spoke about included Mary, Ruth, and Sarah from the Bible, the teachers and their parents.

After the program Ms. Evans gave an overview of the girls' performance in this year's challenge. She told the students that this proved to be the most challenging theme for the girls as they had difficulty connecting the theme to the chapter books they read. The students wrote well for the most part, but they did not comprehend the theme well.

The highest number of book reports successfully written this year was 38 and this was achieved by Emmaniqua Sawyer of grade 6. Approximately 70 girls received

awards. The top students received a gift bag which included chapter books, gifts, school supplies and a certificate. The top performers this year are Naomi Oradin, Lens Saintolian, Emmanique Bootle, Daphnie Blanc, Samantha Orelie, Sancha Francois, Lakeisha Toussaint, Briantae Kelly and Kiara Moxey. The top three students received special decorative gift bags filled with lots and lots of chapter books, school supplies, fun and educational games, toys, personal items such as cologne, scented lotions and the like. The winner, Emmaniqua Sawyer also received a hair coupon to get her hair styled, a plan book, word find speller book, dictionary, puzzles and a laptop computer donated by Sky Bahamas. The winning teacher, Trevor Peart, was also awarded a prize from the committee. The students who read one to four books

received certificates and those who read five to 10 books got books and a certificate.

Students in this competition were in grades 4 through 6. Each year much improvements are seen in the reading skills of the students. When the new school year begins in September 2010, students will continue to read chapter books for this competition but in order to win the coveted laptop, they will have to read and successfully write 50 book reports.

Man-O-War student wins Grade 2 Spelling Bee

By Samantha V. Evans

On April 23 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church Hall 28 students took part in

the grade two Spelling Bee. The competition was fierce as these students proved themselves to be very sharp spellers. Brittany Weatherford of Man-O-War Primary School emerged the winner, spelling the word "straightforward," a very grown-up word for a second grader. In second place was Corinna Demario of Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay and third place went to Conner Lowe, also of Amy Roberts.

At the end of the competition education superintendent Dr. Lenora Black noticed that the students used their consonant and vowel sounds very well along with all of

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The top students in the Girls Reading Challenge at Central Abaco Primary School all received certificates, books and other goodies. The top three winners are shown in the front row with gift bags. The winner received a laptop computer donated by Sky Bahamas.



These are the competitors of the Second Grade Spelling Bee. The winner was Brittany Weatherford of the Man-O-War Primary School, third from left in the front row. The second and third place winners, Corinna Demario and Conner Lowe, center front row, were both from Amy Roberts Primary School.



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the other rules of spelling they have been taught. It is during competitions like these that let teachers know what skills the students have learned and grasped. She added that students will be sitting GLAT, GLCT, Iowa Math and Rigby Reading exams very soon to further test their competency lev-

els. Dr. Black is sure that when scores are compared nationally, Abaco students will be among the best in the Bahamas.

The top three students received a trophy along with the winning school. All other participants were presented with a certificate.

Basketball League 2010

By Mirella Santillo

Started in January with games and jamborees all through February and March, the school Basketball League's season, involving seven schools, culminated the end of March in a weekend of games. In first place was S.C. Bootle High School.

Elimination games for second, third and fourth place winners in the boys under 17 age group were held after school on the Friday while championship qualifications games were played on Saturday afternoon. The three final championship games for

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New Listing Duplex in Marsh Harbour #1028 two 2 bedroom one bath on huge lot over 18,000 sq ft, covered front entrances and covered back porches, Central a/c on both sides, fully furnished, fenced-in back yard, whole property landscaped. Reduced Price \$395,000



Forest Drive Murphy Town Duplex #810 two 2 bd rm, 2 bth fully furnished. New price \$268,800 gross



Murphy Town #002 three bedroom two bathroom home \$172,250



Murphy Town Triplex #012 three one bedroom one bathroom apts \$160,000



Marsh Harbour #790 Vacant lot with beautiful walls, huge entrance gate with brick pavers at two entrances, landscaped with sprinkler system, fresh water from drilled well and two



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Dundas Town House and Duplex #786 & 784 Two 2 bedroom 1 bath apartments and a two bed one bth home both for



\$315,000 gross



Home Off Forest Drive #778 3 br 2bth home on lot 90x131 ready to move in \$190,400 gross



New Listing Duplex Central Pines #796 two 2 br, 2 bth apts, beautifully landscaped. New building \$293,800 gross



New listing Home off Forest Drive, Dundas Town #798 3 br, 2 bth, laundry rm, tv rm, living & dining rm, single carport and covered front porch. \$299,450 gross



New Listing Duplex Central Pines #914 two 2 br, 1br brand new never lived in \$254,250.00 gross



Murphy Town #0387, a 2 bed, 2 bath home with an attached 1 bed 1 bath apt, with central a/c and a huge fenced-in yard 200 ft length and 70 ft in depth. \$258,272 gross



Three Unit Town House #0711 3 two bedroom one bath all with beautiful ocean view from upstairs balcony. Property 13,690 sq. ft. \$320,000



Murphy Town Apartment #004 two 2 bedroom one bathroom apts. \$160,500



Murphy Town Triplex #009 three two bedroom one bathroom apts. \$295,000



New listing Duplex Marsh Harbour #800 two 2 br, 1 bth apts near M&R Food Store \$156,600 gross

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Best prices in Yellowwood big lots on hillside with views near Winding Bay and the Abaco Club Lot# 7 G3 size 12,600 s.f. \$57,200 gross Lot # 7 G4 size 12,600 s.f. \$57,200 gross

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Bahama Coral Island lot size 10,066 sq ft corner lot \$29,434 gross

Bahama Coral Island lot size 10,330 sq ft with foundation that is 80% finished. \$34,200 gross

Hillside lot with UNDER CONTRACT in Dundas Town #502 \$18,600 gross

Triplex #504, one three-bedroom two-bathroom that is 1950 sq ft on the top floor and 2 Two-bedroom one-bath apartments on the bottom floor, property is 90 x 100 Appraised at \$ 440,000 This month sales price \$434,600

New listing Large Vacant lot Central Pines 22,047 sq ft. \$43,320 gross

Treasure Cay Rock Point vacant waterfront lots \$406,000 gross

Treasure Cay Golf Course lot \$63,250

Bahama Coral Island four lots priced at \$22,800, \$25,080, \$26,220, \$28,800

New Listing Two Lots in Dundas Town Front Street one 13,999 sq ft. Price \$43,096 gross; one 13911 sq ft Price \$42,845 gross

One Lot in Central Pines 11,200 sq ft Price \$30,800 gross

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New Listing Lot in Great Cistern on main road 11,237 sq ft, perfect for a home site 81.38 feet on road and 136.53 depth \$75,000 gross

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New Listing One half of a Duplex #1075 2br 2bth unit in Freeport on Kitchener Avenue, furnished. Asking Price \$88,800 gross

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first and second place in the Senior Girls category, the under 17 boys and the senior boys followed. It was not until late evening that the championship competition ended with very competitive games between the Agape Christian School's Eagles and the S.C. Bootle Dynamic Dolphins in the girls league, the S.C. Bootle Dynamic Dolphins and the St Francis de Sales Tornados in the Junior boys category and the S.C. Bootle Dynamic Dolphins and the Abaco Central High School Marlins in the senior category. In the senior girls game the Agape Christian Eagles took the lead for a win.

It should be noted that S.C. Bootle High School has produced great performances

this year in basketball (that school's teams were in all the final games), in the inter-schools sports competition and in the National Track & Field events.

All the season's games were played at the Agape Christian School Gymnasium and were well attended by school mates and parents.

Baker's Bay organizes workshop for students

By Canishka Alexander

As part of a community effort, Athena Russell, Human Resource Coordinator for Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club, organized a work-readiness workshop for high school students. Ms. Russell has found that young people who are looking for jobs are

not well dressed or well groomed and lack valuable information that is required for the job they are seeking.

"So we decided to go through a series of information that would focus on the job interview, how it begins from the first telephone call, making sure everyone knows you are expecting a phone call from a particular person so the phone is answered with proper etiquette," Russell explained. "On the job interviews - making sure you're fully dressed and groomed. We're looking for conservative dressing, smart dressing because your first impression is a lasting impression."

She described how difficult it was for her to get to where she is now, but the journey was worth it. "Look at what you're good at," she advised. "Because normally what

you're good at it's where you're going to find yourself."

She noted that sometimes there are details that are overlooked when applicants are filling out employment forms. Sometimes people write anything when they are asked for the position they want to fill. She warns against this because as she pointed out at Baker's Bay, the company is looking for stars. Instead, students should write what they are interested in, and if they are not fully qualified, training is available.

"We really thought it fair to work with our grade 12 students who are about to come out of the high school system and into the job market - those who are not able to go off to college - so we want to

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The Human Resources Department of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club held a work-readiness seminar for high school 12th graders to prepare the students who will not be going away for further education in ways to go about applying for work. The team covered etiquette, dress, resumes and attitudes. The two presenters shown are Clyde Bain, Manager of Security and Elinar Petitphait, Security Supervisor. The seminar was held on April 15 at Friendship Tabernacle.



Students of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town has been involved with agricultural projects for several years. They are now growing herbs and other vegetable garden plants and are producing jams and pepper sauces. This is their booth at the All Abaco Expo where they displayed their products.

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More School News

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ensure that they have all of the information they need for a good interview and toward setting themselves up and ensuring that they are prepared for the workforce.”

Ms. Russell was pleased with how attentive the students were and by their eagerness to ask questions. Many of the students walked away feeling better prepared. The remainder of the workshop was dedicated to resume writing.

Facility managers treats to a Support Staff Day

By Canishka Alexander

Many facility managers were in attendance at St. Andrews Methodist Hall on March 29 as they met with education officials from the Department of Education and speakers that were scheduled throughout the day.

Dr. Lenora Black, District Superintendent, introduced guest speaker Evangelist Christine Curry of New Hope Baptist Church, who encouraged the participants to continue to foster excellence in their workplace. Later the facility managers took part in a number of games organized by Sandy Edwards, education officer.

Three more presenters were introduced: Carlene Farquharson talked about the importance of having a will and explained legal terminology; Nurse Edith Miller encouraged the staff to lead a healthy life; and Emma Dawkins of the National Insurance Board discussed the benefits that are available through NIB.

Sports show features athletes from Moore's Island

By Canishka Alexander

Carlos Mackey, host of the Best of Sports World, and Kenrick Andrews, production manager, visited Moore's Island on April 13 to April 16 to do a taping with the athletes there. During the National High School Track and Field Championships in Nassau on March 11 to 13, Laron Hield, Peron Davis, Elroy McBride and Trevon Green of Moore's Island All-Age School, placed first in the 4 x 100 relay.

Because of their excellent performance, Mr. Mackey traveled to Moore's Island to meet with the young men. As he stated, he is looking to take our athletes to the world. He felt that Pastor Anthony Williams has done a fantastic job with the athletes. "What's interesting about it is these athletes are only juniors in high school, and they went beat the best in Nassau," he declared.

Even more astounding are the conditions the athletes train under, Andrews said. He calls it a Cinderella story. "What I saw in practice I can only call them world-class athletes. I am just glad to be here to tell the story, and show The Bahamas what the island is producing through the program down there in Moore's Island and show The Bahamas what conditions the athletes are training in, which are not good."

The team went on to compete at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia on April 22-24.

Government officials were impressed with demonstration

Airplane *From Page 1*

of the challenges [Bahamasair] faces is the age of our fleet. We need to re-fleet and reduce the cost of our operations." Mr. Grant made it clear, however, that the plane was not already purchased, but that the Q400 "is an aircraft that we are considering in the re-fleet of Bahamasair."

Ross Gray, Sales Director for Bombardier, said that one of the key features of the Q400 is that you get "jet-like capabilities with turbo-prop economics."

Derek Clark, also with Bombardier,

said the Q400 was comparable to a 737 with the same wingspan, but it is seven feet longer. He also discussed the fuel economy, showing significant savings because it burns 50,000 gallons less a week in fuel than a 737, a saving of \$630,000 per month. "Factor in the savings in maintenance and landing fees," he said and "you have \$8.6 million dollars in savings in one year."

Bombardier is the third largest aircraft manufacturer in the world behind Boeing and Airbus, and is the largest manufacturer of regional aircraft.



The Bombardier Q400 NextGen turboprop brought five government ministers and other officials on a demonstration ride. Bahamasair is contemplating newer aircraft. This plane would be more economical to operate.

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Tough Call . . . Chinese agriculture

By Larry Smith

After trumpeting Chinese investment in "a very large agricultural project" on Abaco that would be up and running by September, senior government officials are now backing off the subject.

Chinese experts visited Abaco at least twice recently with a view to developing vegetable, fruit and livestock production on 5,000 acres of prime land. Published reports say the Chinese are also talking about food processing plants and providing millions of dollars in supplies and equipment to local farmers.

But Agriculture Minister Larry Cartwright and Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation chief Edison Key both said a few days ago there is nothing to discuss. Their reticence probably has a lot to do with the undercurrent of opposition to the Chinese initiative among Abaco's farmers and environmentalists.

"You just want to write about that so people can jump down my throat," Mr. Key told me when I asked whether it was he or the Chinese who had initiated the talks.

I spoke to Mr. Key at the All-Abaco Agribusiness Expo in Marsh Harbour over the weekend - a colourful event that provided a good feel for the state of agriculture on the one island where it has enjoyed the most success. It was opened by the Prime Minister, who acknowledged that while food security was a serious matter, government agricultural aid over the years had produced little value for money.

Although Abaco briefly exported sisal, pineapples and citrus in the 19th century, modern commercial farming began in the early 1950s, with the arrival of a re-

tired American industrialist named James Crockett at a time when thousands of Bahamians were still working on Florida farms because of the lack of opportunities at home. Crockett bought more than 2,000 acres of Crown land near Marsh Harbour to start the Heveatex Plantation. And a young Edison Key became his diesel mechanic.

Ten years later Owens-Illinois exchanged its logging concession for 20,000 acres of land south of Marsh Harbour that it cleared to grow sugar cane. A processing plant was built, the remains of which can still be seen near Snake Cay, but after two years of losses the company realized Abaco could not grow a cane crop good enough to produce raw sugar profitably.

By 1978 the cane plantation had reverted to the government, and it is this already prepared land that BAIC is now leasing to local farmers at \$25 per acre per year. Also on offer is land north of Treasure Cay that was originally farmed by Edison Key and Morton Sawyer in the 1970s.

"I shipped 600,000 bushels of cucumbers a year to the U.S. in the 70s," Mr. Key told me on Saturday, "and we also grew peppers and tomatoes. Then we converted to citrus, which was a year-round crop and less labour intensive. We have the potential to feed this country and to export - but you have to have the labour."

In the late 1980s the original Key-Sawyer farm was renamed Bahama Star. It continued to export limes, grapefruits, oranges and lemons to Florida until the early 2000s, when citrus canker disease forced the industry to shut down. In 2005 all the orchards were destroyed by government order.

This left only a handful of viable farming operations on Abaco, most of which had booths at the agribusiness expo. They include Nick Miaoulis' Neem farm, which packages some 20 different organic products made from the oil and leaves of the 7,000 Neem trees he planted on 120 acres south of Marsh Harbour. Native to South Asia, Neem has proven pharmaceutical properties.

The Abaco Sod Farm has leased 400 acres of the old cane plantation and ships some 100 pallets of grass sod a week to Nassau. Abaco Big Bird produces thousands of chickens for the local and Nassau markets. Mel Wells' Pepperpot Farms plants seven acres of vegetables at a time and produces honey from 30 beehives. Lightbourne Farms grows hydroponic produce on 10 acres near Spring City. And Pauline Sawyer plants about 50 acres of vegetables that are mostly marketed in Nassau. All told, there are about 20 small farmers that sell to the Abaco market.

Those I spoke to at the expo had serious misgivings about the Chinese, fearing that any large-scale project would flood the local market and put them out of business. But obviously, much of their apprehension is fed by a lack of information. And since top government officials have backed off the subject, clarification is hard to come by.

Initial reports said the Chinese were interested in large-scale farming of vegetables, fruit and livestock. They proposed a processing plant, cannery and abattoir and said they would give local farmers as much as \$8 million dollars in equipment as well as six 40-foot trailers filled with coconut and pineapple slips, seeds and other supplies.

"The extent to which they will be involved at this point we have not determined, but they are interested in helping in

all areas," Edison Key was earlier quoted as saying. One question to be answered is why? Are we talking about an aid programme like the US-led Bahamas Agricultural, Research and Training and Development project on Andros in the 1970s? Or will this be a Chinese-operated commercial farm? Or what?

Well, as I said, those in a position to know are not talking. But we do know there has been recent interest in large-scale land acquisitions in developing countries for farm production as a hedge against rising food prices. The countries acquiring such land include China, South Korea and the Arab Gulf states, all of which have major official reserves derived from oil revenues or trade surpluses.

China already operates a number of 1,000 hectare (2471 acres) Friendship Farms in several African countries that are owned by Chinese state enterprises. In fact, it is estimated that a million Chinese farm labourers are working in Africa, but most products from these farms are marketed locally. And since China is a net food exporter, analysts tend to discount the food security argument as a motive for Chinese agricultural investment overseas.

Chinese companies already have big investments in The Bahamas, especially Hutchison Whampoa, the Hong Kong-based conglomerate, in Freeport. China is financing the Baha Mar project on New Providence and eyeing other projects on Grand Bahama. In fact, it is playing a strong role throughout the region as a member of the Caribbean Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, which it joined two years ago with a contribution of \$350 billion.

A high-level delegation of Chinese of-

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officials and business leaders visited Nassau last year and signed a series of economic deals, including an investment agreement, a multi-million dollar loan to build a highway to Nassau's international airport, and additional support for the sports stadium now being built by the same Chinese enterprise that is interested in agricultural development on Abaco.

Analysts say China's strategy in the Caribbean is driven by a desire to invest its huge US currency reserves in projects to ensure regional support for China in multilateral organizations and to isolate Taiwan on the world stage. But we are left to speculate on such matters since information is such a scarce commodity in The Bahamas - particularly when it is controlled by the public sector.

"When Owens-Illinois cleared all that land for the sugar plantation in the 60s, the government didn't consult anyone and no one had anything to say about it," Key told me indignantly. "It's not easy being in government, you know. We have to find jobs for the thousands of kids coming out of school every year or they will eat us. The environmentalists don't create any jobs."

That reference was a response to concerns raised about pollution from unregulated farming projects. Former agricultural officer John Hedden, writing in The Abaconian newspaper, pointed out that "The northern Bahamas holds the total potable water reserves for the whole of the country; and this reserve is non-renewable - when it is destroyed, it is lost for ever. This also applies to our wetlands, our marls and our creek systems. These are all extensions of this one fresh water system and serve to nurture our fisheries.

"With such a large area going into food production, the environment, the land, the

fresh water aquifer, the native ecosystems and our unique biodiversity will be threatened. Systems and controls must be put in place. Are we going to allow an unmonitored agricultural enterprise threatening the largest fresh water lens of the island because it will provide a few menial jobs?" he asked.

And the number of jobs that will be created by a potential Chinese investment is another key unknown (no pun intended). According to the BAIC chief, all skilled labourers on previous American- or Bahamian-owned commercial farms have been Bahamians. In fact, Key himself is a prime example of one of these who went on to become a successful export farmer. And he is the first to acknowledge that one of the government's concerns would be the number of Chinese involved.

According to Ejnar Cornish, who heads BAIC's Abaco office, Bahamians should have an open mind and learn as much from the Chinese as they can if the project becomes a reality. "Mr. Key has been working hard to get the Chinese in here because he wants The Bahamas to be able to feed itself," Cornish said. "He has continued to dialogue with Chinese investors and great progress is being made."

Meanwhile, Hedden's view is that for agriculture to create jobs for Bahamians, rather than Haitians or Chinese, we need to encourage entrepreneurship. "The fear is that the Chinese will take advantage of what we have in the short term and leave us with a massive pollution problem from overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. They will put their product on the local market and Bahamian farmers may as well kiss their livelihood goodbye. Market garden and backyard farming is the only answer."

This is similar to the view held by Ian Goodfellow, who runs a successful four-acre market garden farm, restaurant and

gourmet shop near the airport in Nassau. He believes that small operations focusing on agricultural tourism are the key to success in the Bahamas. And Keith Campbell of the agricultural producers association insists that no foreigners should be allowed to invest in agriculture without significant Bahamian participation.

"All agricultural land that has been previously cleared and tilled should be strictly reserved for use by Bahamians," he wrote recently in the Bahama Journal. "Absolutely no foreign investor should be granted access to this land unless they are part of a joint venture with Bahamians, helping to develop our indigenous food production capacity."

Any Chinese initiative should be modelled on the BARTAD project in Andros, he said, with Bahamian satellite farmers in a cooperative structure tied into a central hub targeting the domestic and export markets.

Despite the incessant talk about agricul-

ture, The Bahamas is hardly an ideal environment. Physical conditions are harsh, rainfall is erratic, irrigation is lacking, crops require heavy inputs of costly fertilizers and pesticides, economies of scale are impossible to achieve, distribution systems are undeveloped and production relies almost exclusively on immigrant labour.

But there have been some successes in the past, and Edison Key represents one of those successes. So if he is convinced that Chinese - or American - investment in our agricultural sector would be a good thing, he should be prepared to explain and defend it.

Major projects in our small island communities demand full discussion so that any negatives involved can be addressed. And there is certainly no shortage of failed grandiose projects to point to in this regard.

What do you think? Send comments to larry@tribunemedia.net

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Old dumpsite will be animal shelter

By Canishka Alexander

Willis Weatherford, proprietor of Pop's Place in Marsh Harbour, stumbled upon a problem that took him almost 13 years to find a solution for. It was worth the wait.

Mr. Weatherford realized that Abaco had a major problem with stray dogs whether it involved their chasing people or overturning trash cans. When the dumpsite recently closed in Dundas Town, he asked if he could use the old dumpsite for an animal shelter. It would help to get the stray dogs out of town. They agreed, and with the help of volunteers and corporate sponsors, the work for the animal shelter

began.

"We have lots of people who wanted to help feed the animals. We just needed a place to start, so I decided to do something about it. We can't fix them all or take care of the entire problem, but every one that we bring out here, we'll be helping the entire community," he said. "I'm trying to just get the dogs off the street in general."

So far, he's mainly received donations of material. He has been sending letters to business places asking for assistance, and

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Another boat stolen

Junior Albury, a local fisherman, had his boat taken the first week in April from his mooring in Casuarina Point. He had extra containers of gasoline aboard it.

Supt. Curry, who was present at our last Town Meeting, warned our residents about the latest crime spree of stolen boats. It seems the thieves have a preference for Yamaha motors and, in this particular case, knew that the owner had lots of extra fuel on board as well as some other very expensive equipment.

Let us hope Supt. Curry and his team soon catch the culprits.

Wedding announcement

Troy Sands of Cherokee Sound took Denise Archer as his bride on April 2 at the home of Dr. Fifer on the Eastern Shores



Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sands

in Marsh Harbour. After the honeymoon the couple will make their home in Yellow Wood just outside Cherokee. Mrs. Archer is a dentist with an office upstairs over Auskell Clinic in Marsh Harbour and Mr. Sands is a cabinet maker and an accomplished carpenter with Trevor Sawyer Construction Company.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the newlyweds. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny must have sent out invitations to all because little children came from near and far to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Cherokee on Easter Monday. The weather was exceptionally nice, and the parents seem to enjoy the occasion as much as the children. The event has been planned each year by Vashti Albury and Doreen Albury with lots of help from the mothers. Besides the actual hunt for the eggs, there were other games with prizes and refreshments, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

School News

Commonwealth Day - March 10th - the students celebrated with the flags and statistics of the various Commonwealth countries. They went online and found out how to say "Hello" in the country that they had chosen as their subject as well as a recipe for a local dish from their country. They voted to experiment by making the Canadian pancakes as a special treat sometime soon.

Math Fair - March 25th - This event was a huge success with the children. It

was not only a good experience, but a fun way for the children to put their math skills to use by solving the riddles or problems presented. The students wrote a paper as homework on what they liked about the fair.

Fun Day - March 29th - Once again team Ospreys were victorious with a total of 41 points. A variety of games was on the agenda such as egg'n spoon, three-legged race, egg toss and tug-a-war. Better luck next time, Eagles.

Annual Easter Egg Competition - April 31st - In grades one to three George Weatherford came first, Robbie Weatherford second and Rachael Sands took third



Buttons, a potcake belonging to Bonnie and Hartie of Cherokee Sound, was outfitted with wheels after her hind legs were paralyzed with rheumatism. She now gets around very well.

place. In grades four to six Donovan Hepburn came in first, Juliet Weatherford second and Tyler Sawyer third. The children put a lot of energy and artistic talent into their entries and all did outstanding work. We congratulate them all for a job well done.

Fund Raiser - March 6th - The children and parents prepared lasagna. All the dinner tickets were sold and everyone said the food was delicious. A big thank you to all who sold tickets, helped cook, serve and clean up.

Wheels for "Buttons"

Buttons Albury, a red and white authentic Bahamian Potcake dog, is 13 years old and recently contracted rheumatism which affected her hind legs and left her paralyzed. But her owners, Bonnie and Hartie, wouldn't put her down. Instead they got her a new set of legs in the form of wheels to use. Buttons took to her new means of getting around right away and can now go anywhere and do almost everything she could do before. Her new wheels came all the way across America from Washington State. She is a well-loved pet, but also an important member of the family and has been granted a new lease on life.



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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Cynthia Eleanor Marina Hall**, 69, who died in Boynton Beach, Florida, on April 5, was held in Nassau on 14th April 14. Interment was also in Nassau.

Mrs. Hall was predeceased by her parents Lawrence and Herma Roberts; brothers Percival and Donald Roberts; sisters Dorothy Albury and her husband Jack and their children Kenney, Charlyene and Linda Albury, Elizabeth Albury and her husband Ray, Carolyn Bethel and her husband Gladwyn. She is survived by her husband Capt. Reginald Albert (Al) Eugene Hall; sisters-in-law Beverly Roberts, Mae Roberts, Dorothea Hall, Bea Sands and her husband Tony, Geanette Albury and her husband Lonnie; brothers-in-law Jim Hall, Evan Hall and his wife Juanita and Oswald Hall; nephews Henry Roberts and his wife Kelly, Scott Roberts and his wife Sunni, Stephen Roberts and his wife Betty, Thomas Albury and his wife Dorothy, Gregory Albury, John Hall and his partner Eva, Arnold Hall and his wife Bonnie and their son Albert, Wayne Hall, John Hall, Stephen Hall, Cameron Knowles and his wife Gina, David Hall, Ricky Hall, Lucan Hall and Austin Hall; nieces Stephanie Treco and her husband Tony, Deann Darville and her husband Trevan, Mary Parks and her husband Richard, Karen Sands and



Cynthia Eleanor Hall

her husband David, Bernadette Hall and her partner Ricky Roberts, Kristi Wong, Lonette Ferguson, Fallon Albury, Misty Hall, Angelique Hall and Jessi Hall; niece-in-law Sharon Albury; grandnieces Gina Pinder, Christina McIntosh, Alana Carroll, Lori Higgs Thompson, Robin Hall, Tori Hall, Victoria Albury, Jamie Hall, Taylor Hall, Kianna Hall, Katrina Hall, Vera Hall, Mackenlee Ferguson; great-grandnieces Taryn Carroll and Mia Sam; grandnephews Tracy Roberts, Philip Roberts, Stuart Roberts, Ryan Higgs, Damien Albury, Jonathan Albury, Christopher Albury, Joshua Hall, Joshua Wong, Gabriel Wong, Peyton Sawyer, Zachary Knowles, Connor Knowles, Nathaniel Hall; great-grandnephews Rocky Thompson, Ricky Roberts and Cameron Sam; godchild Christina McIntosh and many other family members and friends.

Perley Horatio Roberts was born in Hope Town on the 9th April, 1929, to the late Gurney and Lena Roberts. When he left school at the age of 14, he went to Pine Ridge to work in the lumber yard. Later he was an engineer on the mailboat Stede Bonnet and also worked on a number of other boats.

Perley and his brother Ray ran the Electric Power Company in Bimini. After retiring from going to



Perley Horatio Roberts

sea, he worked as a plumber and electrician and obtained his electrician's license.

Perley worked not only on Man-O-War but on Hope Town, Guana Cay or wherever he was needed. He was the first person on Abaco to work with PVC products in his plumbing. These products were introduced to him by Mr. Rich Downey of Cornish Cay.

Perley married Sheila Rose Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay and they had four children: Richard, Janice, Sherry and Mark.

He is survived by his wife Sheila; son and his wife Richard and Martha; daughter and her husband Janice and Jay; daughter and her husband Sherry and Warren; son and his wife Mark and Margarita; grandchildren and their families Rich, Netica, Makayla and Erica; Pete, Rebekah, Felicia and Aaliyah; Doug, Natasha, Keira and Kady; Kelly Mark, M.J. and Walker; Jennisan and Janice; brothers Ray and Louvinas (deceased); sisters Maggie and Nettie; stepsister Ruby (deceased); stepbrothers Donald (deceased), Calvert, Clyde, Vespar and Roland; sisters-in-law Ida, Adrian, Josephine, Ann, Evelyn, Barbara, Sylvia Vaughn, Gloria, Joy and Sylvia Pearce; brothers-in-law Robert, Gar, Sylvan, Chris, Jerry, Windsor, David Vaughn, David Chioda, Carrol and Roswell (deceased); many nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

William Alvin Thorndycraft - On April 9, 2010, after a short illness, Bill Thorndycraft passed peacefully away at his residence on Abaco.

Left to mourn are his wife Sandra, his daughter Conya Pinder, his grandson Thomas, son-in-law Danny, three step-

sons Robin, Keith and Jason, sisters Daphne and family, Evelyn and family, Joyce and family, June and family, brother Jim and family, brother-in-law Gordon and family, the family of his late wife Yvonne, his fellow Elders of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk, good friends in Canada and former Scouts and Cubs on Abaco. The funeral will be held at New Visions on 1 May 2010. Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations may be made to the Kirk of the Pines Building Fund.



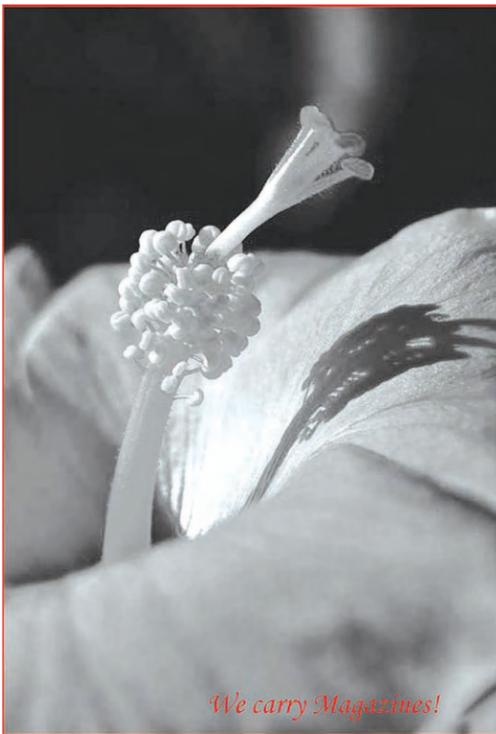
Bill Thorndycraft

Shelter

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soon he will be putting up flyers to spread the word and selling T-shirts that bear the name of the animal shelter to raise funds. He expects to have "a decent place" toward the summer for the animal shelter which will be called Pop's Animal Shelter.

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Three FNM Abaco members are honoured

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ment.” Ann Parotti and Robert Sweeting were present to receive their awards but Everette Bootle was unable to attend so his award was accepted by his son, Desmond, who was in Nassau at the time.

Mrs. Parotti is one of the great matriarchs of the FNM. Her involvement with the FNM spans three decades as she proudly states that she was at the meeting in Nassau in 1970 when the United Bahamian Party and the Free PLP merged to become the Free National Movement. Her first bout with campaigning was for a constituency in Nassau when she remembers having a cutlass thrown at her. At election time Mrs. Parotti was well known for having her yard festooned with pictures of all the candidates, and people would come from all

over to look at her display. Although never a candidate herself, she has always thrown herself fully behind whichever party candidate was playing a pivotal role in the campaign. Since relocating to Abaco, she has continued to use her energy and resources to play a crucial role in all of the campaigns.

Mr. Sweeting, OBE, was born on Man-O-War and was educated at the local All Age School. He joined the FNM at its inception and served as Chairman of the South Abaco Free National Movement Association for many years. He entered front line politics when elected to Parliament on the FNM ticket for the Hope Town constituency in 1992 and was reelected in 1997 and 2002. Having served for 15 years as Member of Parliament for South Abaco he was very humbled and appreciative to receive his award in recognition of those years of service to the party. Although Mr. Sweeting chose to retire from front line politics in 2007, he has continued to work closely with the party to ensure that Mr. Edison Key retained the South Abaco seat for the FNM to form the government.

Mr. Bootle is a Cooper's Town native, attended the All Age School there and has since led a full life of service and devotion to his community and country. Mr. Bootle's political activism started in the 1962 general elections, the same time as the Universal Adult Suffrage for Women. All political parties have benefitted from

Mr. Bootle's voting qualifications. He was politically active in supporting his cousin, Sherlin Bootle of the Progressive Liberal Party, who eventually stepped aside for the current Prime Minister in the Cooper's Town constituency. Mr. Bootle resigned from the



Everette Bootle

PLP following Mr. Ingraham in 1986 and rallied his support to the FNM when Mr. Ingraham became leader. He is a political enthusiast and has continued as a Council Representative from 1992 until recently when he stepped aside for another generation to fulfill its obligations to the party. "It is now time for the younger generation to step up to the plate," says Mr. Bootle, though his political passion has not diminished since he continues to closely monitor the political culture in The Bahamas. "I deem this award a great honour and am very appreciative of the thought," he stated.



Robert Sweeting

Camp caters to children with cancer-related illnesses

By Canishka Alexander

Camp Good Days' Bahamas regional representative Joseph Kohler goes by the name of Mr. Shark Bite, but that's another story.

However, the story he came to share with Abaco was about Camp Good Days. He was joined by Sylvia Poitier and her son, Vance Poitier, who has the sickle cell disease. Sylvia said the disease was also passed on to her daughter, Vashti.

While Vance's fight is ongoing, he remains optimistic. "I don't see it as a disease; I see it as a blessing. I get to see the world," he said, defiantly.

Mrs. Poitier learned about the camp about three years ago while Vance attended school in Freeport. They were interested in having children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses visit the camp. The camp is open to campers from ages five to 18 years. International weeks are from the mid - to end of July every year.

Vance has earned the position as a counselor in training - the first time the title has been bestowed on anyone from The Bahamas. He said the Bahamian students are generally the most popular among all the children who visit the camp.

He expressed gratitude to several resort managers on Abaco who have been especially helpful.

The camp was founded 30 years by Gary Mervis, whose daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer. After his daughter underwent a slew of chemotherapy and radiation regimes, Mervis realized that cancer was not made for children. He borrowed a camp on Keuka Lake in New York and invited other children with cancer to the camp with their parents and doctors.

Persons interested in Camp Good Days and Special Times can contact Joseph Kohler on Grand Bahamas at (242)373-9103 or Sylvia Poitier on Abaco at 365-0025.



Ann Parotti with her plaque



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Moore's Island News

Moore's Island "Size Matters" Campaign School Visit

On April 20 the students at Moore's Island All Age School were treated to a special assembly by Friends of the Environment. Education Officer d'Shan Maycock and Executive Director Kristin Williams travelled to Moore's Island to speak about FRIENDS' new Size Matters campaign aimed at reducing juvenile lobster fishing on Abaco. Campaign mentors from the sponsoring organization, Rare based in Arlington, Virginia, were in attendance for this special visit.

Mrs. Maycock spoke to the students about the need to protect our juvenile lobster populations if we want to enjoy them now and in the future. The crawfish industry is one of the biggest industries not just on Abaco but the entire Bahamas, bringing in millions of dollars each year. "It is up to us to take ownership in our resources," Mrs. Maycock stated. "We cannot just leave it up to the fishermen but everyone plays a role in their protection."

Lobsters are not just important for the economy but also for the marine environment as they are indicators of reef health and biodiversity on the reef as they are food to other marine life such as Nassau Grouper, sharks and trigger fish. She pointed out that one lobster can produce as many as two million eggs but they must first survive their journey in ocean currents before they are able to move into the mangroves and develop into juvenile crawfish where they can take up to three years

to mature. "That is why it is important to wait until lobsters reach the legal size limit of 5 1/2 inches before fishing them, as that will ensure that they are able to reproduce at least once in their lifetime."

A special feature of the assembly was the introduction of the campaign mascot, Spike, who made a brief appearance greeting students and teachers. Students were quizzed and rewarded with campaign materials such as key chain tape measures, bumper stickers, t-shirts and pins as they danced around to the campaign song sung by Eugene Davis, a local artist who has roots on Moore's Island.

Moore's Island Fishermen Learn about 'Size Matters' Campaign

On a recent visit to Moore's Island, campaign manager d'Shan Maycock met with fishermen on Moore's Island to talk about the Size Matters campaign. In a casual conversation by the dock fishermen talked about issues regarding the crawfish industry on their island. "Divers continue to fish juvenile crawfish [because there's a market for it]," stated Harold Gaitor. "They know it is wrong but they continue to do it. If we continue, we will only hurt ourselves in the long run."

Mr. Ishmael Williams, local Marine Officer stationed on Moore's Island, talked about international pressures which The Bahamas is facing to ensure that fishermen are complying with international standards for the export of lobsters out of the country. "This will be a challenge for a lot of fishermen but we know that

Floyd Lowe at 90 is oldest Green Turtle Cay resident



Floyd Lowe is shown here with his granddaughter-in-law, Stacy Lowe, at a recent gathering to hear about the community's past.

On April 15th the second in a series of Reminiscences was held at the Capt. Roland Roberts House on Green Turtle Cay. A standing-room-only crowd was entertained by Mr. Floyd Lowe, the oldest living resident on Green Turtle Cay. The recorded interview done by his granddaughter-in-law, Stacy Lowe,

will preserve many historic facts and stories from the past.

Mr. Lowe, who is 90 years old, has been married for 68 years to Zedith, who is also almost 90. He finished his schooling at age 14 and with other family members began the dangerous job of shark fishing. This was followed by his work on Grand Bahama at the Pine Ridge sawmill. Over the next many years, Mr. Lowe was involved in a great variety of jobs including insurance agent, a car dealership, chicken farming, the seafood business and the Green Turtle Ferry which is still run by his sons after 40 years. Mr. Lowe has received several honors including an MBE from the Queen of England and the Cacique award for community service. There was a lively question and answer period with the audience that included stories about his family and friends on Green Turtle Cay. Following the talk, lemon grass tea and pastries were served.

The Capt. Roland Roberts House is an environmental and historic center on Green Turtle Cay and is open to the public free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Of special interest is the bush medicine garden designed and maintained by Richard Blue Jones. Special arrangements can be made for schools and other organization groups.

it is coming and we must be prepared". Fishermen were asked what they thought about a possible fishermen's certification program in which fishermen were trained how to fish more sustainably and rewarded for doing so. They agreed that this would

be a good program and that they must be responsible for their actions of they want to continue to reap the benefits from the crawfish industry for years to come. They were given campaign t-shirts and buttons.

Blue Holes Were Destroyed!

Where is the B.E.S.T Management Plan BEC?

Blue Hole damage on pipeline, photos March 15th

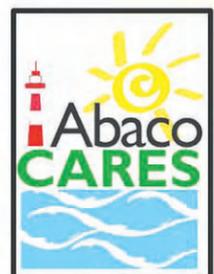


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Sports News

Abaco hosts National Darts Tournament

By Malcolm Spicer

On the weekend of April 9 and 10 saw the cream of the Bahamas Darts crop come together on Abaco for the 22nd National Masters tournament. An individuals' event, this tournament is used to choose our National Team. The players have had to go through several local tournaments in Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco to participate in this national event. Sixteen men and eight women came together and the top eight men and five women made the squad.

Abaco will be well represented with Robin Albury, Shane Sawyer and Angela Russell making the cut and Kevin Hicks was appointed as team captain.

In a lively event hosted at D n R Sports Bar in Marsh Harbour, the 24 players played a round-robin event, each player having to

play each other player five games. Five hours on Friday night and seven hours on Saturday sorted out the cream and the National Team is now chosen.

The team will represent The Bahamas at the upcoming Caribbean Cup and Americas Cup, again to be hosted by Abaco in late August. To date 13 countries have confirmed their participation with possibly two more in the next few weeks.

Taking first place for the men was Har-

ry Brown of Nassau with 178 points. Second was Abaco's Robin Albury with 177 points. In third place was Wayne "Fish"

Copeland of Grand Bahama with 163

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This year the Darts Association had a youth section. Two youth who competed. Shown are Devon Laing, Grand Bahama Young Arrows, Malcolm Spicer, President Bahamas Darts Federation, Laseton Ginton, Abaco, winner, and Peter Duncombe, Bahamas Darts Federation Youth Coordinator.



This is the the Bahamas National Darts team that will represent The Bahamas in the Caribbean Cup and Americas Cup, both scheduled to be held on Abaco in August. The members of the team earned their place on the team by performing well at the Bahamas National Masters Tournament held here in April. Competitors came from Nassau and Grand Bahama to join the players from Abaco. Pictured are Wayne Copeland (GB), Shane Sawyer (Ab), Robin Albury (Ab), Harry Brown (Nas), Angela Russell (Ab), Zeke Lewis (GB), Sandra Ferguson (Nas), Anderson Lewis (GB), Barry Payne (Nas), Liz Kemp (Nas), Byron Johnson, Manager (GB) and Kevin Hicks, Captain (Ab). Kneeling are Ashley Poitier, coach (GB), Anishka Maycock (GB) and Trudy Johnson (Nas)



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points. For the women, Trudy Johnson from Nassau took first place once again with Liz Kemp, of Nassau, coming in second and Sandra Ferguson also of Nassau in third.

This year saw the introduction of the youth section of the tournament and the two contenders, Laseton Ginton from Abaco and Devon Laing of Grand Bahama fought out a morning battle with Abaco's Laseton Ginton winning the five-game contest. He will represent The Bahamas in the junior section in the upcoming international tournament to be held in Abaco in August.

Abaco Judo contestant wins awards

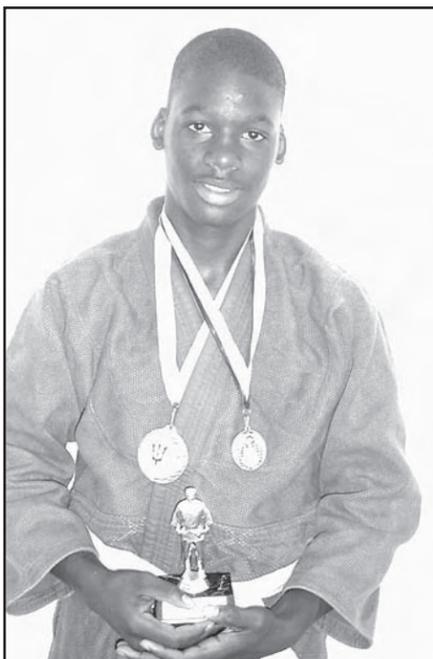
By Jennifer Hudson

Ashton Forbes, a 14-year-old student of St. Francis de Sales School, is already making a name for himself in international judo circles even though he began judo only one year ago.

Ashton entered his first tournament, the Bahamas Fall Classic 2009, in Nassau last November and remarkably won a second place finish. Following this success, Ashton was selected as a member of the Bahamas National Judo Team after only seven months in the sport which is a great honour, especially since he was the first Family Island member to achieve this distinction. In December he traveled to Barbados as part of the national team to participate in the Barbados International, the largest tournament in the entire Caribbean region. Ashton became the first Bahamian to ever

win a gold medal at that tournament. Contestants are paired by weight so Ashton was often fighting against opponents quite a lot older and more experienced than himself. Recently, Ashton traveled to Boston as part of the Bahamas National Team to participate in the Rhode Island Invitational. There, he won a fourth place finish which, according to his proud coach, "is unheard of for someone so new to the art."

Ashton has gained his unprecedented success thanks not only to excellent coaching but due in great part to his own personal intense discipline. When Sensei Rahming



Ashton Forbes has been studying Judo for only one year. However, he is doing well in international competitions, even winning gold.

first arrived at St. Francis de Sales School to give a demonstration with the hopes of starting a judo class on Abaco, Ashton attended the demonstration and immediately felt that he would enjoy learning the art. It not only promotes strength and fitness but encourages discipline and this appealed to him. He attends classes each Saturday from 1-3 p.m. and also attends intensive training sessions specially for him and his partner, Ozeke Swain, on Wednesdays. Ozeke is also doing well on the judo scene as he won a gold medal in the very first tournament he entered in Nassau.

"Judo is very rigorous and is an extremely physical and challenging sport for which one must be in superb physical condition. It demands endurance, speed and technique," stated coach Albert Lill. Mr. Lill is a retired homeowner in Bahama Palm Shores. Being a neighbour to Ashton has its advantages and disadvantages for while he can give Ashton a bit of extra help, it also means that he can keep his eye on him to make sure he is

not slacking off.

Ashton's next tournament will be in Nassau on August 6 at the Bahamas International Invitational. This is a major tournament in which entrants will be participating from the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Sensei Rahming visits once a month from Nassau to check on his students and

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The fifth series of RC Laser races took place in Man-O-War. Interest has grown in racing these boats so the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club will initiate another series of races next winter.

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hopes to get judo started eventually in all of the Family Islands.

RC Laser sailboats completed tour

Man-O-War was our last stop for the RC Laser Tour of Abaco. On April 3, 10 sailors from all over Abaco gathered at Jay and Jan Manni's dock on Dickies Cay on a sunny afternoon. The wind was out of the northeast, light, and shifty with a falling tide.

With the wind out of the northeast, that meant sailing straight out into the channel which gave us a short windward leg. We completed 8 two-lap races after struggling again with some frequency conflicts. Several boats ran aground as the shallow spot in the harbour got closer and closer to the starting line. With the threat of Eagle Eye Mulock watching the line, only a few boats were called "over early" and there was one general recall.

Jim Kaighin won 7 of the 8 races, which

meant that the race was for second place. Dwayne Wallas winning race 5 broke the tie-breaker with Anders Ljungholm. David Mulock, finishing 2nd in the last race also broke the tie with Randy Key for 4th overall and his best regatta of the series. Howard Ray from Canada, finished 6th in his first RC Laser Regatta. Other notables are 83-year-old George Gregory from Treasure Cay finishing 7th in his second RC Laser regatta and Jack Kosobucki from England, our youngest sailor at age 10, finished last overall, but did score a 5th in race 6 of his first RC Laser regatta.

The RC Laser Tour of Abaco was a great success. The 5-race series got new people involved and provided some added interest in racing in different venues. Thanks to Jay and Jan Manni for allowing us to sail at their beautiful spot on Dickie's Cay. This "tour" could not have been possible without the hospitality of the many people who hosted these events as well as providing other logistics in running a RC regatta.

Next on the calendar is the 20th Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta for Sunfish and Optimist dinghies in Marsh Harbour on May 8-9.

They hope to do RC sailing in the summer, but look forward to another "RC Laser Tour of Abaco" next season. For more information, contact Jim Kaighin at 242-367-3086.



Several people demonstrated racing their RC cars at the Farmers' Marketplace on April 18. On display were cars, trucks, planes and helicopters.

Man-O-War Round 5, Dickie's Cay

- 1st Jim Kaighin, Marsh Harbour
- 2nd Dwayne Wallas, Marsh Harbour
- 3rd Anders Ljungholm, Treasure Cay
- 4th David Mulock, Little Harbour
- 5th Randy Key, Marsh Harbour
- 6th Howard Ray, Canada
- 7th Elliot Roberts, Man-O-War
- 8th George Gregory, Treasure Cay
- 9th Jay Manni, Man-O-War
- 10th Jack Kosobucki, England

Local hobbyists organize RC demonstration

By Timothy Roberts

In an effort to raise awareness and create interest, Marcel Maury and Lawrence Collie organized a radio control (RC) enthusiast's expo on April 18 at the Farmers' Marketplace. Highlighted were the various types of RC cars, trucks, boats, planes and helicopters that are already owned on Abaco.

Lawrence, owner of a local RC hobby shop, said they hope to bring together fellow hobbyists and possibly see clubs form as a result. At present there is a club for flying and a group for RC sailboats as well.

A number of planes, helicopters and cars were on hand for viewing, and a few hobbyists demonstrated their cars and planes.

RC vehicles can range from as small as 12 inches up to six feet long. RC hobby vehicles and accessories are available at Bahamas RC Hobbies, a store owned by Lawrence Collie located near the traffic light in Marsh Harbour.

Soccer in Hope Town - More Than Just Kicks!

By Peggy Thompson

The Spring Soccer League has just finished its last game, and what a game it was! The parents were out in full force to

support the teams. Trophies were awarded to all players under one of the following categories: exceptional skill, commitment to the team or good sportsmanship.

Other highlights of the day included the St. James Methodist Church youth group's fund raising barbecue and bake sale. Monica Cook's numbered soccer ball cookies iced in team colors were also a favorite and awarded to all the team members and coaches.

Coach Chris Gorman and Michelle Morfitt began the league last fall when they moved to Hope Town with their small children. As symbolized by the trophies, the emphasis of the soccer league was on rules, teamwork and sportsmanship. They requested parents to stay for the soccer time, divided the 4-12 year old children into three teams based on age and accepted a small donation of \$5 which covered team shirts and any needed supplies. They made some of their team's goals with scavenged fishing nets off of Hope Town's beaches and had many donations of items to ensure the players would be suitably outfitted and equipped.

Some of the equipment like the professional goals, uniform pennies, cones, soccer balls and the stadium seating are shared with the Hope Town community by the Nicole Megaloudis foundation (www.remembernicole.com). For the past four years a one-day soccer clinic has been held in December by professional coaches to introduce island children to the game of soccer as a legacy to Nicole Megaloudis, an avid soccer player who died in 2004. Last year on December 28th locals learned some skills, played an exhibition game and won prizes in honor of Nicole.

Often on Sunday afternoons when the

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Anglers enjoyed bonefish tournament with local guides

By Timothy Roberts

Local guides teamed up with various anglers to promote awareness and raise money "to catch the cure for cystic fibrosis" over the weekend of April 9-11 during the Redbone Baker's Bay Marsh Harbour Bonefish Classic.

Despite unfavorable weather teams of 12 local guides and 24 anglers enjoyed success, fishing for bonefish from as far as Sandy Point in the south to Cooper's Town in the north.

"I've been to Andros, Key West, Turks and Caicos, Islamorada and more," said the winning angler, Rod Jack. "This is it; [Abaco has] great fishing and professional guides." Gary Ellis, founder and organizer

of the Redbone Tournament Series, added that Abaco has a wonderful fishery and that they were blessed to be allowed to fish here with some of the friendliest and best guides.

Mr. Jack and his teammate, Butch Armstrong, both hailing from Knoxville, Tennessee, also won for the team with the most points; Paul Pinder of Sandy Point and Justin Sands of Marsh Harbour were their guides during their two days of fishing.

Other winners included Cindy Pinder, Grand Champion Lady Angler; Dyan Regan caught the largest bonefish of the weekend and Paul Pinder won the Top Guide Award.



Cindy Pinder was a local angler competing in the Baker's Bay Bonefish Classic held at Abaco Beach Resort. She won the Grand Champion Lady Angler. She is shown here with her guide for the day, Danny Sawyer. The fishermen went with a different guide each day.

Mr. Ellis praised the Abaco guides and thanked them for their generous donation of a free day of fishing during the tournament, a total worth over \$6000.

The Redbone Celebrity Fishing Tournament Series was founded in 1988 by Gary Ellis of Islamorada in Florida with the help of his friends, including legendary baseball player Ted Williams, with the purpose of helping the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund the research to cure CF.

Mr. Ellis's daughter, Nicole, who was born in 1984, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. He and his wife were told that

with considerable care, she could live to her early teens. They determined that they would fight CF, and a few years later the tournament was born.

At the original tournament, guides, anglers and celebrities from film and sports teamed up on 33 boats to fish for redfish and bonefish. From that tournament came the name "Redbone." They raised \$16,000 that first year and more importantly, introduced CF to the very caring community of Islamorada in the Florida Keys.

For Mr. Jack the tournament is more than just fishing. His two-year-old son, Tucker, one of his three children, was diagnosed with CF while still in the womb. He, like Mr. Ellis, is fishing for more than a trophy; he's fishing to help give his son and other children like him the chance for a better and longer life.

In the past two years Redbone has raised over \$3 million toward CF research, and there have been significant gains since the tournament first started in 1988 with the life expectancy now around 37 years of age. Recently scientists have developed a nebulizer which has provided dramatic improvements for CF patients. Scientists are now working on a little pill which they expect will arrest the effects of CF.

7 million acres are considered for oil drilling

Applications for exploratory oil drilling on two Bahama banks are now being considered by government. Issues to be resolved relate to establishing firm borders with neighbouring countries including Cuba.

Three tracts in excess of 2 million acres are in the vicinity of Cay Sal Bank. Seven tracts in excess of five million acres are described as north of Grand Bahama island.

Two companies have applied to drill in the Cay Sal area, Privateer Petroleum and Norway's Statoil. Working together north of Grand Bahama are Atlantic Petroleum Ltd and Bahamas Petroleum Limited.

Boundary issues and other matters must be resolved to government's satisfaction before any permits are actually issued. The area north of Grand Bahama is likely the Blake Plateau which extends from The Bahamas north along the U.S. coast.

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Counselors meets with community leaders

By Samantha V. Evans

Margaret Smith and her team from the Christian Counseling Center held a brainstorming session with community partners on April 7th at the center in Marsh Harbour. She wants to increase the community's awareness of what the counseling does at the center, train volunteers, and increase financial sustainability and volunteer participation. She claims that without gaining more financial support the center may have to close its doors soon.

Ms. Smith has been visiting various groups to educate them about the center and contacted churches to refer persons to the center who need help. But the response has not been favorable as many pastors believe that they can handle their own counseling. However, Ms. Smith believes that the center can help beyond what the pastors do. It can provide more in-depth counseling and professional modification skills to help the persons move towards changing their behavior. It can give Christians needed help so they can understand that even though they are serving God, hard times can come their way. She applauded pastors for carrying the load of the community for years before there was a professional counseling center but wants them to know that secondary counseling is available through the center.

Ms. Smith hopes that talks, phone calls, meetings with pastors and letters will help them to better reach those who are in need of counseling on the island and garner support for the enterprise. Those present made various other suggestions such as preparing informational packages to give out, prepar-

ing an audiotape to email to churches and others and speaking with businesses, organizations including the Chamber of Commerce and government heads of department meetings.

Mrs. Smith emphasized how important it is that the center finds a way to financially carry its own weight as the center in Nassau still pays most of the local operational costs. She stated that the Center does get a lot of referrals, primarily from Social Services, but need referrals and financial support from other groups as well. To date, the center gets regular financial support from two Abaco churches. No civic groups or government agencies assist them financially.

The center charges a minimal regular fee of between \$50 and \$70. But if someone is unable to pay, arrangements are made for them to pay on a sliding scale. However, the center does not turn anyone away even if they cannot pay the fees. Most clients are pro bono as they are referred through Social Services.

Hence, the center is appealing to the public to help them fill this financial gap. They are also looking for two to three persons to volunteer between the hours of 3:30-5:30 p.m. to answer the phone and to assist with counseling. The volunteer counselors must be Christians and training will be made available for the volunteers.

Ms. Smith is hoping that civic groups as well as more churches and second homeowners will donate to the Center. The center has the 501 "C3" status, which means that donations from U.S. residents will be tax exempt.

People in the News

Engagement is announced

Michelle Rees of Palm Beach, daughter of James and Donna Rees of Abaco is engaged to Zak Pfeiffer of Fort Pierce. Mr. Pfeiffer is the son of Donald and Maria Pfeiffer of Fort Pierce.

Ms. Rees graduated from Florida Tech with a master's degree in ocean engineering. She is employed by Coastal Planning & Engineering Inc., Boca Raton, as a coastal engineer.

Mr. Pfeiffer graduated from Florida Tech with a master's degree in systems engineering. He is employed by Triton Group Technologies, Jupiter as a mechanical engineer.

The couple plan to marry Nov. 12.



Michelle Rees and Zak Pfeiffer

Bahamian earns top recognition

By Canishka Alexander

It seems like ages ago when Tevon Strachan wanted to be a graphic artist. What never entered his mind was that he would visit places like Shanghai, Qingdao, and Vancouver as a captain in the maritime industry.

He is appreciative to Shanals Johnson, Senior Mistress of St. Francis de Sales School, the school he attended, as she was

the one to encourage him to participate in the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps. Strachan was also fortunate to have the support of his principal, Josephine Kumar, his family and friends.

As he looks back now, he is glad that he became a cadet corp. It was a life-changing experience.

From there he went to Suny Maritime College in New York. After graduating, he went on to complete his captain's license course where he acquired his B Captain's License and then the A Captain's License. Even more astounding is how young he is, and this 19-year-old man is not planning to slow down any time soon because he has much more to accomplish.

Strachan said his next stop was Holland College in Canada where he became certified in bridge watch, basic marine, first aid, and earned a standard training certification in watchkeeping. He was chosen as the top leader in his class.

He subsequently completed a three-month contract with Campbell Shipping in Nassau. As far as what's next in his life that has suddenly become a fast-paced one, Strachan said he was preparing himself for a scholarship interview with Cal Maritime that was scheduled for end of the April, so that he could complete his training in maritime.

He said he plans to major in marine transportation and minor in global studies and marine affairs.

A requirement of the school is that he returns to work on a Bahamian flag vessel for two years, and Strachan said he determined climb up the ranks until he becomes a master sergeant.

His goal is to be beneficial to The Bahamas' maritime industry by working with the Bahamas Cadet Corps because he sees it as a vast industry, yet it is limited when it comes to Bahamians.

Strachan said Bahamians ought to grasp the industry while there's no one in it because it is going to grow.

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Government Service Improvement Seminar was held

By Timothy Roberts

Marva Brown, Senior Assistant Secretary of the Department of Public Service, gave Abaco's government department heads an introduction to the Government of The Bahamas' Service Improvement Program on April 13.

The program, which began in New Providence two years ago, follows the mandate of The Bahamas Government to achieve significant quantifiable improvement in service delivery by government agencies. Abaco is the second island to participate in the program.

The program was built on a series of studies, surveys and analysis performed through the College of The Bahamas. The

analysis of the data showed an immediate need to improve the government sector's service.

In tackling this problem the Department of Public Service joined with the Caribbean Centre for Administration and Development that helped them create a vision for service agencies through training programs.

They created a Service Improvement Unit to monitor and evaluate the progress of the program throughout the various agencies, and created a code of quality service booklet. The program will be monitored obtaining feedback from the public via comment cards.



A seminar was held on April 13 for heads of government departments to encourage government employees to give better service. The two presenters were Carla Henderson and Marva Brown. Shown are Administrator Benjamin Pinder, Deputy Administrator Whelma Colebrook, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Brown, Administrator Cephias Cooper, Anna Cote from the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour and Administrator Theophilus Cox.

Portuguese Man-O-War are invading our waters

By Jennifer Hudson

During the past few weeks there has been a huge influx of Portuguese man-o-war on the beaches of Abaco. According to Olivia Patterson of Friends of the Environment, these creatures have been washing up on all of the ocean beaches of Abaco. These jelly-like marine animals have no independent means of propulsion so either drift on currents or catch the wind. They are, therefore, washed ashore when the winds are blowing onshore which is what has been happening recently here. From all accounts far more have been washed up this year than normal and Ms. Patterson stated that the "old timers" say that this is far more than they have ever seen before.

On March 28 Joey and Alanna Bass walked along the beach at Bahama Palm Shores and in the space of half a mile picked up 41 of these creatures and placed them in a bucket they found on the beach. The tentacles of these creatures get tangled in the seaweed when they wash up and so they then die. People were not able to swim for several days as the Portuguese man-o-war were floating in large numbers just off shore; they can be found in groups of 1,000 or more. These creatures look like fragile blue/purple bubbles measuring 12 inches in length and five inches in width. This gas-filled bladder sits above the water. They are often mistaken for jelly fish but are in fact not one creature

but a colony of organisms working together. Their long, thin tentacles are a second organism and can extend 165 feet below the surface though 30 feet is more average. Alanna Bass commented on the beauty of these creatures and described them as "moving in a caterpillar-like way, lifting their bodies and inching along."

Despite their beauty, the Portuguese man-o-war are covered in venom-filled nematocysts which they use to paralyze other small creatures. For humans this sting is excruciatingly painful and though rarely deadly it can cause fever, shock and interference with heart and lung action. If stung, a person should pick off any visible tentacles and the area should then be rinsed in fresh or salt water. Ice should be applied for pain. The toxin secreted from the tentacles of the Portuguese man-o-war is 75 percent as powerful as cobra venom. The most common results of contact with a Portuguese man o war are whip-like red, wavy, stringy welts on the skin from contact with the blue tentacles.

Ms. Patterson alerted the national radio station to issue warnings to swimmers about the influx of Portuguese man-o-war advising people to stay out of the water when these creatures are present. Persons should beware of man-o-war after they have been washed up onshore since even after they are dead they can still deliver a sting.

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Police Crime Report

Stealing from a Vehicle - A Dundas Town resident left his car locked in front of his house in the afternoon of April 2 when he went to Nassau. On returning April 6 he found a smashed window, and an extensive sound system had been stolen.

Assault - A Nassau woman was beaten by her boyfriend in Crossing Rocks after midnight on April 5.

Dangerous Drug - Four Guana Cay residents were arrested just before dawn on April 4 when a search warrant was activated at their residence. Substances believed to be two ounces of marijuana and 18 packets of cocaine were discovered. The four were arrested although only one man claimed to be the owner of the substances.

Dangerous Drugs - At dawn on April 4 police executed a search warrant and discovered marijuana in a Guana Cay residence resulting in the resident's arrest.

Stolen Vessel - An Albury 23-foot outboard boat with two 225 HP Yamaha engines was stolen from a Casuarina Point residence about 9 p.m. on April 1. The registration number is AB030289-CP

Stealing - A Murphy Town resident parked his car behind his house on April 2 and left for Nassau. Returning on April 4, he discovered a broken window, and his sound system components had been stolen.

Assault - After midnight at the ferry dock at Treasure Cay on April 5 a police officer noted an angry crowd that erupted into fighting. In attempting to disperse the crowd, several young men threatened him with a cutlass and a handgun. Other officers assisted in dispersing the crowd which went faster after one of the officers discharged a shotgun in the air. The original

assailants disappeared into the crowd.

Dangerous Drugs - During a routine traffic check at 5 pm on April 5, three Treasure Cay residents were found to have marijuana in their car. The driver claimed the drugs were his and will appear in court on April 6.

Grievous Harm - A Dundas Town woman was assaulted while at the Regatta beach in Sandy Point about 8 pm on April 5. She refused the advances of a Dundas Town man. He hit her causing her to fall. He then stomped on her. The next day the assailant was arrested and confined to a cell.

Disorderly Behaviour - A Murphy Town man was arrested before dawn on April 4 while on the S.C. Bottle Highway. He was throwing missiles, using obscene language and acting disorderly.

Finding and Stealing - About 4:30 on April 2 a woman inadvertently left her wallet at a beauty salon in Dundas Town. She returned later and retrieved the wallet but discovered that \$491 in cash was missing.

Assault - A patron at a bar on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour was assaulted about midnight on April 2.

Domestic Dispute - About 8:30 p.m. on April 2 a Murphy Town woman heard a dispute at her neighbour's house resulting in some property damage. Apparently a woman got a ride home from the beach when her boyfriend lost his car keys. However, he got to her house before she did which caused him to accuse her of cheating on him. This led to an argument which ultimately resulted in the property damage.

Causing Harm - About 7 p.m. on April 4 a young man was hit in the eye while

playing basketball on the court in the Mud. The assailant was angry when a play was called foul.

House Breaking - A Treasure Cay man had his villa broken into about dusk on April 1. A screen was removed allowing the door to be unlocked. Jewelry and coins were stolen.

House breaking - About 6 pm on April 5 a door was forced open on a house on Green Turtle Cay. Antiques and cash were taken.

Incest - A 14-year-old girl living in the Mud was discovered to be pregnant after having sex with her uncle while visiting him in Nassau.

Assault - A Marsh Harbour resident was assaulted while stopped at the traffic light about 4:30 on April 10. The assailant was identified and turned himself in on April 12 accompanied by his attorney.

Stealing - A Murphy Town woman had a laptop computer stolen out of her bag while at the Marsh Harbour airport in the afternoon of April 11.

Damages - A Dundas Town woman had her car windshield smashed by a rock while she was driving on Forest Drive at dusk on April 9.

Causing Harm - A five-year-old boy was injured when hit in the face by a piece of wire. The boy had played with the assailant's chicken. This happened about 5 p.m. on April 8 in the Mud.

Assault - During mid-afternoon on April 12 a Dundas Town man was assaulted by his wife's grandson.

Assault with a Deadly Instrument - After lunch on April 12, a Dundas Town woman was sitting with a friend in her parked car in Central Pines when the driver of another car intentionally ran into the passenger side of her car where she was sitting.

Assault - A Grand Cay man was assaulted by a man he knew at noon on April 12 while near the Grand Cay school.

Missing Person - An 11-year-old boy was reported missing about 10 p.m. in Hope Town on April 14. He was found the next morning in good health.

Stealing - During the night of April 14 a car parked at the Arawak dock in Marsh Harbour was broken into and an amplifier and speakers were stolen.

Causing Harm - The ex-boyfriend of a Dundas Town woman was upset with her and entered her house at 3:45 in the morning on April 18 after smashing a window to gain entry. Once inside, he punched and kicked her, causing her to seek medical attention.

Shop Breaking - A Dundas Town man had his storage shed broken into around noon on April 16. Stolen were shoes, a jacket, ice cream and a ham. A man was later arrested.

Causing Harm - Hot cooking oil was thrown on a woman at "Dis-we-style" Restaurant in Marsh Harbour. In retaliation, the injured woman responded by throwing hot cooking oil on her assailant. Injuries were caused as a result. Both women were arrested for fighting.

Assault - A woman was assaulted at a nightclub in Marsh Harbour by her estranged husband who punched her and threw a drink on her. As a result of the investigation, both parties were arrested.

Causing Damage - A woman at a nightclub in Marsh Harbour broke the rear window of a patron's car parked there. This happened after midnight on April 18.

House Breaking - A vacation home on

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Police Crime Tips – Break-ins

By Timothy Roberts

In its continuing efforts to police Abaco and create a safer community, the Royal Bahamas Police Force offers the following tips to homeowners and businesses as it relates to break-ins.

Criminals will often stake-out a home or business before attempting a break-in. So it is important to be aware and take note of suspicious persons in your neighborhood or around your shop.

It is very important, particularly for businesses, to have surveillance and alarm systems installed which will not only alert you to a break-in, but possibly help identify the perpetrator. Business owners need to know their employees' backgrounds. Always check references and follow up on character issues.

Especially when depositing large

amounts of money, make sure you consistently change routes, routines and times. Police can be called in to provide an escort to the bank.

If you are held up, do not resist, but comply with the burglar so that no harm comes to anyone. Do not stare directly in the criminal's face, but do note his footwear, clothing or any identifying marks on his body.

Read newspapers and listen to the news so that you can be aware of crime trends and be better equipped to prevent a crime happening to you. Share information with other business owners in your area and report suspicious persons to each other and the police.

Ensure your home and business is well secured by installing suitable locks on all doors, windows and sliding glass doors. Make sure whenever leaving or before you go to bed that all doors and windows are locked and secured.

Homeowners should make certain that the outside of their home is well lit and that it is not easy to see inside. However, businesses should ensure that inside is well lit in order that any movement inside can be easily seen from the outside.

Record serial numbers and/or place identifying marks on valuable items, electronics, power tools and more to ensure that if they are stolen, they are easily identifiable, making it more likely that you may recover them.

For residences, do not allow strangers an opportunity to see what is inside your house, and make sure valuable items are not visible from outside. Secure personal and valuable items in case a break-in does occur.

Trim overgrown bushes and hedges around your home removing hiding places for criminals who would lie in wait or use the cover to break-in unseen.

Make sure you have a peep hole with 180 degree viewing angle installed in your door and always check to see who is knocking before opening your door. Get to know your neighbors and be each other's keeper. Establish a group of responsible and concerned homeowners and start neighborhood crime watches.

Police K-9 Unit searches for drugs

By Timothy Roberts

Let it be known that if you are trying to smuggle illegal narcotics into Abaco through the airport, Kira will sniff you out and will not let you get away.

Kira is a police dog stationed at the airport along with Police Constable Eltura Deveaux, who together make up the K-9 Unit that guards our entry points, whether it be the airport or the docks. They received the Exemplary Performance Award for the month of April from the Abaco division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Kira is a Belgium Shepherd, who trained with Constable Deveaux at Daytona Beach, Florida, learning to ferret out drugs and illegal contraband, such as mari-

juana, cocaine and methamphetamines. Const. Deveaux continues Kira's training several times a week in order to keep her senses sharp.

Const. Deveaux said he wants to "send a strong message to anyone who comes through this airport or through the ferry docks that as long as me and K-9 Kira are around, along with Reserve [Marty] Albury and Cpl. [Ziggy] Davis, we will find you; we will apprehend you and we will put you before the courts." He advised that anyone who is involved in any illegal activities do the right thing.

Const. Deveaux and Kira are also called upon at times to assist with search warrants at homes, boats, vehicles and, on occasion, aircraft of persons suspected of possessing illegal narcotics.

Before coming to Marsh Harbour, Const. Deveaux and Kira were involved in an operation at Turks and Caicos and enjoyed great success in the detection of illegal drugs.

The K-9 Unit is divided into three specialized areas: bomb, attack and drugs. Some police dogs are focused on one area. However, some dogs are trained to serve dual purposes, such as drug and attack.



Kira is busy at work at the Marsh Harbour airport sniffing for drugs. She and Const. Eltura Deveaux are a team that is usually at the Marsh Harbour airport but they also do duty at the freight dock and other areas of Abaco

Crime From Page 22

Green Turtle Cay was broken into during the night of April 19 with alcoholic beverages being stolen.

Assault Report - A woman attending a nightclub in Marsh Harbour after midnight on April 20 was punched in her mouth by her exboyfriend after an argument.

Drowning - An American visitor, James Stuart Jackson, died while SCUBA diving off Porgies Cay near Hope Town. His companion recovered the body and attempted CPR. A passing sailboat gave assistance.

Assault with a Deadly Instrument - After midnight on April 25 two women on Grand Cay got into an argument with two younger women who subsequently knocked them down with a golf cart, then beat them.

Burglary - A 14-year-old Grand Cay girl screamed when she awoke at 3:30 a.m. on April 17 on discovering a man in her bedroom. She was able to identify the man who fled when she screamed.

Threats of Death - A Grand Cay woman was threatened with death by her ex-boyfriend calling in her bedroom window about 1 a.m. on April 4. He threatened to kill her, then himself whenever he encountered her. He was subsequently arrested.



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Person arrested and charged with boat theft

By Timothy Roberts

Suspected boat thief Anwar Seymour of Spring City appeared before Magistrate Crawford McKee on April 12 to answer charges brought against him for the alleged thefts of a white 28-foot WhiteWater boat with twin 250 HP Evinrude engines, a GPS system and a VHF radio, altogether valued at \$143,200, the property of a Green Turtle Cay resident.

On 7th April, 2010, the suspect was arrested after being on the run for over a month. Acting on information, police

caught the wanted man in a vehicle in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

After being arrested, Seymour attempted to hide his identity by giving a false name to the police. However, the officers recognized his face from a wanted poster. As a result, he was charged with deceit to a police officer and appeared before Magistrate Helen Jones in Freeport to answer to the charge. He pleaded guilty to that charge, was convicted and fined \$500 or two months at Her Majesty's Prison.

However, before he could be sent to prison, Detective Farrington, Criminal Detective Unit Abaco, arrived in Freeport to interview him for the alleged thefts on Abaco. He was consequently charged with two counts of Stealing & Receiving for the thefts and transported to Marsh Harbour for court arraignment.

On 12th April, 2010, Anwar Seymour appeared before Magistrate Crawford McKee. When the charges were read to him, Seymour pleaded not guilty to all four charges.

When the question of bail arose, Seymour asked Magistrate McKee to consider that he has his mother, grand-

mother and brother depending on him for income and pleaded for the court to grant him bail on the conditions that he sign into the Marsh Harbour Police Station and surrender his travel documents.

The Magistrate, however, denied bail

on the grounds that he is likely to avoid trial by evading police as he did previously. As a result, Seymour was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until 17th July, 2010, the date set for his trial.



Anwar Seymour in the striped shirt is leaving the Magistrate's court where he was arraigned on charges of stealing a 28-foot WhiteWater boat, a GPS and VHF. Escorting him out is Sgt. Farquharson.

Abaco Animals Rescue Coalition is formed

By Timothy Roberts

A newly formed group, Abaco Animals Rescue Coalition, has come together with a commitment to help vulnerable and needy animals across the island through the education of the island's children, young adults and the communities they live in.

Tired of witnessing the continuing plight of stray and starving dogs and cats in the community and the mounting incidents of cruelty, neglect and indifference, a group of concerned persons along with members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Ministry of Agriculture have come together to address the problems surrounding our relationship with and responsibility towards animals.

Recognizing the need for better education, the Coalition has visited two schools in the Sandy Point and Cherokee communities to share information on correct pet care and to reinforce the fact that cruelty to animals is a serious issue and is against the law.

The group intends to make regular school visits with the aim to raise the quality of treatment of pets and animals on Abaco through various education and animal awareness initiatives, starting this May with a Pet Poetry Competition.

On a recent walkabout, members of the group handed out leaflets on Responsible Pet Ownership in Dundas Town and Murphy Town. The group and the information offered were very well received, and they were able to discuss issues relating to stray dogs and the need for a spay and neuter program.

The group is a coalition of several groups who care deeply about animals. Anyone who shares this concern is welcome to join. "Together we can become the powerful, united force needed to create positive change for Abaco's animals," said Jennifer Zehler, Coalition secretary. "We aim to assist the police as they work to enforce the laws of animal protection throughout Abaco."



A group of concerned persons, the Royal Bahamas Police Force and the Ministry of Agriculture are working together to educate the public on the proper care of animals. Some have handed out leaflets and talked with people in Murphy Town and Dundas Town while others are visiting schools to talk to school children. The laws against cruelty to animals are in place; now they need to be enforced.

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Church News

First Assemblies of God has drive-in movie

By Samantha V. Evans

The Youth Department of First Assemblies of God began showing Christian movies during the month of March. The drive-in theater is at the old Maxwell location in Marsh Harbour. On April 3rd the movie Passion of the Christ was shown that depicted the experience of Jesus' betray, suffering and crucifixion as interpreted by Mel Gibson. Families were able to sit in their cars and watch the movie on the big white screen. It was reminiscent of drive-in movies of yesterday and those one sees in movies. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoy this movie in remembrance of the death of Christ.

Bethany Gospel Chapel has Family Fun Days

By Samantha V. Evans

The church family of Bethany Gospel Chapel held two days of Family Fun Day on Good Friday, April 2nd, and Easter Monday, April 5th. Lots of food was available on sale including fish and pancakes, macaroni and conchy conch fritters. There were lots of games including volleyball and dominoes. Many people came out to sup-

port the event which lasted well into the evening. It gave the youth and adults a time to bond and to laugh together. On Friday volleyball and domino tournaments were held. The volleyball tournament especially was funny as the amateur players of the three teams made some serious foul plays and unexplainable misses. At the end of the event the winning team headed by Steve Davis received the trophy. At the domino tournament the competition was fierce as dozens of persons entered. The winner of this tournament was Nathan Darville, who received a trophy. Both trophies were given out at the Easter Sunday church service held on April 4th. This event was organized by Dellarese Davis.

Friendship Tabernacle holds Positive Youth Concert

By Samantha V. Evans

Friday nights are usually special for youth across the country as church youth groups have their activities. On April 16th Friendship Tabernacle Church was packed from top to bottom as DJ Counselor and other artists from New Providence were present to entertain Abaco Youth with clean gospel music. Young and older alike were present and had a great time dancing and singing to

the music provided in a family atmosphere. Also performing was Ryan Jupp, rappers from Friendship Tabernacle Youth Group, RayGina and many others.

Youth Forum at Church of God Dundas Town

By Samantha V. Evans

On April 9th a youth forum was held at Church of God Dundas Town at which time a panel of experts was on hand to speak to and answer questions raised by the youth on matters they found most pressing. In attendance was the youth group from Friendship Tabernacle Church who asked a number of questions about what they should be doing at their age that is appropriate. They spoke about various types of music, how a person dresses and wears their hair, and the various sexual cultures that are rising up in the Bahamas. Some of the youth leaders had varying views on hair. At the end of the various discussions, the young people realized that it is their heart and soul that must be pleasing in the eyes of God and not so much their choice in clothing or hair style. Members of the panel included police officers and youth pastors from Abaco and Grand Bahamas, and health service professionals.

Re:Focus

By Timothy Roberts

New Vision Ministries hosted a weekend of praise and worship highlighted by powerful and challenging preaching when musician Aaron Keyes and pastor and author Francis Chan held services on April 10-11 under the theme Re:Focus - No matter where we are in life we can use re-focusing.

Mr. Keyes led a spirit-filled worship service. He and his band have visited twice before and have come to love Abaco. "The scenery is hard to beat," he said, and the people at the church "are like a big family."

Mr. Keyes, who has been doing praise and worship for 12 years, said, "We focus on playing music to help people focus on God."

Mr. Chan spoke about the way we often are too casual with God and led the audience to imagine God as He is described in the Bible, so that we can come to Him with the respect and adoration he deserves. In his second service Mr. Francis challenged the audience again, explaining that

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Bahamian athlete Laverne Eve motivates students

By Samantha V. Evans

World-class athlete and Bahamian record holder for the discus and shot put, Laverne Eve, was on Abaco April 10-13. She visited the two Abaco public high schools, S.C. Bootle and Abaco Central High School, to motivate the students and inform them of the many scholarships available in sports. Ms. Eve spoke to the students about becoming "Bahamian Patriots," stating that working hard, focusing on doing well in school and honing their athletic talent will open up opportunities to attain scholarships.

Ms. Eve is a veteran Bahamian athlete. She began her sports career at an early age by playing softball and volleyball and was introduced to the Carifta Games by her

coach Stephanie Rahming while in Nassau.

Competing at the Carifta Games opened up an opportunity for Ms. Eve to improve her skills and ultimately perform at the World Games and the Olympics. For two of the four years that she took part in the Carifta Games she received an award for being the Most Outstanding Athlete in the shot put, discus and javelin. She later went to junior college in Oklahoma, then attended Louisiana State University.

After her college days she specialized in javelin, training at Baton Rouge. It was as a result of this training that Ms. Eve started throwing further and ended up performing in 10 World Games and five Olympic Games. Ms. Eve won a Bronze Medal at the World Cup and Gold at the CAC Games. She still holds the record for the discus and javelin in The Bahamas.

Ms. Eve stated that competing at such elite events is exciting, especially since at the time she started The Bahamas was only known for producing sprinters. She was one of the few Caribbean throwers and she enjoyed being able to represent The Bahamas well.

Ms. Eve, now semi-retired, still has her mind set on winning a medal at the Commonwealth Games. She plans to work alongside

Senior Deputy Island Administrator Whelma Colebrooke with her sports program on Abaco, which will involve holding clinics for the coaches and throwers to help them learn the fundamentals of throwing.

Ms. Eve, impressed with the sporting talent displayed by the Family Islands during a recent national track event in Nassau, is excited about the prospect of developing

her throwing program, which she plans to take around The Bahamas. She feels it both her pleasure and obligation to help Bahamians get to world or Olympic events. "That's what this is all about", she said, "seeing students become world-class athletes and knowing that you helped them to get there"



Laverne Eve, right, is a Bahamian record holder for the discus and javelin. She visited Abaco to motivate students to study and work hard. She told them about scholarships available to good athletes. Pictured with her is Whelma Colebrook, Deputy Administrator.

Social Services Observes Child Protection Month

By Samantha V. Evans

Across the Bahamas, the month of April is observed as Child Protection Month. The theme chosen for this year was A Child's Life is Precious, Take a Moment to Care. The month began with a church service at Friendship Tabernacle Church on April 8th. The purpose of this service was to share information about child abuse and protection with the community. It is especially important that community partners realize all that they do to ensure that the children are protected. According to Ms. Charlemae Fernander, her department makes every effort to wipe out abuse against children and bring offenders to justice.

In preparation for the start of this month, an essay competition was launched inviting students to write on the theme for this month.

The guest speaker for the service was Pastor Rex Carey, Assistant Pastor of Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven who told the children to obey their parents as it is the right thing to do. They should make it a habit to do their chores. He told them to focus on learning and get a good education. Education is important, he added, so that they can accomplish great things in life.

He told the children that when they listen to their parents that it makes it easy for them. He encouraged the children to let their lives be a good example for their friends. He told them to focus on getting a college degree after they complete high school and to take more time and pride in selecting friends of integrity who have goals for their lives. There are many jobs out there but he told the children that they must get the right education to qualify themselves for employment.

It is the role of parents to raise their children in the way they should go and to put guidelines and boundaries in place.

Sports

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Taylor Park playing field was a bustle, visiting children would come to watch and were always invited to join in. Soccer was a great success with as many as 40 team players - quite an accomplishment on a five-mile long island. But soccer in Hope Town was more than just a game, it was a coming together time for families, children from all walks of life and races playing together for a common goal (pun intended!). Nicole's motto lives on.. Make It Happen. Special thanks to Chris and Michelle for making soccer "happen" in Hope Town.

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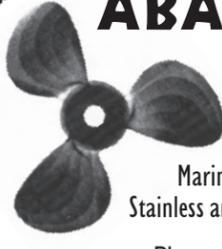
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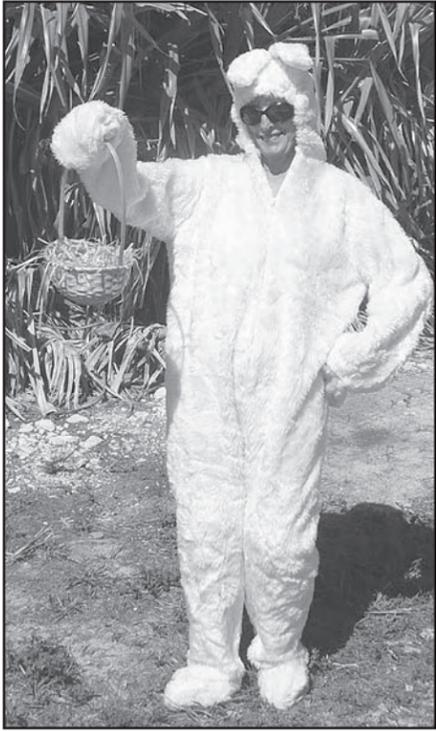
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Church *From Page 25*

God does not want us to simply memorize what He has said, but to act on it and live it.

The audience was moved by the praise and worship and messages over the weekend, and it was said that the message should motivate change in the lives of those who had the opportunity to experience God's word.

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stone Church in Simi Valley, California, and said that he grew up in a nominally Christian home in which both of his parents died before he was 12 years old. He, however, grew in faith throughout his

high school and college years. "The more I learned about God the more serious I became about him," he said. "It doesn't make sense some of the things we do in light of what we believe," he said.

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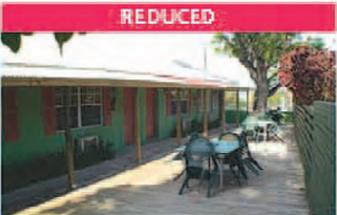
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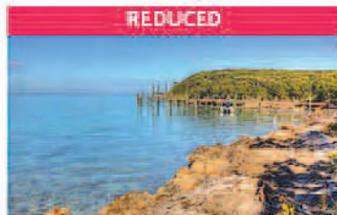
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