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Piracy comes alive once again on Abaco Piracy is the theme of Island Roots Festival

By Annabella Marquis

Abaconians traveled from all over the region to celebrate the seventh annual Island Roots Heritage Festival at Green Turtle Cay on April 30 to May 2. While many drove the 40 minutes from Marsh Harbour to the Treasure Cay ferry dock, a large number traveled all the way from Florida to participate in the festival.

The theme, *Celebrating the Treasure of our Heritage*, focused on 17th and 18th century pirating in The Bahamas. The pirating practice, which was a major feature of Bahamian history before the coming of British Governor Woodes Rogers in 1718, was re-enacted by the group who came from Florida, dressed in traditional pirate attire.

Everything was pirate-themed, from the skeletons at the entrance to the names of food for sale: Black beard (peas n' rice), Blimey (conch chowder) and Captain Walk da Plank (cracked lobster). Famous female pirates Mary Read (Michelle Murillo) and Anne Bonny (Wendy Wellman) performed skits while others enacted play-fights with whips and faux-weapons in order to create an authentic atmosphere.

Achieving its aim, the festival represented Abaconian and Bahamian heritage strongly. Children from Green Turtle

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Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham officially opened the Island Roots Heritage Festival on Green Turtle Cay on April 30. He then toured the site enjoying the displays and activities that were based on the role that piracy played in the history of Abaco. He seems amused by these two women doing penance in the stocks, a common way of punishing wrong-doers in the days of piracy.

Fishing tournament targets lionfish



The Lionfish Derby held in Marsh Harbour on April 17 gave cash prizes for fishermen bringing in the largest number of lionfish. The winning team fished on the Sea Tiger and won \$2000 for their catch of 206 lionfish. They are Amos Weatherford, on the left, and Jodie Albury and Tim Blakely on the right. They are pictured with Gregg Waugh, who was promoting his special spear developed to make the catching of lionfish easier and safer. See story on page 9.

Town Meeting to Discuss Forestry Bill

Anglican Hall, Marsh Harbour • May 27 • 7 pm

55 students are inducted into the Ranger program



The Royal Bahamas Defence Force held an induction ceremony to recognize the young people who qualified to become Rangers, the Defence Force program for high school students. The winning school was S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town, shown here with the winning trophy. Commodore Roderick Bowe, Commander of the Defence Force, and Peter Deveaux-Isaacs, Under Secretary of the Ministry of National Security, representing National Security, are shown presenting the trophy to Berthony McDermott of S.C. Bootle while Principal Huel Moss looks on, left center. See story on page 20.

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Re-actments of by-gone days intrigue Festival goers

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Cay's Amy Roberts Primary School had re-created miniature portrayals of Lucayan artifacts and painted pictures representing key features of Bahamian history. The Bahamas DNA Project had on display its findings at rediscovering different genealogy pools in Abaco, inviting the Abaconian community to "Learn more about your family history." In a quest to link the histories of many Bahamian families, people were asked to sign sheets to indicate if they were related to certain family branches through particular people. Signatures on the sheets showed that the DNA Project was showing results.

Y-DNA testing had found a connection between the popular name Albury with Al-bree of Massachusetts and Albery of England. The oldest direct Bahamian connec-

tion to this family was in fact a man named William Alburie, born in England in 1620, who traveled via Bermuda to Eleuthera in 1650.

Pie charts showed the family name distribution throughout Abaco, mainly consisting of families by the name of Curry, Roberts, Albury, Baker, Lowe, Weatherford, Sawyer, Kemp and Russell with Saunders being the most prevalent.

The Bahamian conch was celebrated with a conch cracking competition, a practice which involves breaking into the conch with a hatchet, then pushing a knife under the meat and prying out the conch, consisting of the body, the eye, the "bubby" and the hard claw-like foot. A conch blowing competition also showcased the capability of the conch to produce a long, loud and deep sound, when tackled by a competent conch-blower.

Franklyn Jolly from Nassau, who buys conch shells from fishermen for \$1 each, carves them into jewelry, sculptures and the very popular soup bowl and spoon. He described the "long process" of clean-

ing the conch shell with muriatic acid and then carving it with a number of electrical tools.

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The Tiny Turtles Preschool students, all dressed as pirates, performed to the delight of the audience.



Plaiting the Maypole by the girls of Green Turtle Cay was a beautiful, well rehearsed dance that pleased the crowds attending the Island Roots Heritage Festival. During the two-day event, many demonstrations, competitions and presentations entertained and educated those attending.



The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marching Band and the Pop Band were both part of the entertainment.

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Two women pirates were prominent at Festival

By Mirella Santillo

This year's Island Roots Heritage Festival at Green Turtle Cay was themed The History of Piracy in The Bahamas. As a secluded and sparsely populated set of islands, Abaco received its share of visits from this notorious set of characters throughout history.

Anne Bonny and Mary Read, two female pirates made famous in the books of author Sandra Riley, *Sisters of the Sea* and *Sometimes Towards Eden*, were portrayed at the festival by returning participants Wendy Wellman (Anne Bonny) and Michelle Murillo (Mary Read) from Key West, Florida, Green Turtle Cay's sister

community. The pair enacted a lively skit based on the lives of the two partners in crime who developed a friendship while on the crew of Pirate "Calico Jack" Rackam.

Dressed in what is generally acknowledged as "pirate outfit" - clothes of rough material, short pants, long stockings, buckle shoes and belts over an open shirt - the two pirates took turns re-living moments of their past through items pulled out of an old trunk.

Mary Read was born in England and was raised in poor surroundings. Always treated like a boy by her mother who called her Mark, she spent all her life in men's clothing, first as a foot boy to a wealthy French woman, then in the military where, passing for a man, she enrolled as a soldier. A long red velvet dress pulled out of the trunk took Mary Read back to the time of her marriage, the only time in her life she ever wore a dress. A medal at the bottom of the chest evoked memories of the time that she went to the shore after her husband had died and became a crew member on an English man of war ship bound for the Caribbean. A large crystal obtained in a loot brought back to memory her days as a pirate.

Anne Bonny, born in Ireland to a wealthy lawyer and his maid,

had a fairly comfortable childhood. A silver spoon plucked out of the trunk brought her back to these days of her youth and to the events that made her decide to become "brave and fearless." She had a good education and read many books, one of these, an old Bible that she recovered from the chest.

When Anne Bonny was 16, her family moved to South Carolina where her father bought a plantation. This opulent lifestyle soon became boring for the restless and the rather violent teenager who ran away from Charleston with a friend of Stede Bonnet, James Bonny, who was later arrested on demand by Anne's father. In retaliation, she had her father's crop burned to the ground. The couple married and left for New Providence where James Bonny met Woodes Rogers and started working for him, becoming in Anne's words, a "traitor."

A dagger pulled out of the old trunk reminded her of the night she met pirate "Calico Jack" Rackam and, dressed as James Bonny, became crew on his boat. Shortly afterwards, she befriended Mary Read who, after being captured by Rackam, also became one of the crew. Both women dressed as men and fought alongside

the other pirates.

Anne admitted having a weakness for rum when she pulled an old pewter tankard out of the chest; but she could hold her liquor, she said, as she was sober enough to fight the British soldiers sent to Jamaica to capture the pirates who had rejected the pardon offered by Woodes Rogers. "Calico Jack" Rackam and his crew were finally apprehended that night in the Bay of Negril while he was drunk under the deck, leaving the women to fight. The men were sentenced to death, but the

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Two ladies from the Florida group impersonated Anne Bonny (Wendy Wellman) and Mary Read (Michelle Murillo). They presented an interesting skit that gave many details of life as a pirate.



A large contingent came from Key West, Florida, Green Turtle's sister community. They put on skits, sword fights and whip demonstrations. They even conducted a Buccaneer militia training school that the children enjoyed.

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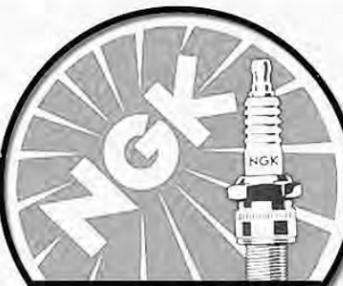


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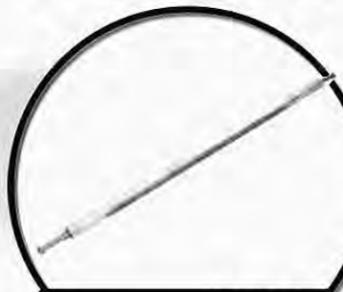
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Explanations of a proposed electric rate increase were made by executive staff of Bahamas Electricity Corporation in a public meeting on May 10 at New Visions Ministry in Marsh Harbour. The 50-60 persons attending were in sharp contrast to the September meeting by BEC last year when this building held an overflow crowd of 800 or more persons. The poor attendance was probably due to the meeting being called on short notice and not being well advertised.

Figures were given during the presentation showing that the corporation lost \$66 million during the past four years. This year BEC projects a loss of \$28 million, giving a total five-year loss of \$94 million for providing power throughout The Bahamas. BEC is proposing to increase the electric rates by five to six percent. This public presentation along with others that BEC officials will hold throughout the country is required by law. The intent is to advise the public on the need for a rate increase, to make the public aware of BEC's financial position and to hear from the public on these matters.

The electric rate has remained constant since 1994 when government reduced the electric rate by about five percent. This was partly offset by imposing a fuel surcharge based on the fluctuating price of fuel oil. The cost of living has increased significantly during the subsequent 16 years, putting

BEC at a financial disadvantage.

Summarized explanations showed that the corporation hopes to return to a sound financial status and offset this year's anticipated \$28 million loss primarily through the following three initiatives.

- The five percent rate increase is expected to generate \$12 million annually in increased revenue.

- An additional \$12 million in revenue is anticipated by shifting the cost of installing and servicing street lights to central government. Various studies have stated that BEC should not be burdened with this expense. If street lights are needed, government must provide for this either through an existing branch of central government or perhaps as a budgeted burden for local government. But public lighting expenses should not be a burden imposed on BEC.

- A final \$4 million in savings must come from within BEC with increased operating efficiencies, better use of its assets, reduced power losses, better utilization of its workforce and taking advantage of competitive fuel sources world-wide.

Government is aware of other necessary measures to encourage conservation of electricity by itself and by the public. Some of these will require changes in government policy and laws to effect electrical conservation measures. Reducing the electrical demand will allow BEC to add more customers without adding generating capacity.

For instance, converting from electric water heaters to solar would save many megawatts of electricity for BEC to direct elsewhere. However, incentives by government would be required. Perhaps the building code should require solar water heaters for new construction or maybe innovative financing will be required to convert to massive use of solar water heaters. A large scale switch to compact fluorescent bulbs will show up as savings on homeowners' monthly BEC bills and collectively will give substantial savings to BEC. A switch to solar water heaters is the easiest technology to produce even larger savings. Solar water heaters are the fastest to implement and the easiest to accomplish with an acceptable payback for

the installation through electricity savings. Solar water heaters also provide job creation opportunities.

More complicated and more expensive initially, but equally promising, is the use of solar photovoltaic panels which make electricity from sunlight. Batteries are required for storage and an assortment of black boxes are needed to make the electricity compatible with household needs. This includes inverters, regulators, chargers and other mysterious items. Installation requires trained technicians.

Making electricity by photovoltaic systems is not a cheap or simple process, but many persons find it to be desirable and cost effective in the long run. Solar power is very attractive for persons living in remote locations that are not served by public utilities. Even some people with access to publicly supplied power prefer a solar installation for ecological reasons, switching to public power when conditions do not permit the solar system to function.

In many areas of the world, these small solar systems are permitted and are encouraged to connect into the power company's grid with special meters and switches. These allow surplus solar power to be sold back to the power company. By no means does this generate sufficient revenue to pay for the homeowner's system. It is, however, an attractive incentive for those considering such an installation.

At the moment, Bahamian law does not permit these installations to connect to the electric grid; however, legislative changes are underway to allow this.

The financial losses sustained by BEC along with a growing population and an expanding business sector have caused government to look into cost saving measures by BEC and consider incentives to encourage electrical conservation by consumers and the business community. Several consultants have been engaged to look into the BEC operation and review appropriate energy policies for BEC and the country. Some changes to our energy policy can be

expected soon while others relate to long term goals. Alternate energy sources are actively under consideration. The conversion of Nassau's garbage waste into electricity through controlled burning may be the first large-scale alternate energy project.

Interested persons should review the proposed National Energy Policy on the Bahamas Environmental, Science and Technology Commission's web site, www.best.gov.bs. It is an informative document. The BEST Commission welcomes suggestions and comments.

We realize that the proposed rate hike by BEC is not going to be popular with consumers. All of us must realize that the cost of electricity, like most other things, is going up. However, we can all offset this somewhat by imposing electrical conservation measures in our homes and businesses to reduce our monthly electric bills. Many electrical conservation concepts seem inconsequential but when engaged collectively will reduce the BEC bill. At the same time these measures reduce the power that BEC must make and, in turn, lowers their fuel bill.

As summer approaches, we can all move the thermostat on our air conditioning several degrees warmer, clean the coils on the air conditioning compressor and the refrigerator coils allowing them to work more efficiently. Air conditioning filters should be cleaned or changed at the beginning of warm weather and using the curly fluorescent bulbs will all lower electric bills.

The \$28 million that BEC will have to get from government this year could be better used for a new airport terminal, hospital or our schools. Individually, the measures we each take to reduce our electrical consumption may seem inconsequential, but they add up to significant amounts. Changing one curly light bulb is not much of a change but hundreds of these bulbs do make a difference.

If the proposed rate change is approved, we can all take steps to keep our monthly electric bill reasonable.

Abaco during the time of Piracy in The Bahamas

By Mirella Santillo

Historian and novelist Sandra Riley was first introduced to The Bahamas in 1972 and acquired a passion for Bahamian history. Upon her return to Florida, she continued her research on Bahamian history, mostly focusing on two time periods: the age of piracy and the settling of The Bahamas by the Loyalists, particularly on Abaco.

Her first book *Homeward Bound* covers the history of The Bahamas from the formation of the islands to 1850. Her subsequent novels *Sisters of the Sea* and *Sometimes Towards Eden* are based primarily on the story of two female pirates, Anne

Bonny and Mary Read. Her last book, *Bahamas Trilogy*, contains three plays that outline the links between The Bahamas and South Florida.

On May 1 during a presentation at the Green Turtle Cay Island Roots Heritage Festival, Ms. Riley explained how pirates came to be in The Bahamas from the late 1600's to 1718 and outlined the historic reason why they found it so easy to settle here.

At that time, she said, the islands were leased to The Lords Proprietors of Caro-

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Letter to the Editor

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The Editor,

Just when we all complain about this and that, it is about time to give credit where credit is due. I would like to commend Mrs. Angie Collie for going beyond the call of duty. Angie is one of the most personable people you could meet, and she takes her job to another level. Recently, a family member was ill and refused to go

to the doctor. So someone called Angie to tell her what was going on and Angie actually went to him and made him come to Auskell Clinic where he received medical attention.

In a day when you can't find a doctor to see a patient unless they meet certain criteria, Angie threw all the hog wash out the window and probably saved his life. This is what I call "bedside manner" which is a rarity in this day and time.

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Historian Sandra Riley, dressed as a pirate, kept her audience enthralled by regaling them of the history of piracy in The Bahamas. Abaco played a major role in this era as a safe haven for them.

Fishing tournament focused on lionfish

By Jennifer Hudson

In an effort to reduce the number of lionfish in the waters of Abaco, a lionfish derby or fishing tournament was held at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour on April 16 and 17. It was the second lionfish tournament held on Abaco; the first was held last spring on Green Turtle Cay.

The lionfish is an extremely invasive fish which reproduces at an alarming rate and threatens to wipe out the fish supplies in Bahamian and South Atlantic waters. This tournament was held to educate the public on ways to handle the lionfish with poisonous spines and to encourage using the lionfish as a source of delicious dining.

The lionfish tournament, organized by Friends of the Environment, began with a captain's meeting at the Jib Room on the evening of April 16 which included the opportunity for late registration while enjoying cocktails and a presentation on lionfish.

Present were Gregg and Lisa Waugh of Grand Bahama, President and Vice President of Safespear, a company formed in 2009 to market a new pole spear system that allows the safe harvest of dangerous marine animals, most notably, the venomous lionfish.

"Lionfish are so prolific that we know there is no hope of getting rid of them all. But we hope to put a dent in the population and save the ecosystem," stated Lisa Waugh. In addition to the specially designed spear, their kit includes gloves for protection from the venomous spines and a specially designed bag system which pro-

vides a safe way to carry lionfish back to the boat or shore. The full kit includes the necessary tools to safely clean and prepare the catch.

One of these full kits was raffled during the captain's meeting and the lucky winner was 13-year-old James Boyce, an avid young conservationist, who was delighted to be able to use the product the following day during his hunt for lionfish. After the event he remarked that the newly designed spear certainly made removing the lionfish much easier.

Kristen Williams, Executive Director of Friends, stressed to the participants how huge a problem lionfish are in The Bahamas. "Our goal in this derby is to kill as many as possible. The Green Turtle Cay derby was very successful. Now it is out turn," she said.

Jake Algeier, a graduate student from the University of Georgia, who has been working on Abaco for the past five years, gave a short talk and presentation on the lionfish. He emphasized how serious an issue the lionfish population is. "This invasive species is an amazing predator that could fundamentally alter our ecosystem," he stated. "There are many different types of lionfish but the one found here is the red lionfish and can be up to 18 inches in length. First seen in The Bahamas in 2004, it is extremely prolific and is found mainly on reefs but also in mangroves and on ledges. The biggest concern is that, while a voracious predator itself, it has no native predators. The venom in its spines is toxic to fish, and it has been

observed to eat 20 fish in 30 minutes."

Mr. Algeier suggested that we need to eat our way out of this problem. "Lionfish are delicious, and it brings good money. Lionfish filet is bringing \$6-\$10 per pound in Nassau and is served as a delicacy in several restaurants," he stated. He encouraged the people who would be catching lionfish the following day to keep them on ice so that they could be given to the restaurants to serve. "Let's roll out the red carpet and welcome them to the dinner table," he urged at the close of a short film presentation.

Eight boats participated in the tournament on April 17 with each boat being allowed a team of four divers. Pole spear, Hawaiian sling, hand net or lobster hooks were allowed for capturing the lionfish, but no chemicals or other collecting mechanisms were allowed.

At the awards ceremony later that evening everyone agreed that it had been a great day. The winning team was on the

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When the fishing boats brought their catch of lionfish to the dock at Marsh Harbour Marina, they were filleted, then cooked and served. Shown filleting the fish are Lindsey Borsz, science teacher at Forest Heights Academy; Lauren Yeager, graduate student at Florida International University; Kristin Williams of Friends; Jake Algeier, graduate student at the University of Georgia; Olivia Patterson with Friends and Christina Acevedo, graduate student at FIU.

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Bertram Hatteras Shootout celebrates 30 years

By Canishka Alexander

This year marked the 30th year that the Bertram Hatteras Shootout has been taking place in The Bahamas. This is a competition between two of the leading manufacturers of top blue water fishing boats, Bertram Yachts and Hatteras Yachts.

The winning boat was *Great White Too*, a Bertram, that earned 900 points. In second place was *Breakaway*, a Hatteras, with 500 points. This year the competition between the rival companies pitted the top three winners of each company to name the Shootout winner. Bertram Yachts won with *Great White Too* along with Certifiable getting 400 point and *Overbudget* with 200 points for a total of 1500 points. Hatteras Yachts had a total of 1100 points with

Breakaway earning 500, *Just Do It* with 400 and *Fish Tales* with 200 points.

Mike Bondurant, Tournament Director, was excited about the tournament, adding that the number of boats entered, 26, was off from their high point from a few years ago, but he was pleased to see familiar faces among the anglers registering that day. According to Bondurant, the fun-fish category was new this year, referring to the tuna, wahoo and dolphin division.

The staff of Abaco Gold featured a 30th year championship ring at their booth, which commemorated the 30 years of the fishing tournament. It had been custom made and inscribed with the design from the shootout's logo.

And it was not the only new thing to be introduced this year. For the first time, a Bahamian team from Nassau entered the competition aboard *Sharkbait*. This boat

came first in the Fun Fish Division with their catch of a yellowfin tuna. The team was comprised of Paul Cole, George Glynatsis and Stephen Hoffer. Cole said it was his first Shootout as an owner, and he wanted to represent The Bahamas the best way he could

by winning.

"From the time the seawater hits you and that first fish gets on and everyone's all excited, you know, it's a camaraderie. We all get along, and it's a lot of fun," Hoffer explained.

Described as a catch and release tournament, the teams were allowed to catch blue and white marlins, billfish and sailfish. Bondurant said the last two Shootouts have been geared toward an all-release format. Teams earned points based on release points. The anglers earned 500 points to release a blue marlin, 200 for the white marlin, 100 for the sailfish.

Illegal construction presents daunting task

By Canishka Alexander

Local government officials taking a tour of the Mud on April 29 were exasperated by what they were faced with. Only going to observe a number of illegal constructions that had suddenly popped up, they found more than they had bargained for. The group was comprised of Administrator Cephas Cooper; Deputy Administrator Whelma Colebrooke; Roscoe Thompson, chairman of the Marsh Harbour and Spring City Township; John Schaefer, area engineer for Ministry of Works; and Ellis Stuart and Freddie Jones of Town Planning.

It appeared as though a mini power plant was in operation as they spotted at least three large generators housed side by side. Additionally, houses that once had numbers written on them had been repainted. Others had been extended to add more rooms.

Even more perplexing was when a store owner told officials that she had been given

permission to build on a piece of private property by the owner. However, she was hastily reminded that she still had not gone through the proper channels as far as licensing and permits were concerned.

To make matters worse, they were informed that there are countless illegal businesses in operation.

After their tour, Mr. Thompson was very troubled. "It's getting to a point where it's getting really out of hand to enforce the laws here, and it's getting frustrating. Central government needs to step in and start helping us with the situation that's going on here on Abaco," he frankly stated. He was grateful to be accompanied by members of Town Planning.

Mr. Stuart and Mr. Jones shared their concerns which were similar to that of Mr. Thompson's. Mr. Stuart said there were plans to go into the Haitian community again and inform residents on the procedures of obtaining permit numbers for their buildings and on how to go about getting their licenses and other relevant paperwork.

Mr. Jones believed that when the roads become more passable, a lot more can be done particularly in making police officers more visible in the area. He said a lot of illegal activities are going on like gambling, number houses and prostitution. He is looking forward to getting the area cleaned up, upgraded and restored to its natural beauty. "If you see the vehicles and the garbage and how it is piled up, we need to get the committee to get this place cleaned up because that's the only way we are going to get Marsh Harbour back," Mr. Jones said.



For the first time a Bahamian team from Nassau competed in the Bertram Hatteras Shootout. They came in first in the Fun Fish Division with this yellowfin tuna caught by Gary Goldman. The boat was captained by Paul Cole. Photo supplied by the Shootout.

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Brown's Bay will get retaining wall

By Canishka Alexander

On May 5 Cay Mills, Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee, addressed a serious problem that occurs at the beach at Brown's Bay at low tide. The beach literally vanishes.

Many locals now frequent the beach even on the weekdays and are dismayed to find that there is nowhere to swim when the tide goes out.

Mr. Mills pointed out that a lot of the sand from the beach has moved to the boat ramp, causing the ramp to be unusable. He said it has been months since the ramp has been used.

However, all is not lost, according to Burt Williams, president of Williams & Son Construction Company. He said there

were plans to extend the retainer wall to the east of the beach and continue along the boulders as a way to retain the sand. Another retainer wall will run alongside the boat ramp. More sand is being taken away from the beach as well to make the swimming area deeper to combat the problem that low tide causes.

Mr. Mills is hopeful that when everything is set in place, low tide will no longer be a major cause of concern.

Humane Society officials will visit Abaco

By Timothy Roberts

On May 18 Stephen Turnquest, Director of the Humane Society in Nassau, and Percy Grant, the Society's Education Officer, will be coming to Abaco.

Mr Grant will be visiting schools in

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Within the past couple of years the Dundas Town Committee has constructed a breakwater at Brown Bay to create a beach and swimming area. However, at low water there is not enough water for swimming and the sand has washed over the boat ramp, making it unuseable. The Committee is now considering how to remedy this park that has become very popular on weekdays as well as holidays and weekends

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More Central Abaco News

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the Marsh Harbour area to speak to students about animal welfare and pet care. A school poetry competition on pet care will be launched at that time.

Mr. Turnquest will be meeting members of the newly formed Abaco Animals Rescue Coalition in order to share his experience and expertise.

Land Quieting Act is explained

By Timothy Roberts

Alexiou, Knowles & Co. hosted an informative talk presented by Luther McDonald, senior and litigation partner with

the firm, to educate and inform the public about the Quieting Title Act of 1959. The talk which was held at the Anglican Hall in Marsh Harbour on May 1 informed the audience about what the Quieting Act was meant to do, the process of quieting, why and when we would quiet a title and abuses of The Act.

After his presentation, Mr. McDonald fielded questions from the audience, most of which centered on the problematic issue of "generation land" and the difficulty many Bahamians face in getting quieted titles for their properties.

Mr. McDonald said during his talk that the only legitimate reason to request a quieting of title is because you are unable to

show a legal or acceptable document which proves your ownership of a particular property. If you can prove through both birth and death certificates that a property's title has been passed down by way of inheritance in accordance to Bahamian law, then you can have that property quieted.

He also said that a title that has been obtained using fraudulent means, where someone has produced fraudulent or false

documents or has attempted by "squatting" on a property to claim it, that title can be taken away.

He informed the audience that if they became aware that a petition for a Quieting Titles Action is posted for a property in which they have an interest that they should consult a lawyer immediately.

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Luther McDonald, in the back, a lawyer with Alexiou, Knowles & Co., held a seminar explaining the Quieting Title Act. The meeting was held at the Anglican Hall in Marsh Harbour on April 24. After the formal talk, the meeting was opened for questions. Shown are a few of those attending. They are Dr. Carnille Farquharson, Donna Darville, Jennie Barry, Carlene Farquharson, Mary Dames, Viola Gordon and Shirley Mills.

Obituary - William Alvin Thorndycraft

On April 9, 2010, after a short illness, William Alvin (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 stepsons 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, the congregation of Kirk of the Pines, family and good friends in Canada, the UK, the US and the Bahamas and former Boy Scouts and Cubs on Abaco.



Bill Thorndycraft

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Jackson Memorial visits Auskell

By Jennifer Hudson

Three top level personnel from Jackson Memorial Hospital visited the Auskell Medical Clinic on April 21 to further the ties between these two medical service providers. Luis Felipe Arango Pardo, Vice President of International Business, Ann Marie Donaldson, Regional Sales Director and William Peguero, Business Development Consultant, all expressed their

pleasure in the longstanding relationship of Jackson Memorial with Auskell and its directors Dr. George Charite and Angie Collie.

Their visit on this occasion was to learn more about Abaco to better facilitate their services as their expectation is to be long-term partners. "This region is very important to us and we want to see how we can best facilitate its needs," stated Mr. Peguero. In addition to meetings with Dr. Charite and Mrs. Collie of Auskell, the trio visited the Abaco Club at Winding Bay to ascertain its needs and talk about the services they can offer. Other establishments

were on their list to visit, but they will be back for further meetings.

Mr. Pardo stated that Jackson Memorial Hospital deals with every country in the world, but its specific focus is on the Caribbean and Latin America. This was his first visit to Abaco and he spoke of his enjoyment of the island and its people. "One of Jackson Memorial's closest allies is The Bahamas, and we are very happy to have this relationship with Abaco. We would like to close our ties even more and to reassure people of the quality of service and attendance to patients from The Bahamas with continued excellence and improvements."

"Jackson Memorial Hospital works closely with the Auskell clinic regarding emergency services and with the air ambulance service so that the transition of patients to Jackson Memorial from Auskell is seamless. We have a good relationship with insurance providers," stated Mr. Peguero.

A team from Jackson Memorial has been to Auskell three times in as many months for talks. The hospital foresees a probable permanent presence on Abaco in the future and looks forward to the new Auskell Medical Centre.



Representatives from Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami visited Auskell Clinic to strengthen the arrangements for getting critically ill patients to the hospital for care. Shown are Dr. George Charite, left, and Angie Collie, front, both with Auskell while William Peguero, Ann Marie Donaldson and Luis Felipe Arango Pardo, behind, are all from Jackson Memorial.



A census will be taken during the month of May. Administrator Cephias Cooper held a meeting with the supervisors and enumerators for Abaco on May 3rd and at that time they were all sworn in. Shown are Mr. Cooper, Enid White, Cheri Josey Role, Valerie Dean, Charlemae Fernander, Beatrice Moxey, Barbara Williams, Patricia Adderley and Veronica Nairn. Mrs. Nairn is the senior supervisor of the census taking on Abaco.

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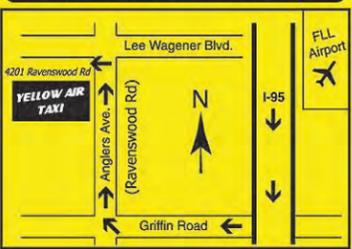
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Festival talk discussed significance of our blue holes

By Mirella Santillo

Several great presentations and talks took place during this year's Island Roots Heritage Festival, most of them held at the new Anglican Church Hall. On May 1st Nancy Albury, Abaco's coordinator for the Antiquities, Monuments and Museum Corporation including the Sawmill Sink Fossils Project, held a full room enthralled by her presentation on the Blue Holes of The Bahamas and particularly those of Abaco.

Funded mostly by the National Museum of The Bahamas and the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, intensive research on the blue holes has been ongoing for the last several years following an amazing paleontological finding in one of them, the Sawmill Sink on Abaco. Since that first tortoise shell, found at 50 feet, was brought back to the surface, many more remains, in perfect condition, were discovered that shed light on the history of the island never imagined before.

In a swift but detailed presentation, Mrs. Albury told us about the two types of blue holes encountered in The Bahamas and their role as providers of fresh water and as a source of information about former life on the islands.

Ocean blue holes found off-shore that have strong under-currents associated with tidal flow often create a whirlpool effect on the surface of the sea. Inland blue holes separated from the ocean by a land mass still show a slight tidal fluctuation.

Blue holes tell us about climate change and vegetation change on the islands during the past few thousand years and the contribution of the first inhabitants towards these changes. Blue holes occur on most islands of The Bahamas; but because of what was found in Sawmill Sink, Mrs. Albury's presentation focused mostly on these findings and the valuable information they provided.

Fifty-five feet across and enclosed in limestone, the Saw Mill Sink was a perfect animal trap. A profile view of the blue hole shows different strata, one of them depleted of oxygen which explains the perfect state of the many fossils found there. Diving sessions contributed to the find of many more tortoise shells as well as numerous crocodile skulls and bones, an indication that at some point in time these two reptiles, no longer present on the island, lived on Abaco together with a multitude of birds and bats. All of this has shed light on the environment and the climate a few thousand years ago.

The tortoise, related to the Galapagos tortoise, a land dwelling, vegetarian animal, became part of the food chain for the intelligent, carnivorous and very aggressive fresh water crocodile, related to the Cuban species. Carbon analysis placed the tortoises at approximately 2500- 2700 years ago while the crocodiles were dated at 3000 years. The remains of Lucayan Indians were thought to be around 1500 to 500 years old, their arrival was thought to

be coincidental to some of the changes that took place.

Mastic seeds found inside the shell of one of these tortoises indicated that it lived in a coppice environment. It also tells that she died in spring, the time of the year that mastic trees bear fruits.

At 85 feet deep, one owl roost was discovered that produced close to 700 bones. The more common fossils found among them were those of bats, lizards and flightless rails, the latter now extinct.

The skull of a Caracara and bones of Meadow Lark are the indication of a dry grass land environment. Both these birds are extinct today. The remains of bats which seem to have preferred a twilight zone were found 1000 feet in a cave system. These bats lived more than 12,000 years ago, more likely 20,000 years ago, informed Mrs. Albury. Dry mud patches and red dust from the Sahara incrustated into calcite layers throughout the cave demon-

strate that the climate was much dryer than it is now.

"From what we have found, we can deduce that life and vegetation have changed and that people have changed The Bahamas. We need to look out for The Bahamas," concluded Mrs. Albury. "Trash covers the history, pollutes our water and affects our health and life style."

She is hoping that the students who are coming from all over to study the fossils and the proposed park in South Abaco will help protect the fragile island environment.

Island Roots

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Booths were showing straw work from all over The Bahamas; "Dot" and Collette from Abaco, Rose McKenzie from Exuma and Annie Colebrooke from Andros. Ms. Colebrooke, 71, founder of her company *Annie and All Her Children*, was teaching straw basket weaving to students who paid \$10 for the material and the lesson. She emphasized how important it is that the older generations teach their trade to youngsters so that old Bahamian traditions such as straw basket weaving continue to develop.

The celebrations ended on Saturday night with the much anticipated performance by Kirk "KB" Bodie. Veronica Bishop performed in the absence of Terez Hepburn.

Pirates

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women, who were pregnant, were kept in jail where Mary and her baby died.

After having thrown the famous words "If you had fought like a man, you would not be hanged like a dog" to Rackam on the morning of his execution, Anne Bonny seems to have disappeared from recorded history. Nothing is known of her subsequent whereabouts.



Nancy Albury, Abaco's representative of the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, gave interesting talks about the skeletal remains that have been found in blue holes. She has worked at preserving them from the time they were first discovered at Sawmill Sink in South Abaco. They have shown that these islands have changed over the centuries and animals lived here that were never known before and are now extinct.

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

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

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

"Windward Palms" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Windward Beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof plus 1,600 s/f patios & walls on 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel with 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained. Many extras, superior sea views. **\$1,840,000.**

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

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

"Dolphin Watch" -Galleon Bay - # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (including 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). Total 2,800 s/f living space. 18,000 s/f parcel, 74' bulkheaded canal frontage with dock. **\$999,999.**

"Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath, single storey, 1,550 s/f canal home, furnished, landscaped lot, carport, garage, deep water dock, boat lift. **\$899,000.**

Treasure House # 11 - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$549,995.**



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Treasure House # 4 - # 1582 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath fully renovated & tastefully furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Many upgrades. Community pool, well maintained beachfront complex. **\$499,950.**

"Toad Hall" # 1373 - 5 bed/4 bath, 4,000 s/f, 2 level Ocean Blvd. furnished ocean view home includes 1 bed/1 bath apartment on 2 adjoining parcels totaling 22,500 s/f. Private beach access. **\$499,000.**

St. Andrews Estates # 1500 - 387 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished home on 13,000 s/f parcel adjacent to golf course. **\$249,000.**

Condos

Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condos -Phase 4 # 716 Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condos on Treasure Cay Beach. 2,860 s/f under roof, attached garage. 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$1,995,000.**

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

Bahama Beach Club 2046 - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5, 2nd level, 1,750 s/f living space condo, closest to beach, tastefully furnished, contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. **\$999,999.**

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

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

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

Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1 - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **\$855,000.**

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

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

Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2, 3 & 4 - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **EACH \$799,000.**

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

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

Royal Palm Condo # 2420 - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$549,000.**

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

Sand Dollar Condo # 7 - # 1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! Priced to sell. **\$485,000.**



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

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

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

Atlantis Condo # 2115 - # 1602 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f ground level furnished condo overlooking Brigantine Bay canal. Includes boat slip & golf cart garage. **\$459,000.**

Royal Palm # 2311 # 1573 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f furnished ground level condo overlooking harbour & marina. Well maintained, excellent condition. Owner occupied (not a rental unit). Includes boat slip & storage unit. **\$425,000.**

Beach Villa # 605 - # 1625 - 1 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turnkey" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades. Can be modified for 2nd bedroom. Close to beach & shopping. **\$415,000.**

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

Mariner's Cove Condominiums:
1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo. tastefully refurbished. **\$649,000.**
985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 **\$289,000.**
655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$249,000.**

Vacant Land

Thurston Bay Beachfront Development Acreage - 1579 - 108.65 acres located near Treasure Cay community entrance. Features approx. 1,500' sandy beachfront, plus approx. 800' elevated hard rock shoreline. Borders on Great Abaco Hwy. & Treasure Cay Dr. **\$4,365,000.**

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

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

Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd. # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage, on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. Gorgeous beach & sea views. **\$1,295,000.**

Superb Beachfront Parcel # 1366 - Treasure Cay Blvd. Level & cleared beach lot 2,600 s/f, 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sea views. **\$1,275,000.**

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

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

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

Rock Point # 1543 - 12,000 s/f landscaped level lot. 80' Sea of Abaco frontage. All utilities available **\$262,000.**

Ocean Blvd. # 1547/1548 - Two residential level parcels of 10,805 s/f & 10,440 s/f. All utilities available, public beach access. **EACH \$71,000.**

Seagrape Dr. # 1609 - 8,000 s/f residential lot just 1 block from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. **\$549,900.**

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Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

- Brigantine Bay # 1629** - Large 19,068 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 153' of bulk headed water frontage. Utilities available. Great views. **\$753,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1630** - Large 15,694 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 131' of bulk headed water frontage. Utilities available. Superior views. **\$753,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1632** - Large 16,824 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 121' of bulk headed water frontage, PLUS 2 finger docks. Utilities available. Superior views down length of canal. **\$753,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1631** - 13,629 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 119' of bulk headed water frontage. Utilities available. Spectacular view **\$699,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1626** - 14,835 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 94' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$619,000.**
- Brigantine Bay - # 1559** - 16,108 s/f level, cleared canal parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1625** - 11,897 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 87' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$592,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1627** - 14,785 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 99' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$591,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1628** - 13,608 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 100' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$591,000.**
- Galleon Bay - # 1441** - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$550,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1598** - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$499,999.**
- Galleon Bay # 744** - 19,256 s/f cleared canal parcel, 68' bulkheaded deep water frontage. **\$434,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1624** - 12,691 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 87' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$431,000.**
- Galleon Bay # 1356** - 24,730 s/f large canal front parcel with 158' of bulkhead & sandy waterfront. **\$399,950.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1623** - 11,673 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 87' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$388,000.**
- Galleon Bay # 422** - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Galleon Bay # 1580** - Elevated & cleared parcel of 12,500 s/f +/- with 108' of bulk headed deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. Quick/easy access to Sea of Abaco. **\$349,950.**
- Galleon Bay # 1473** - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel, 100'+ of sea-walled protected water frontage. All utilities available. Easy access to sea. **\$349,950.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1498** - 20,210 s/f canal lot. 126' sea-walled deep water frontage. Great Views! **\$299,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1173 & 1174** - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, all utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1494** - 18,800 s/f cleared canal parcel 120' deep water bulk headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1622** - 13,876 s/f level & cleared canal parcel with 74' of bulk headed water frontage on sheltered water. Utilities available. **\$388,000.**

GUANA CAY

- "Ridge Runner" # 1185** - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 sq. ft. furnished home includes main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock situated on 1.74 elevated acres with 330' of shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$2,390,000.**
- Orchid Bay - Beachfront Parcel 25** - #1530 - 1.173 acre Atlantic Ocean lot, 130' sandy beach frontage. Excellent elevations, spectacular ocean views. Orchid Bay amenities include utilities, marina, restaurant, pool, tennis courts, beach pavillion, paved roads. **\$1,695,000.**
- Dolphin Beach Estates # 1412** - Exceptional 20,000 s/f waterfront parcel on Sea of Abaco with 145' of elevated rocky shoreline. Utilities available. **\$549,000.**
- Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel #746** - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$395,000.**
- "Secret Beach" # 1267/1268** - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$229,900.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

- Beach Front Parcel # 714** - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' ocean beach frontage. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$349,000.**
- Ocean View Parcel - Near Beach** - # 1502- Elevated 17,650 s/f lot with 135' of road frontage offering superb ocean views. Just a 1 minute walk to sandy Atlantic Ocean Beach. **\$148,950.**
- Inland Lot - Near Beach** - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$59,500.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

- "Paradise Point" # 659** - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. Elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **REDUCED TO \$499,000.**
- Beachfront Lot # 7 # 1197** - 24,710 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 126' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

- "seaGlas Cottage" # 1237** - Charming 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 level furnished beach home on private 1.20 acres. 1,800 s/f under roof, 900 s/f decks/patios. 100' shoreline. New windows & central A/C. **\$799,000.**
- "Turtle's Rock" # 1062** - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000, Very private area. **\$795,000.**
- Beach Home - 1532** - 2 bed, 2.5 bath elevated 2 level unfurnished home on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$699,995.**
- Beachfront Parcel - # 426** - 41,194 s/f parcel with 91' of pristine sandy beach frontage. Utilities available. **\$295,000.**

NORTH ABACO

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

NORTH ABACO

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

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

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

MARSH HARBOUR

- Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home** - # 1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,995,000.**

- "Eventide - Lowtide" - Sea to Sea, Eastern Shores** - # 1642 - Recently renovated & refurbished 3 bed, 3 bath elegantly furnished 2,400 s/f ridge top home, including separate studio apartment. Amazing sea views from virtually every room. Private deep water dock, 2 boat lifts, sandy beach. **\$1,495,000.**

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

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

LEISURE LEE

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

- Waterfront House (Under Construction) # 1374** - 18,600 s/f sea front parcel, 108' deep water frontage, plus 50' long boat slip. 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,284 s/f home under construction. Great sea views. **\$391,000.**

Residential Parcels

- # 823 - 10,150 +/- s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity. **\$345,000.**
- # 1258 - 9,000 s/f canal lot, 87' water frontage, 160' lay-along docks & shared recessed boat basin. **\$335,000.**
- # 602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall. **\$299,500.**
- # 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' deep water canal frontage. Sea views, walk to beach. **\$239,500.**
- # 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **\$223,000.**
- # 1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **\$199,000.**
- # 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$99,950.**
- # 998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$96,500.**
- # 567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee. 50' elevated ridge. 119' highway frontage. **\$149,700.**
- # 1571 - Inland Lot # 15 in Joe's Creek subdivision, 18,500 s/f, electricity available, near to beach. **\$49,900.**

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55 are inducted into Ranger program

By Samantha V. Evans

Fifty-five Rangers, the youth arm of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, took part in their installation ceremony on the morning of May 8th at the port facility in Marsh Harbour. It was a grand celebration, even bigger than last year's, indicated by the fact it was attended by the Commodore for the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and Defence Force Band.

The Rangers marched and took center stage as parents and observers were amazed with what they were able to do. The youth put on a drill display which wowed the crowd with their coordination and ability to perform in unison.

After the drill display, speeches were made by Abaco Education Superintendent, Lenora Black; Administrator Cephas Cooper; and Commodore Roderick Bowe, Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

Comm. Bowe stated that his unit partnered with the Ministry of Education to instill positive ideals in youth. The program, which was started in 1996, was designed for "at-risk" males, but quickly blossomed into a character-building program for males and females. The program, now extended throughout The Bahamas, is so impressive and popular that they cannot take all of the students who want to join.

The Under Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Peter Deveaux Isaacs, delivered Minister Tommy Turnquest's speech in his absence. He praised them for learning survival and leadership skills that will assist them and said that they are now role models. They must ensure that they remain committed to making the country better. He was proud to see all that was accomplished within this year by

Able Seaman Rosito Thomas, coordinator for Abaco Rangers Program, Leading Mechanic Torie Forbes, and the team from Abaco.

The 55 rangers installed ranged in age from 11 to 16 and represented seven schools including Abaco Central High, Cyber Learning Center, St. Francis de Sales, S.C. Bootle High, Forest Heights Academy, Long Bay School and Agape Christian School.

All of the students received certificates of completion and a few received special awards. Randol North of St. Francis de Sales received the award for academic improvement. The award for academic achievement given to those who achieved a GPA of 3.0-3.49 were Isaiah Seymour, Quitel Charlton, Tyece McIntosh, Brandysah Russell, Pedro Maycock, Ashanti Storr, Brittany Clarke, Kirsten Moss, Jasmine Taylor, Troy Seymour, Nickles Sain-til, Juliette Miller, and Odessa Cooper.

The top awards were given by the Commodore for receiving a 3.5 G.P.A. during the term. The recipients of the Commodore's award were Isaiah Seymour, Quitel Charlton, Tyece McIntosh, Brandysah Russell, Pedro Maycock, and Odessa Cooper. The top boy in this group was Isaiah Seymour of Abaco Central High School. The top girl was Odessa Cooper of Long Bay School.

S.C. Bootle High School was awarded top school for having the most participants in the program. Awards were given to three parents from the Parent in Action Group for assisting with the program. They were Paula Thompson, Cleo Burrows and Katharina Cooper.

Recruitment for the Rangers program for the new school year will begin in Sep-

tember so those who are interested must be prepared to meet the requirements for installation.

Plans for the Ranger Program

By Samantha V. Evans

The Ranger program has expanded greatly since Chief Petty Officer Eddy Bain became the officer in charge of the program in 2007, said Mario Bain, who will become Chief Petty Officer of the program when Mr. Bain retires in June.

Officer Bain made it possible for instructors to become prepared for this program. He was described as a very disciplined, seasoned drill commander dedicated to the success of the program.

Even though Officer Bain is retiring in June, he has plans to make the program better, expanding it to more of the Family Islands. His replacement will be instrumental in ensuring that the plans for expansion take place within the next few years so that students in the junior schools can become Defence Force Rangers and those in grades 10-12 will become Defence Force Cadets.

Officer Bain is confident that he has left a legacy for those who follow and has every faith in Officer Bain taking the program to new heights making him and others proud to be officers of this great department.

Additionally, they are looking for some of these young people to join the Defence Force one day so they will put activities and other programs in place. If they do not join the Defence Force, they will still be equipped with skills to pursue a career in any arena.

According to Senior Lieutenant Sonia Miller, Director of the Rangers Program, they will introduce new subjects for the Rangers including navigation and seamanship and continue with drills and the field events. By taking part in these activities, they can be promoted in their ranks. There are ten ranks they can earn when they meet required criteria.

When plans are finalized for the Rangers to become Defence Force officers, the applicants are required to have at least five BJC's and BGCSE's with English and Math included.

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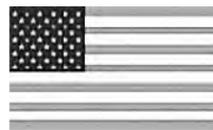
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Ricky Johnson's Nature Adventure

By Timothy Roberts

During the Island Roots Festival in Green Turtle Cay on May 1, local nature guide, Ricky Johnson, held an engaging talk in which he encouraged his audience to look beyond "the bush" to see the intrinsic beauty of Abaco's ecosystem.

Ricky explained to the audience the natural balance that exists in the "land sea connection," and how the reefs play an important part in our entire ecosystem. "We go around with eyes wide shut," he said. "We need to look beyond the obvious and see the life that exists in each zone," from the reef to the shore and intertidal zone, and on to the white land coppice and mangroves and beyond.

He wanted to do these talks because he wants to create a venue whereby people can experience the true flora and fauna of Abaco rather than just coming to see the beaches or stay at a resort. "I want them to be able to experience not just the plant life, but the unique native birds that we have on Abaco," he said. "I am trying to get away from the standard living of Abaco and truly see the real fabric [of the island], from blue holes to even the beautiful lush vegetation we have," he said. "I am not just a tour guide but I interpret nature to reveal what is there and bring it to the forefront."

We have a beautiful ecosystem and more and more people will be coming to see it. So we need to do our best to protect it.

and the largest measuring eleven and a half inches were also recognized.

Mrs. Williams was very pleased with the result of the derby. "Six hundred seventy lionfish were caught today which is almost half as many as on Green Turtle Cay and with only a quarter of the boats," she stated.

The winners of the event were

1st Place - 206 Lionfish: Sea Tiger (Jody Albury, Tim Blakely, Amos Weatherford)

2nd Place - 196 Lionfish: Yellow Bird (Gavin Russell, Keith Stratton, Garrett Russell, Tommy Sweeting)

3rd Place - 95 Lionfish: Dundas Town (Barry, Mark and Owen)

Largest Lionfish - 11.5 inches: Yellow Bird (Gavin Russell, Keith Stratton, Garrett Russell, Tommy Sweeting)

Smallest Lionfish - 2 inches: Explorer (Justin Higgs, Mark Mclean, Chris Gorman, Bill Butler) Even more impressive... this 2 inch fish was speared by one of the crew.

their respective governments.

After a treaty ended the war, the privateers found themselves out of jobs. They had been so successful at what they had been doing that they continued, now becoming pirates rather than privateers.

Ms. Riley talked about the most famous of these fierce characters, who in spite of their unlawful actions and their cruelty, still fascinate people. Famous pirates to frequent Nassau included Henry Jennings, who became the unofficial mayor of the "Pirate's Republic," offering pirates safe haven in exchange of tribute money. Jennings later became a "turn coat" and pirate hunter.

Capt. Benjamin Hornigold was another pirate who turned pirate hunter. Calico Jack Rackam became famous for having Mary Read and Anne Bonny as part of his crew. Ms. Riley wondered how Mary Read could have carried out her soldierly functions, fighting during the wars and staying alive.

Most pirates who frequented Nassau are said to have come to Green Turtle Cay while hiding or doing repairs to their boats.

The golden age of piracy in The Bahamas was short-lived. When Woodes Rogers was appointed first Royal Governor of The Bahamas in 1718, he offered pirates a pardon. Some surrendered and were employed by the Governor to chase their former mates while others tried to escape but were hunted, caught and hanged.

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Lionfish *From Page 9*

boat Sea Tiger and consisted of Jodie Albury, Tim Blakely and Amos Weatherford. The team caught a total of 206 lionfish. Coming in a close second was the team from Yellow Bird with 196 and in third place was the team from Dundas Town with 95. Each of these teams was presented with a monetary award donated by a generous benefactor. The finders of the smallest lionfish measuring two inches

Piracy *From Page 8*

lina; distance and corruption made it difficult to enforce any kind of law. It was also the time when England and France were at war with Spain. Spanish galleons loaded with gold and riches on the way home from the Americas were a tempting prey for these two countries who appointed "privateers" charged with the task of seizing the vessels and distributing the loot to



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Talk Centers on National Park Conservation

By Timothy Roberts

David Knowles, Chief Park Warden for the Bahamas National Trust on Abaco, presented an informative and educational talk about Abaco's national parks and the need for protecting and preserving our natural heritage. It was one of the features at Green Turtle Cay's Island Roots Festival on May 1.

Mr. Knowles gave an overview of the national parks on Abaco and spoke of expanding existing parks, especially the

Abaco National Park, which is made up of 20,500 acres of mostly pine forest located on the southern end of Abaco. This is where the Abaco parrot breeds and feeds.

When Dr. Rosemarie Gnam, Ornithologist, studied the Abaco parrot in the early 1990s, it was believed that the coppice areas that surrounded the pine forests were not vital to the parrot's habitat. However, studies conducted just 10 years later by Caroline Stahala have shown the coppice to be extremely important to the parrot

as they spend more than two-thirds of the year foraging in the coppice.

Mr. Knowles also spoke about the BNT working toward encouraging recreation and tourism in the various parks across Abaco.

The Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park offer 2000 acres of awesome snorkeling where there is a beautiful display of elkhorn coral. Walker's Cay National Park, with its huge cathedrals of reefs is a natural mecca for divers. The Abaco National Park with its wondrous variety of birds would be pleasing to the most avid of bird watchers.

The National Trust is trying to find out what is preying on the rare White Tailed Tropicbird which nests on the beach at Tilloo Cay National Reserve, an area of land that was given to the Trust by Dave Gale.

The Trust is working on hunter education and revising legislation in an effort to protect the White Crowned Pigeon, which is a protected bird in Florida but has a season in which it is hunted here. It is now

known that many of the pigeons that frequent the Northern Bahamas migrate here from the Southern U.S. including Florida.

The Trust is wanting to get communities involved in the management of the parks, he said. "We want them to see the inherent value and social value and the value to tourism in these parks."

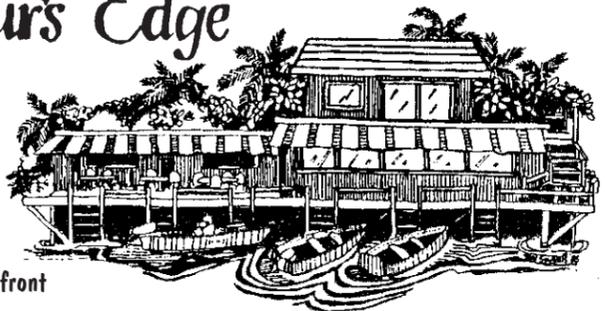
With this aim in mind, they are encouraging environmental education to impact children. This initiative includes a children's Discovery Club. A number of children are now involved in this club and are earning badges for different levels of knowledge in plant and animal life.

The Trust needs to find more means of revenue generation to meet the present budget and to fund the management of the parks into the future. The present budget is \$2.9 million and includes staff and programs. Their master plan for managing the protected areas of The Bahamas shows a financial gap for the next ten years of \$93 million.



The Island Roots Festival offered many attractions for everyone. Children could play tug of war against each other and the pirates' tent offered hoop-la. For adults, food, drink and music were in continuous supply.

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20th Homer Lowe Regatta raced Sunfish and Optimists

Competitors came from Nassau and three Abaco communities



These Sunfish raced for two days, May 8 and 9, in the harbour of Marsh Harbour. This was the 20th year for the competition that drew many competitors from Nassau, Hope Town, Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour. There are now several clubs on Abaco to encourage sailing among the young people who sail Optimists. They then graduate into sailing Sunfish. The regatta is organized by the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club.

By Mirella Santillo

Abaco held its own in this year's 20th Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta held in Marsh Harbour the weekend of May 8 and 9. Three Abaconians placed among the first six in the Sunfish category and as many in the Optimist division.

Two youngsters, Tristan Albury from Hope Town and Jeremy Playdell-Bouvier from Man-O-War took the first and second place in the Optimist Regatta and Alton James placed sixth.

Andrew Wilhoite from Hope Town placed third in the Sunfish Regatta. Dwayne Wallas took fifth place and James Kaighin the sixth. The first place winner was a 16-year-old Nassuvian, Christopher Sands; he was followed in second place by veteran sailor Jimmy Lowe.

Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta's headquarters has been Snappas Restaurant Bar & Grill for several years and it was again this year.

By 10 o'clock the sea was dotted with over 30 sailboats, 16 Optimists and 17 Sunfish. On that Saturday morning gusts

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Green Turtle Cay will have new subdivision



A Town Meeting on Green Turtle Cay informed the residents about the subdivision that the government is going to open on White Sound. It will have a total of 172 lots that will be mostly single family residential lots. The roads will be paved and all utilities will be available. Plans include a dock on White Sound, a sports field and a location for a fire station. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham introduced the new subdivision and was accompanied by Bruce Lefleur, the architect who planned the subdivision.

By Annabelle Cross

A few weeks ago a town meeting was held to discuss a proposed subdivision for Green Turtle Cay and the concerns and suggestions of the residents were forwarded to the Department of Lands & Surveys. On May 7th a meeting was held to follow-up on the proposed subdivision. In attendance were Audley Greaves of the Department of Lands and Surveys, Bruce Lefleur, chief architect of the proposed development, and the Prime Minister of The Bahamas and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham.

Mr. Lefleur told the audience that the proposed subdivision will be built on 78 acres and will consist of 159 single family lots and 13 multi-family lots with 10.5 acres of green space, a docking area, fire station and community center. After Mr. Lefleur's presentation, the Prime Minister addressed the audience and answered questions concerning the subdivision. The Prime Minister stated that the subdivision is planned to provide a housing area and not to be a detriment to the existing community. For this reason there are no pro-

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Plan to enter

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Town Meeting discussed proposed BEC rate hike



The Hon. Phenton Neymour, Minister of State for the Utilities headed the group from Bahamas Electricity Corporation who held a Town Meeting in Marsh Harbour on May 10 to discuss a proposed rate hike. They talked about the problems BEC is facing, explained the need for a rate increase and encouraged consumers to conserve. Shown are Michael Moss, Executive Chairman of BEC; Mr Neymour; The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment; Peter Rutherford, Assistant General Manager Customer Service; and Kevin Basden, General Manager of BEC.

By Jennifer Hudson

Bahamas Electricity Corporation held an important Town Meeting at New Visions Ministry on May 10 to present a

new tariff proposal to the people of Abaco. This was one of a series of meetings

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BEC rates are the same throughout the country

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which are being held throughout Nassau and the Family Islands to apprise the public of new tariff proposals and consult with the people before "they go all the way." A large crowd was expected, but this meeting was sparsely attended.

Making presentations were the Hon. Phenton Neymour, Minister of State responsible for BEC; Michael Moss, Executive Chairman of BEC; and BEC's General Manager, Kevin Basden. Moderating the meeting was Silbert Mills.

Mr. Basden put forward the case for BEC's need for the new tariff proposal stating that the 2004 tariff reduction made by the previous government compromised BEC's capacity to be considered a viable ongoing enterprise. "In 2004 the corporation's finances looked good but by 2006 it was in debt. For 2010 there is a projected loss of \$28 million. Other contributing factors are that there has been no tariff increase since 1993 and BEC has to pay for street lights which central government is being asked to pay for.

Figures were given to illustrate the rates by which electricity bills will increase with the proposed tariff. These increases will vary from three percent to five percent for residential, from four percent to 22 percent for large commercial and be uniform at five percent for small commercial.

Mr. Basden gave a list of ways in which customers can utilize electricity wisely in the use and maintenance of major appliances which will save money, be good for the environment and good for BEC. He listed changes that are within BEC's control and which they are seriously pursuing. Finally, he stated that changes outside of both the

Conservation Tips

- Use compact fluorescent bulbs
- Clean air conditioner filters regularly
- Set water heater thermostat to 120° maximum
- Dry towels and heavy cottons separately from other clothes
- Cleaning refrigerator condenser coils every three to six months

customers' and BEC's control are world fuel prices, fuel availability, archipelagic service area and cost of "green energy."

Mr. Neymour said that he is sure the proposals will evoke some emotion and that it is important to involve the public in the process. "Your views are high priority to us, and it is important that you contribute." Mr. Neymour explained how rising energy costs have the Bahamas Electricity Corporation suffering financial duress, and he presented some startling figures showing the stark realities of BEC. "We must return BEC to a position where it is financially independent of central government and in a position to develop and meet the demands of The Bahamas in the near future."

Mr. Neymour listed seven financially crippling blows BEC has received within the last six years in addition to the 10 percent customs duty imposed on its fuel imports since 1994. BEC contends that it has been 17 years since the corporation last received a moderate tariff increase of 5.25 percent. "This fuel surcharge was eliminated in 2002 and we are hoping to reinstate the rates as they were in 1993 to restore BEC to the level it was at several years ago. We must ensure that BEC achieves a statutory mandate without subsidi-

dizing by the government through taxation of the Bahamian people. We recognize that there are a number of shortfalls in BEC, but several have already been corrected. Fichtner, a German consulting company, has been brought in to conduct an operational review.

"The tariff alone will not restore BEC fully," continued Mr. Neymour. "Energy efficiency is critical, and we have carried out energy audits of government buildings, hotels and private residences. Energy conservation is key to reducing the use of fossil fuels and production of greenhouse gases. Conservation is not just changing light bulbs or turning off lights, it involves the design of homes. The older generation was very wise in how they built the old Bahamian houses utilizing many efficient design features. They elevated their homes and included high pitched roofs, porches and window louvers." He closed by reem-

phasizing, "Conservation is the key."

Mr. Moss outlined BEC's proposal. He explained the challenges posed by the fact that The Bahamas is an archipelagic nation. "This makes BEC and utilities companies in general somewhat unique. Most electric utilities supply power to customers on a single contiguous land mass; however, the Bahamas Electricity Corporation has to supply from 29 different locations. This means that for each location in the archipelago resources have to be duplicated. Thus there are inherently higher costs. However, BEC customers enjoy a unified rate across the archipelago. He mentioned several components for a good tariff.

Following the presentations, time was allowed for questions from the audience. Mr. Frederik Gottlieb, past Chairman of

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Frederik Gottlieb, past chairman of the BEC Board, is shown here expressing his strong support of the increased rate that BEC is requesting. He feels that the corporation should be self-supporting.

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News of the Cays

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posed commercial areas. The property will be made available to Bahamians only and the cost of the lots will be determined by the cost of the infrastructure and a below

market land value. Buyers will receive legal title to the land and the right to resell. All homes will be built by the owners upon approval by the local council. The Prime Minister agreed with residents that priority should be given to first time property

owners who are Green Turtle Cay residents and multiple lots will not be sold to an individual.

It is expected that the infrastructural work will be offered for tender this summer. In response to concerns about the existing dump site in the area, the Prime Minister stated that the dump will be closed and that area made into a green space. Trash will be taken by barge to a landfill area on Abaco.

When asked about applications that had been submitted in past years, the Prime Minister responded that those applications would be reviewed. When asked how many applications had already been received, Prime Minister Ingraham joked, "More than lots!" Residents of our community are grateful to Prime Minister Ingraham for taking a personal interest and the time to address our concerns about the proposed subdivision.

More Green Turtle Cay news

By Annabelle Cross

There have been very few dull moments for residents of Green Turtle Cay in recent weeks as we celebrated weddings and births, attended community meetings and graduations and visited with relatives and friends at the 7th annual Island Roots Heritage Festival.

The upcoming weeks will pass in a blur for students who are preparing for exams, graduations and the last days of the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Council holds Town Meeting

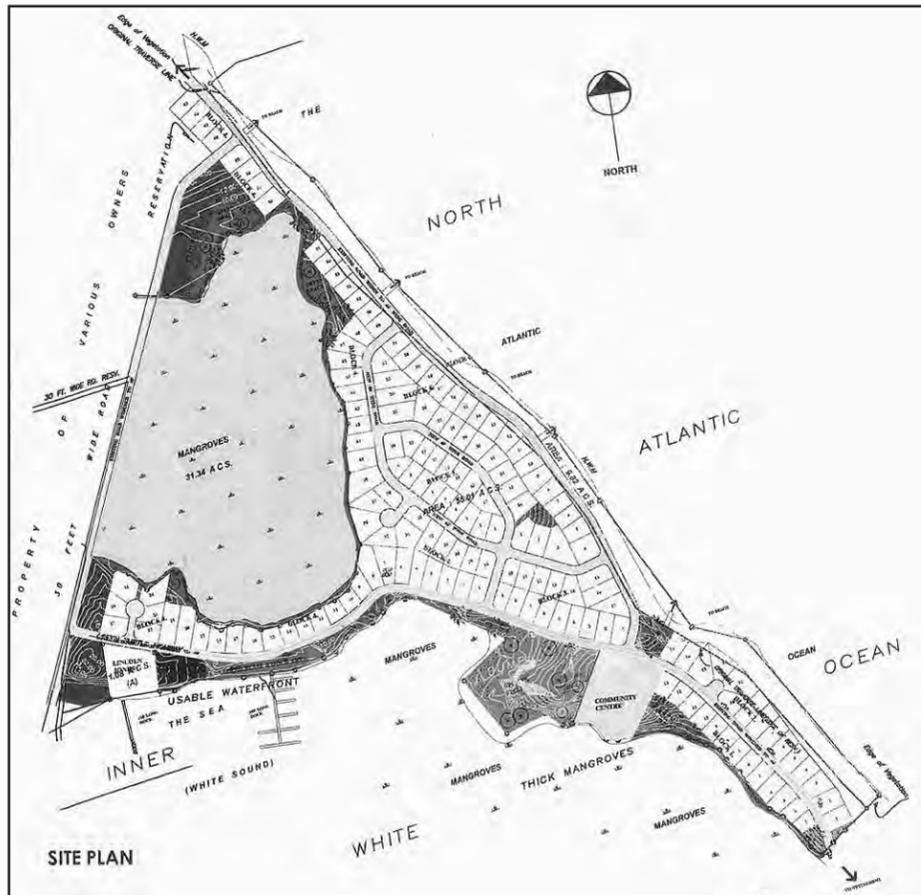
The District Council held a community meeting to discuss the concerns of residents. Chief Councillor Greg Curry introduced the newest member of the council, Kirk Reckley and he thanked Roddie Sawyer and Freddie Sawyer for their service to the council.

Mr. Curry gave an update on projects that the Council has undertaken in recent months, which included building new docks in Black Sound and Coco Bay and repairs to the freight dock, clinic and administrative buildings. The Council allocated funds for Junkanoo, Island Roots Heritage Festival and Social Services. An attendant has been hired by central government to manage the dump site. Mr. Curry also told those in attendance that he wanted to dispel any rumors that funds were missing from the District Council account. He assured the audience that all funds could be accounted for.

After introducing Police Officers Williams, Clarke and Mills, Mr. Curry opened the floor for comments and questions. There is concern about the erosion of Gillam Bay that has led to an access road being washed away, leaving homeowners with no way to get to their property except on foot. The Council is waiting for advice from environmental experts on how to correct the situation.

A number of local residents expressed concern and irritation over what they con-

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This is the subdivision plan that was presented to the residents of Green Turtle Cay. The tenders for the infrastructural work will go out this summer. The Ministry of Housing already has more applications on file than they have lots. Priority will be given to first time property owners who are Green Turtle Cay residents.

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consider the unfair practices of the Council. A few residents feel that some Council members make decisions based on their personal feelings and that the difficulty in dealing with the Council discourages investors. Administrator Maxine Duncombe told the audience that Council members were elected to serve fairly, regardless of any personal differences, and decisions had to be made within the confines of the law. After much dialogue between Council members and the audience, the meeting was closed with a prayer.

In other Council news, Mrs. Martha Cash was sworn in as a Council member to complete the required five member District Council.

7th annual Island Roots Festival is a success

After a year of planning and fund raising, the 7th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival was held April 30 - May 2 at Settlement Point. The theme Discover the Treasure of our Heritage was a reference to the history of piracy in The Bahamas, and the Jolly Roger flag flew high all around the festival site.

The festival was officially opened early Friday afternoon by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham. Also in attendance was the Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture, the Hon. Charles Maynard, who spoke highly of the festival. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marching Band performed on Friday afternoon and their Pop Band entertained on Friday evening. Festival guests were entertained by "pirates" demonstrating their fighting skills, the students of Amy Roberts' Primary and Tiny Turtles Preschool, Maypole dancers and a Junk-anoo parade. Conch cracking and conch

horn blowing contests had pros and amateurs competing for prizes.

The Lassidoh Boys, Gully Roosters, KB and Veronica Bishop brought lively evening entertainment. Vendors offered traditional Bahamian food and Bahamian art and crafts. In an effort to offer authentic Bahamian products, this year's festival showcased handmade items from New Providence, Andros, Exuma, Grand Bahama, Long Island and Abaco.

A unique feature of the Island Roots Heritage Festival is the genealogy research and information. This year's group of genealogists included Peter Roberts of the Bahamas DNA project. The project aims to match individuals or families who share ancestry and trace origins back to Africa, Europe or North America.

The festival was a huge success and was

officially closed at an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday morning. The committee was pleased to announce that they are already planning the 8th annual festival to be held May 6th - 8th, 2011.

Census takers have been named

During May 2010 the government of The Bahamas will conduct a population census. Enumerators have been trained to conduct the census and Ms. Nattel Russell and Mrs. Trina Cooper were sworn in as enumerators for Green Turtle Cay. It is required by law that persons receive the enumerators and give honest and correct information. The information is confidential and will be used only by the census

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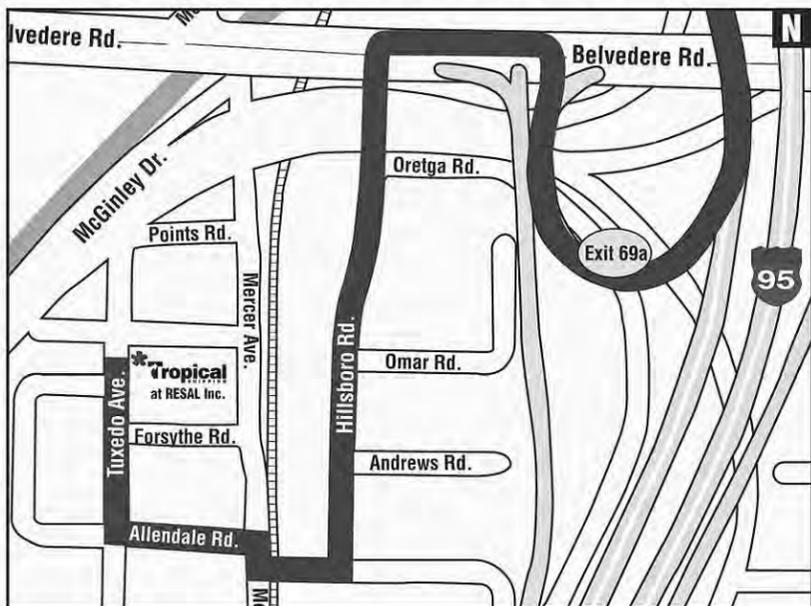
Many residents of Green Turtle Cay attended the Town Meeting to hear about the new subdivisions that government is going to put in.



The hard-working Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee organized its seventh event and the members were pleased that once again the Prime Minister attended to officially declare it open. Shown in front are Administrator Whelma Colebrook; Mr. Ingraham; Committee Chairman Karen McIntosh; Charles Maynard, Minister of Youth Sports and Culture; Jeritzen Outten, Director of Tourism for the Northern Bahamas; and Administrator Maxine Duncombe. Behind are committee members Annabelle Cross, Lesley Dames, Fanny McIntosh, Trina Cooper, Patricia McIntosh, Ruth Jones and Julie Farrington.

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department for statistics.

People in the News

During the month of April wedding bells rang for three couples. Michelle Lowe and Winston Pinder exchanged vows on April 17th at New Plymouth Gospel Chapel.

Friends and relatives of the couple completed the beautiful wedding party. During the ceremony, the bride sang a song to her groom! An evening reception was held at the Green Turtle Club and guests enjoyed a Bahamian buffet. Friends and family from Abaco and Spanish Wells celebrated with the young couple. Michelle is the daughter of Eugene and Debbie Lowe and Winston

is the son of Mrs. Sheena Pinder of Spanish Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Pinder will reside on Green Turtle Cay.

Kyle and Tenoviar McIntosh were also married on April 17th. Family and friends traveled to Nassau to celebrate with Kyle and Tenoviar. Kyle is the son of Earklin and Vernika McIntosh.

Rachel Hodgkins and William Lowe

were married on April 24th in a private ceremony at Treasure Cay. Their immediate families shared this special day with them. Rachel is the daughter of Curtis and Eileen Hodgkins and William is the son of Lonnie and Rose Lowe. Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe will reside on Green

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Duplex in Central Pines New Listing #903 One 3 bedroom 2 bathroom and a 2 bedroom 1 bath apt located in Central Pines. Reduced to \$241,875 gross



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



small pump & storage houses with electric power. This lot ready for a beautiful home to be built. \$139,200



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



Dundas Town House



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

Duplex #0713 & 0715 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath house in Dundas Town \$260,000

Reduced oceanfront lot on Tilloo Cay with beach access and shared do ck. Lot size sq ft 0.73 acres 103ft on water and 315 ft. Best price on Tilloo Cay, will not last long. Must sell, owner leaving island. Further reduced from \$278,400 to \$175,000 gross

For sale 15 acres of land at Baker's Heights near Leisure Lee off the Treasure Cay Highway. Priced at \$450,000, This property will go fast. Call today.

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

Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$49,500 each

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

Best prices on vacant lots in Marsh Harbour. 4 lots 10,286.1 sq. ft. \$59,659 each 2 lots 12,086.1 sq. ft. \$70,099 each

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

Off Forest Drive lot with Foundation for a 2br/2bth house. Price \$28,500 gross

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

Bahama Coral 10,330 sq ft with foundation that is 80% finished. \$34,000



Hillside lot with waterviews 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

One corner lot in Bahama Coral Island Price \$26,220

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

Eleuthera northeast near Savannah Sound 20 acres of waterfront and beachfront land with high elevation \$1,650,000 gross

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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Turtle Cay. Congratulations to all the newly weds!

Green Turtle Cay welcomed its newest residents in April. Congratulations to Danielle Sawyer and Mario Cash on the birth of their son Makayden on April 15th and to Cassie Sands and Chad Cooper, who welcomed a daughter, Jersey Sophia, on April 20th.

Man-O-War Cay

The students and staff of Man-O-War Primary School are proud of their second grader, Amanda Bethel, who took first-place at the Second Grade Spelling Bee on April 23rd. They also congratulate the other speller, Brittany Weatherford, who was in the battle for third place. One more trophy for our case. Congratulations, Amanda!



Amanda Bethel with her trophy
[The Abaconian regrets that we made a mistake in her name in the last issue.]

Young people join the Rangers

Sixteen young men and women of GTC have spent almost every Saturday of the past school year training with the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Ranger program. Their training also included community service. On April 8th proud parents and family members watched as the group received certificates and medals at a graduation exercise. Congratulations to our Defense Force Rangers: Tycec McIntosh, Aaliyah Outten, Kardera Curry, Symone Cooper, Tannisha Charlton, Quitel Charlton, Abigail Jones, Alexis McIntosh, Alicia Bodie, Cordell Johnson, Javon Reckley, Tyler Sawyer, Randol North, Rickie North, Jr., Deion Jones and Verdell McIntosh.

Community loses a beloved member

The past few weeks have been filled with excitement and special events for many, but there has also been sadness. Mrs. Zeddith Lowe passed away on May 3rd, just six days after celebrating her 90th birthday. Mrs. Lowe lived a long and full life and up until the day before she passed away she was still interacting with the family she loved so dearly. A Home Going Service



Zeddith Lowe

was held on May 9th at The New Plymouth Gospel Chapel. Family and friends paid tribute to this gentle woman who had suffered the loss of two children and failing health, yet never lost her faith in God.

Mrs. Zeddith is survived by her husband, Floyd Lowe, her children and spouses, Fearnley, Judith and Junior Roberts, Nigel and Anne Lowe, Larry and Una Lowe and Eugene and Debbie Lowe, seven grandsons, eight granddaughters, four granddaughters-in-law, five grandsons-in-law, 19 great-grandchildren, two sisters and other relatives and friends.

Hope Town Abaco Anglers holds 40th fishing tournament

By Karen Huff

This year marked our 40th year celebration for the annual Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament. The anglers fished the pristine Abaco waters on April 15th - 24th with some gorgeous days out on the water. Unfortunately, the fish were not plentiful,

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Ross Thompson III presided over the awards ceremony of the Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament that was held at Sea Spray Marina on April 24. Receiving a prize is Peggy Thompson while Mercedes Lowe looks on.

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but fun was had by all participating with several beautiful fish landed. The anglers also enjoyed socializing at the awards banquet held at Sea Spray Resort & Marina on April 24th and were grateful to receive handmade awards from our local Little Harbour artist, Pete Johnston.

The anglers were thrilled to view a special presentation of a slide show of the past 40 years of action pictures and awards banquets. The committee dedicated a special "floating" trophy, which was presented to the founder of the tournament, Roscoe Thompson, Jr., or "Ross." This trophy will subsequently be presented to future male anglers each year who land the biggest fish in the tournaments.

It was encouraging to welcome nine new anglers to the tournament this year. We continue to hope for more than four junior anglers to participate next year. All billfish are released in this tournament.

The following anglers received awards:

Junior/Junior class (Boys 12 and under)

- 1st Place Rocky Thompson: 2.5 lb jack
- 2nd Place Skyler Key: 13 lb. barracuda
- 3rd Place Chase Bomeisler 1 lb. Snapper

Junior Class (Boys 13 to 16 yrs.)

- 1st Place Dylan Thompson: 38 lb. Amber Jack

Unfortunately, there were no junior girl anglers this year.

Women's Division

- 20 # test 27 lb. Tuna Tibby Bartran
- 30 # test 20 lb. Dolphin Dory Magee
- 50 # test 32 lb. Dolphin Kate Burke

- 80 # test 20 lb. Dolphin Judy Magee
- 130 # test 38 lb. Dolphin Peggy Magee
- Fly Rod 15.5 lb. Dolphin Kate Burke
- Sailfish Meagan Marquis
- White Kathy Irving
- Largest fish weighed in by a female angler Peggy Magee

Men's Division:

- 8 # test 5 lb. Amberjack Bob Sheffield
- 16 # test 14 lb. Dolphin Pierre Irving
- 20 # test 19 lb. Tuna Ernie Greenwood
- 30 # test 35 lb. Dolphin Craig Knowles
- 50 # test 18 lb. Barracuda Ian Barton
- 130 # test 15 lb. Dolphin Paul Magee
- Bonefish 2 lb on 8# test Richard Neville
- Handline 17 lb. Dolphin Syd Roberts
- Fly rod 30 # Dolphin Syd Roberst

Cap'n Bob Sheffield, captain on the boat *Nokomis* owned by Syd Roberts, was awarded the overall Boat Trophy.

The organizers encourage anyone who is interested in participating next year, please mark the dates on your calendar, April 14-23rd, 2011. All are welcome. Hopefully, there will be more junior anglers participating next year.

Couple donates to Haiti Relief

The owners of Sea Spray on Elbow Cay have made a donations to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti that happened in January 2010. They sent it through Delaware Valley School, a Quaker school in Delaware. The total donation made by the school was \$18,000 of which the couple donated \$10,000.

Great Guana Cay New real estate office opens

Damianos Sotheby's International Realty has opened of a new office to service Guana Cay and Man-O-War Cay. It is located on Guana Cay on Front Street near Orchid Bay. Christopher Albury will oversee the office.



Christopher Albury

On the north end of the island, Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Guana Cay features a golf course directly overlooking the beach and is a spectacular destination with residential properties available on the beach and along the marina. At the south end of the island, there's a feeling of tranquility and privacy offered within the Orchid Bay community. A long-time favourite of discriminating yachtsmen, nearby Man-O-War Cay has expansive beaches and protected harbours and offers serenity and peace of mind.

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Abaco sailors do well in competition with Nassau

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of wind would fill the sails, but were soon followed by periods of stillness. These wind conditions persisted all morning and it was not until afternoon that a decent breeze developed. The course was lengthened slightly for the afternoon races.

There was more of a breeze on Sunday morning as the participants gathered again. Again the wind was temperamental. The racing was over midday. Lunch was fol-

lowed by the award ceremony. Some of the trophies were made of local woods by James Kaighin, who also made the first place trophy for the Optimists. The first place trophy for the Sunfish was crafted in Man-O-War by Joe Albury.

Mark Lowe and James Kaighin presented most of the awards. An unusual award, a spool of fishing line and some hooks, went to Dustin Smith, an Optimist from Nassau, who had everyone wondering as he tacked his little sailing boat back and forth among the Optimists, but never crossed the finish line. It was soon discovered that he was not racing but fishing. Sure enough he entered the restaurant on that Sunday with a fish he had just caught.

Sylvia Cottis handed out to Tristan Albury, the trophy created in honor of her late husband, Hugh Cottis, founder of the Junior Optimist Club in Marsh Harbour. Sadie Lowe, widow of the late Homer Lowe in whose honor the regatta has been held for the past 20 years, presented young Christopher Sands with his trophy.

The participants from Nassau were soon on their way to Sandy Point to get the ferry, taking the boats they had brought over.



The harbour of Marsh Harbour was alive with action for the 30th Homer Lowe Regatta. Competition was keen but Abaco sailors did very well



The Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta took place in the harbour of Marsh Harbour. Two classes of boats competed, Sunfish shown here and Optimists. About half the fleet came from Nassau on the ferry into Sandy Point on Friday, May 7 and returned on Sunday, May 9, after the races and awards ceremony.

Homer Lowe Sunfish Results

Entries: 17

Rank	Age	Sailor	Points
1st	Jr	Christopher Sands	8
2nd		Jimmie Lowe	12
3rd		Andrew Wilhoyte	23
4th		Fernando de Cardenas	24
5th		Dwayne Wallas	25
6th		Jim Kaighin	27
7th		Donico Brown	27
8th		Jeff Gale	28
9th		Lori Lowe	43
10th		Lee McCoy	45
11th		Matthew McCoy	52
12th	Jr	Michael Holowesko	53
13th	Jr	Daniel de Cardenas	56
14th	Jr	Brent J. Burrows II	57
15th	Jr	Mishael Taffin	67
16th		Francisco de Cardenas	76
17th	Jr	Dustin Smith	81

Homer Lowe Optimist Results

Entries: 16

Rank	Sailor	Points
1st	Tristan Albury	7
2nd	Jeremy Playdell Bouvier	13
3rd	Daniel Gibson	16
4th	Pedro Rahming	25
5th	Thomas Treco	26
6th	Alton James	26
7th	Brandon Weatherford	30
8th	Kyle Reeves	35
9th	Alande Forbes	38
10th	Giavanna Manni	45
11th	Catalina Albury	46
12th	Shaquann Higgs	49
13th	Samantha Williams	66
14th	Mike Garcia	67
15th	Isabella Albury	74
16th	Anton Bowe	80

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Proposed Blue Hole Conservation

Nancy Albury, a well known local spokesperson and conservationist, came to Cherokee to inform our residents, fishermen and hunters about a proposed South Abaco Blue Holes Conservation Area at a meeting held in the W.W. Sands Community Center on April 27. She was representing the Bahamas Caves Research Foundation, Friends of the Environment and the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation that are partnering with the Bahamas National Trust in this proposal. Mrs. Albury has recently acquired her Master's degree in Geo-Sciences and Paleontology which affords her the understanding and knowledge needed to properly research and record this valuable information, not only for her colleagues and fellow scientists but also for future generations of Bahamians.

The area in question has so far revealed more than eight miles of amazing underwater passages filled with crystal formations and archeological history on Abaco that have been found unique in the scientific community worldwide. Some of the artifacts and relevant data from these caves have been identified as being thousands of years old. But if disturbed by unskilled divers may result in the loss of this valuable information forever. Thus the need for some control and protection by Government for these areas.

Brian Kakuk, cave diver with Bahamas Caves Research Foundation, presented

some of the photos taken in the caves. He pointed out that so far their research indicates many more miles of caves that need to be investigated and recorded. The reason for setting these caves aside by the National Trust is to make sure this work can continue. He pointed out that amateur divers not only take the chance of contracting the bends or even becoming intoxicated with the various gases present in the caves, they take the chance of getting lost in the many side caves by not taking proper precautions.

Unskilled divers could do irreparable damage to the as yet undiscovered scientific data that is still being gathered. Not to mention that the crystal stalagmites and stalactites formed thousands of years ago when the caves were not filled with water, but were, in fact, dry land are very fragile. Although they are very beautiful in their natural surroundings, they have no monetary value, yet can reveal much information about our past (similar to the inner rings of a cross-section of a large tree when it is cut down).

Kristen Williams from Friends of the Environment was at the meeting to show that organization's support for this project along with Nancy Albury and Brian Kakuk, who made the presentations. Although the audience was small, those who did attend were mesmerized by the sheer beauty of this highly secretive and previously unknown underwater world which is only available to the laymen through photographs taken by professionals. But as the saying goes, "A photograph is worth a thousand words."



These are some of the students of Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point who spent hours cleaning the roadside of Capt. Ernest Dean Highway with the encouragement of Schooner Bay. The developer hopes that involving the youth will result in their becoming more interested in their environment and will learn to protect it.

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School News

Awards Ceremony at Ministry of Tourism

By Jennifer Hudson

Students from several Abaco schools received recognition for their good work at an awards ceremony at the Ministry of Tourism on April 23, attended by school principals, teachers and family members. Each of the prizewinners was introduced by Mrs. Lenora Black, Education Superintendent for Abaco.

First to be honored was Ginelle Longley, a grade 6 student of Central Abaco Primary School, the winner of a recent national Religious Studies competition for Upper Primary School students. Ginelle

had entered the National Public Schools Religious Studies Speech competition for the previous two years placing 2nd and 3rd but this year her perseverance paid off when she won top prize. All the preparation certainly paid off as the audience was enthralled by her very mature thinking and expressive delivery of the speech.

Felicia Romer, a Grade 11 student of S.C. Bootle High School, was introduced as the new Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco. Felicia won against four other students on Abaco, then traveled to Nassau to compete for the national title on March 26. There she competed against nine other students and was successful in placing second for the Junior Minister of Tourism

title for the entire Bahamas. The competition involved writing an essay, turning it into a speech and delivering it. "I was very proud to do it and it got me involved in my country. Now, one of my responsibilities is to be a role model for the youth of Abaco," said Felicia, who plans to enter the tourism industry one day.

On display in the Ministry of Tourism Meeting Room were the posters created by this year's Foreign Language Cadets. Recently, the posters were entered in the national poster competition in Nassau and two of the Abaco cadets did extremely well in taking first and third place honours.

Coordinator for the Foreign Language Cadet's programme, Ms. Millie Dawkins, explained that in November each year an examination is held to select the top Grade 11 Spanish language students to participate in the programme, which then runs from February to July. Four students are selected on Abaco and this year's cadets are Sherlycia McKenzie of St. Francis de Sales School, Kyvonne Lopez of S.C. Bootle High School, Lyndeisha Curry of Forest Heights Academy and Tirshatha Etienne of Long Bay School.

The programme consists of three phases of which the first, Language in Action, has just been completed. During this phase the students were immersed in the Spanish language with vocabulary excursions, treasure hunt, cooking workshop, dance classes and a visit to the Wyannie Malone Museum in Hope Town, all conducted entirely in Spanish.

Phase 1 ended with a national poster competition held in Nassau on March 6 in which Sherlycia McKenzie of St. Francis de Sales School placed first and Kyvonne

Lopez of S.C. Bootle High School placed third.

Sherlycia was given the country of Spain to depict in her poster and was pleased with that as she loves Spain. "We were given 12 questions which had to be answered to show the culture, customs and geography of that country. It was a bit of challenge. and we had to come up with creative ideas but with the help of my art teacher I was able to complete the assignment," she told the audience. Kyvonne's poster depicted Cuba. All of the posters were very artistic and informative, and the students had all done an excellent job.

Ms. Dawkins told the audience that the Foreign Language Cadet programme began on Abaco in 2007 and was launched because the Ministry of Tourism wants students to become bilingual. Phase 2 is the work experience segment when the four cadets will each spend one month at places of employment where they will meet visitors, learn more about the job of tourism and hopefully be able to utilize their Spanish language skills. During Phase three they will spend an entire month experiencing full immersion in a Spanish-speaking country; three will stay in Costa Rica while the fourth will be in Mexico. They will stay with families and will spend four hours a day in school from Monday to Friday. The Ministry of Tourism takes care of all expenses. Ms. Dawkins closed by encouraging parents and teachers to start preparing their children for the examination in November. Competition is keen for a place in this excellent programme.



The four Spanish Cadets entered a national poster competition and won first place and third place. Shown are Millie Dawkins, Tourism's director on Abaco of the Spanish Cadet program; first place winner Sherlycia McKenzie of St. Francis de Sales School; Lyndeisha Curry of Forest Heights Academy; Tirshatha Etienne of Long Bay School; third place winner Kyvonne Lopez of S.C. Bootle High School; and Jessica Brown, Spanish teacher at St. Francis de Sales.

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South Abaco students clean roadside

By James Malcolm of Schooner Bay

Students from Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point took part in a massive clean-up, collecting more than 320 garbage bags of roadside litter on 15 miles of South Abaco Highway.

On May 1st two groups of 6th grade school children, one group from Crossing Rocks and one group from Sandy Point, took part in the volunteer clean-up. With recent brush fires, the roadside trash has been more visible than usual, and it was time to take action.

Nineteen youngsters from Crossing Rocks and 25 from Sandy Point spent the better part of five hours collecting trash in bags along the roadside. The trash,

such as bottles, cans, car parts, tires and paper refuse was thrown there by passing motorists who have little or no regard for "their" pristine environment in South Abaco. The children, who engaged in a bit of competitive fun, will be compensated by the Schooner Bay developer for their efforts and offered future opportunities to help clean up their part of Abaco.

But more importantly, these types of projects are designed to instill in each child a sense of pride and ownership in the environment surrounding their respective communities - in hopes that the younger generations will play a role in encouraging those that do litter to think twice and hopefully end such mindless actions.

KFC awards essay winners

By Canishka Alexander

On April 26 primary and high school students at St. Francis de Sales School participated in an essay competition sponsored by Marcus Bethel of Kentucky Fried Chicken. To ensure that the students were on a level playing field, they wrote the essays at school. Shanals Jonhson, senior mistress, was the invigilator for the competition. The prizes offered in this competition were new Compaq laptops.

The topic for the high school students

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Moore's Island students learn about conservation



On April 20th Moore's Island All Age School welcomed FRIENDS and the Size Matters Pride Campaign. Special guests from RARE's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, accompanied the FRIENDS' staff. But the most popular guest that day was Spike the Spiny Lobster. The students learned about the legal size limits of crawfish and the importance of conserving this important species. With Moore's Island being primarily a fishing village, the students fully understood the implications of overfishing the juvenile crawfish. Spike and FRIENDS will be making appearances at schools throughout Abaco to promote marine conservation throughout our islands.



Four students of St. Francis de Sales School were thrilled when they won an essay competition sponsored by Marcus Bethel of Kentucky Fried Chicken. Their prize was Compaq laptop computers. The students were required to do all the research and composition without assistance from adults. The winners are Joy Archer, grade 12; Lachelle Lightbourn, grade 5; Shawntalay McDonald, grade 6; Shanae Knowles, grade 11.



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was *Education is the single most important factor in the development of a country. Do you agree?* The students were allowed to research the topic but were not allowed to use any prepared notes during the essay competition.

Meanwhile, the primary school students prepared for this topic, *If you lost the ability to use one of your five senses, you would likely develop stronger sensitivity in the other four senses. Write a letter to a person who is blind, describing the sunset, a rose garden, a forest, the colors of your favorite blanket and yourself.* Theirs took on a letter format.

Mr. Bethel said he was literally blown away by the entries, which he describes as phenomenal. He was pleased by the level of participation among the students.

However, the top winners had to be cho-

sen and the primary school winners were Shawntalay McDonald of grade six and Lachelle Lightbourn, a fifth grade student; the high school winners were Joy Archer, a grade 12 student, and Shanae Knowles, an 11th grader.

Ms. Johnson praised Mr. Bethel for his support of the school and thanked him for the opportunity he offered to the students.

Six teachers are Honored

By Samantha V. Evans

Six teachers were honored on April 22nd because they have held the position of Teacher of the Year at Central Abaco Primary School.

Neullessa Lundy-Major, was the Teacher of the Year in 2000-2001 and the district winner for the same year. She has been teaching for 19 years.

Delicia Morris, who has been teaching for the past 15 years, was awarded District Teacher of the Year for Abaco in 2001, and

says her mission is to train a child for service in this world and the world to come.

Anistacia Seymour-Dawkins, awarded District Teacher of the Year for the Abaco District in 2002, believes that there is good in everyone and that we are to focus on the good and not the bad.

Donica Mackey, Teacher of the Year 2006 for Abaco, has been a teacher for the past eight years. Her mission is to educate each child with great expectancy as nobody knows what they are destined to become.

Rochelle Russell, teacher for 12 years, was Teacher of the Year for the school for 2007-2009, and won the title of Abaco's District Teacher of the Year in 2008. Later that same year, she became the first runner up in the National Teacher of the Year Program.

Roberta Lindsay, the Teacher of the Year in 2009 and the Abaco District Teacher of the Year Winner in 2010, is determined to make a difference in the lives of children regardless of their race, color or creed. Each teacher received a certificate of honor signed by the principal and vice principal. Accepting the award on behalf of Ms. Lindsay was vice principal Beatrice Moxey.

Modern day pirates visit Every Child Counts

By Canishka Alexander

Curious faces peered out from classroom windows at Every Child Counts on April 29 as students glimpsed a group of pirates that had arrived on the school grounds with

Karen McIntosh, chairperson of the Island Roots Festival Committee.

It was a first for the committee this year as they planned for the upcoming festival in Green Turtle Cay, and from the looks on the students' faces, they were quite appreciative.

The program began with a school assembly. Their excitement could hardly be contained as the pirates made their way to the front.

Patrick Darville, a student, introduced Anne Bonnie, Mary Read, Scarlett, Sheila Leatherback and Young Blood. Anne Bon-

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These Central Abaco Primary School teachers have had the honour of being named Teacher of the Year at the school and they all went on to win the title for Abaco. They are Neullessa Lundy Major, Delicia Morris, Donica Mackey, Anistacia Seymour Dawkins, Rochelle Russell and Beatrice Moxey accepting the certificate for Roberta Lindsay.

Forest Heights' students win laptop computers



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ny gave the students a quick history lesson on pirates that covered where they slept to what they ate as well as their sword fighting techniques and what they wore. The students were definitely surprised to find out how young pirates were – some of them as young as nine years old!

As daring as life may have seemed as a pirate, though, they did face some challenges. Many pirates did not enjoy a full life because they suffered from injuries and developed scurvy with no doctors or

nurses to tend to them.

However, when the students were asked if they wanted to become pirates, some actually raised their hands after hearing about the tumultuous lives that pirates lived.

Church group assists ECC with landscaping

By Canishka Alexander

The Mission Baltimore team arrived on Abaco again this year to assist Every Child Counts with its beautification of the school grounds. According to Edison Keiser, one of the members, Mission Baltimore is a minis-

try training school that is involved in similar projects throughout the United States.

While here, they offered a Kids Crusade for children living in the Haitian communities and a nightly crusade was held at the Dundas Town Church of God with Bishop Anthony Campbell.

However, as part of their GoAbaco campaign, ECC is one of the first stops on their list when they arrive on Abaco. Mr. Keiser said the ministry has changed his life and gives him a “fire in his heart for the Lord.”

Students at ECC were hard at work of-

fering assistance with raking leaves and shoveling dirt and rocks into a wheelbarrow. Those who were on break played on the swings nearby while others enjoyed a game of patty-cake and rock-paper-scissors.

The interesting thing was that the ones who were working were actually enjoying themselves. One of the students walked around holding a garbage bag with one hand giving high fives with the other.

As he observed the transformation taking place, P.E. teacher Gary Louis was happy for the assistance as he explained the changes and upgrades that will be taking place at ECC. He explained that the students were working because it is part of

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the vocational program set in place at ECC to provide them with tools to better themselves after they leave the school.

Meanwhile, Mr. Keiser and the students were removing their jungle gym and cleaning an area that would be used for farming. Mr. Louis said there are plans to extend the school's workshop.

S.C. Bootle participated in Model UN Sessions

By Canishka Alexander

A team of students from S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town, accompanied by Nadira Kawalram, travelled to Nassau on April 25 to compete at the Model United Nations Sessions (MUNS). It as an exercise that closely resembles that

of the United Nations Summit.

The students were required to interact and negotiate on behalf of the country that was selected for them. S.C.Bootle students represented the archipelago of Indonesia and had to address issues related to technology, globalization and free trade.

Teams that represented countries from the same region were grouped together. S.C. Bootle's region was the Asian region, and some of its competitors included Queens College, St. Andrews and St. Francis de Sales School.

The beginning of the session signaled the commencement of debates and negotiations. The issues raised during this period were used to form amendments for existing laws within the United Nations. The amendments were then read by a represen-

tative from each region. Another representative later made the final negotiations to produce yet another amendment that would benefit all the regions.

The final segment of the competition concluded with speeches. Indonesia was represented by Felicia Romer, Timmesha Russell, Letika Williams and Hope Ramotar. Jaleesa Russell was the assistant advisor.

S.C. Bootle placed sixth in the competition with Queens College in first place, St. Andrews in second place and New Age Academy from Turks and Caicos placed third.

The students said that although this exercise was not the real United Nations session, the team members felt as if they had learned so many things about Indonesia

through their research. They agreed that it was "a million-dollar experience" that will never be forgotten.

SC Bootle had a great year in sports

By Mirella Santillo

While checking the results of the inter-schools sports competitions this year, whether it be basketball, field & track, softball or soccer, one school name seems to be recurring: S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. The proud principal, Huel Moss, and the dedicated coaches, Jose Torres and Lyndon Scott, want the

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Some of these students are from S.C. Bootle High School and took part in a Model United Nations Session in Nassau. They represented Indonesia so had to research a lot about the country and its economy. Then they debated and negotiated to make changes to the UN laws through amendments.



S.C. Bootle had a very successful year in basketball. The team members are shown with the trophy they won. They are, kneeling, Jerome Cornish, Ulisea Mills, Devon Cooper and Tanash Swain. Standing are Coach Jose Torres, Mario Bootle, Jonathan Sands, Romeo McIntosh, Cordero Cooper, Rashad Farrington, Frandieu Jose and Coach Lyndon Scott.

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students to be recognized for their efforts and hard work. As the end of the school year is nearing, it is time to give credits to the students for a great sports year as well as a great academic year, according to Mr. Moss.

At the beginning of the school year in October 2009 two softball games were played between S.C. Bootle High School and Abaco Central High School. Both were won by S.C. Bootle. More recently, in April, a soccer game between the same two schools was again won by the Cooper's Town school.

The basketball league that stretched over two months was also a big winner for S.C. Bootle. In spite of nearly weekly trips to Marsh Harbour, S.C. Bootle went home with a first place in the junior boys division, a second place in the senior boys division and a second place in the senior girls division.

The Cooper's Town high school brought back a first place in the inter-schools field & track meet held in Marsh Harbour. Many of the school's outstanding athletes were showcased during the three-day events.

Among a very gifted team of athletes, some students' names to remember are

Rosenika Charles, winner of the 3000m race and second in the 1500m and Junique Rolle, first in the 1500m, second in the 3000m, both under fifteen years old in the girls category. In the boys Charo Williams and Jacob McIntosh were noticed by their coaches, the first for winning the long jump, the second for winning both the 1500m and the 3000m races. Codero Cooper took the gold in the decathlon and Frandieu Josue placed second in the 5000m.

But sports was not the only field of achievements this year. S.C. Bootle's students had their names in quite a few academic events. Mr. Moss said that his seventh, eighth and ninth graders distinguished themselves in spelling at the district level, winning the Spelling Bees for the second year in a row. One of the students, Felicia Romer, won the Junior Tourism Minister competition. Two other girls placed third in the Spanish Cadet Competition and the Rotary Essay Competition. Finally, the school participated in the Agro-Exposition and did quite well there also. Mr. Moss mentioned that for the second year in a row the school won

the District Junior and Senior Mathematics and Science Competition.

Overall, it was a satisfying year for a school now boasting 350 students that keeps growing not only in numbers, but also in progress.



These are the athletes from S.C. Bootle High School who won metals at this year's nationals in Nassau. They are shown with their coaches. Shown are Coach Lyndon Scott, Mario Bootle (4th in long jump), Frandieu Jose (silver in 5,000m) Rochara Russell (silver in shot putt and bronze in discus), Cordero Cooper (gold in the decathlon) and Coach Jose Torres.

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Obituaries and Tributes to Family and Friends

The funeral for **Francois Pierre Louis**, 62, of Marsh Harbour who died on April 15, was held on May 1 at International Gospel Mission Church in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Robin Weatherford officiated and interment was in the Public Cemetery.



Francois Pierre Louis

He is survived by his wife Mamita Pierre Louis; sons Tifrancois Pierre Louise and Franley Pierre Louis; sisters Inadi Fidel and Heliane Pierre Louise; brothers Mignis Pierre Louis and Tifa Pierre Louis; nieces and nephews Loubert Lauriston, Sicionord Lauriston Klayes, Sonia, Claudy Lauriston, Gutto and Timadel Sama, Delix and Herard Lauriston, Gerl and Limaid Pierre Louis, Delitence Altes, Chat Karol Pierre Louis, Lukenson Monphet, Loti and Sedner Pierre Louis, Jose Claudel Michel, Djina Michel, Claudin Michel, Rosmari and Heranike Lauriston, China Ricaldine

Lauriston, Tony Fisien, Makendi, Timersina and Falis Pierre Louis, Jisle, Loude and Orlnssia Sperance; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Hancil George Bain**, 59, formerly of Murphy Town was held on May 8 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Rev. Jean Seme Joseph officiated assisted by Bro. Craig Cornish. Interment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.



Hancil Geroge Bain

He is survived by his wife Ettajane Bain; children Katrina Jones, Allita and Deante Bain; grandchild Ghianna Bain; son-in-law Orthnell Jones; sister Karen Cooper and Shane Bain; brothers William Bain, Timothy Bain and Gil Bain; nieces and nephews; aunts Sally Colebroke and Betty Black; uncle Batemen Bain; father-in-law Fredrick Jones Sr.; mother-in-law Frances Jones; sisters-in-law Ada Mc-

Gregor, Katherine Jones, Deborah Williams, Julie Russell, Roslyn Thompson, Jestina Burrows, Sandra Ferguson and Sophie Hunter; brother-in-law Zandell and Fredrick Jones Jr.; and many other relatives and friends.

Mary Jean Gartlan, age 87, died at her residence in Great Cistern. Her daughter, Khristeen Teresa Boorujy, was with her and said that she had been bed ridden since last year after an illness

Tribute to a cancer victim

By Canishka Alexander

Yvette Simmons was a courageous young woman having beaten breast cancer twice. Because of her determination to live and her unwavering faith in God, she fought



Yvette Simmons

tenaciously against the illness. She was one of the breast cancer survivors in attendance at the recent Breast Cancer Walk and Seminar this year.

On March 20 she was recognized during a Ladies Empowerment Dinner Party by the Esther Network. Yvette was chosen as an honouree by Tara Moss, president and founder of the organization.

Always known to be a person of encouragement with a beautiful smile and personality to match, she was an inspiration to many. She had just returned to work at Royal Bank of Canada on May 3 after a long absence.

While attending a Reggae Gospel concert on May 7, Yvette collapsed and was taken to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. As family and friends anxiously awaited news of her condition, they never prepared themselves for what they would hear. Yvette leaves behind her husband Terrance, and two daughters, Tamrah and Tatianna.

A Celebration of a Life on Casuarina Beach

By Jennifer Hudson

Family members and friends of long-

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Ricky Albury
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Town Meeting to Discuss the Forestry Bill, 2010

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The Forestry Bill, 2010, was presented to Parliament. The bill will provide for the conservation and control of the forests and matters related to the forests.

The Ministry of The Environment will hold Town Meetings throughout The Bahamas in an effort to consult the public.

Sincerely,
Christopher Russell
 (for) Permanent Secretary

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Obituaries

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time visitor to Abaco, Marilyn Talbot, gathered on Casuarina Point beach at sun-

set on Mother's Day, May 9, to celebrate her life. Mrs. Talbot passed away at her home in the mountains of North Carolina during the early hours of New Year's day, and it was her wish that after her death her children should hold a celebration of her life on that beach which was very dear to her heart.

Mrs. Talbot first began visiting Abaco in the 1980s after the death of her husband. Since falling in love with the island, she decided to build a home. She purchased four acres of ocean front

property at Old Kerr Beach, Bahama Palm Shores, and built the island cottage of her dreams. However, sadly, she only got to spend one week in it. After returning to

her home in North Carolina, Mrs. Talbot received a phone call to say that her house had burned to the ground. Investigations showed that gasoline had been poured around the base of the house and then set on fire; the arsonist was never found.

Mrs. Talbot met Rex and Judy Albury of Casuarina Point. They became close friends and Mrs. Talbot stayed in one of their guest cottages twice a year for the rest of her life until a serious illness prevented further travel. Her final visit was for her 70th birthday four years ago.

Twelve family members including

grandchildren came from the United States and even as far away as India to gather on the beach at sunset along with close friends from Abaco to honour her wishes.

A short but very touching ceremony was held with family and friends reminiscing over happy times with their friend, Marilyn. Each of her three daughters read passages from two old books from personal letters that their mother had written. As the last rays of the sun cast a peaceful pink glow over the sea, family members decided to make this an annual event at Casuarina Point in honour of their mother.



Marilyn Talbot's three daughters, Deena, Allyn and Karla, read her writings to family and friends on the beach at Casuarina Point on Mother's Day. With them is Keith Rogers.

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Police Crime Report

Causing Harm - On April 30h a young teenage boy from Murphy town was near Abaco Central High School when he was beaten by a group of boys. He named several of them.

Uncontrollable Child - On May 1st, a resident of Dundas Town reported that her 16-year-old daughter misbehaved while under the influence of alcohol. The girl was turned over to Social Services.

Uncontrollable Child - On May 1st a resident of Casuarina Point, Abaco reported that her 16-year-old daughter hit her in the head while they were at in Murphy Town. The girl was turned over to Social Services.

Possession of Firearm - On May 3rd two males, one from Dundas Town and the other from Treasure Cay got into an argument at a Fish Fry at the Treasure Cay ferry dock. One man pulled out a handgun and fired a single shot in the air, then fled the scene.

Ferocious Dog - On May 4th a resident of Spring City reported that his nine-year-old son was attacked and bitten on his hand and leg by pit bull and potcake dogs while he was walking in the area. The dogs belong to another resident of Spring City.

Burglary - On May 6th a resident of Spring City reported that his 13-year-old daughter was wakened in the night when a male in a red shirt prepared to enter the room through a window. He fled when the girl screamed.

Assault with a Deadly Instrument - On May 9th a resident of Bahama Palm Shores reported that he was traveling on his motorbike on Don Mackay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour when he was intentionally run over by a truck driven by a person he knew. The person reversed his truck and attempted to roll over him again. His motorbike was extensively damaged. The truck driver was arrested and charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

House Breaking - On May 9 a resident of Spring City reported that sometime between 5th May and 8th May someone entered his residence and stole a laptop computer valued at \$575.

Arrest/Possession Dangerous Drugs - On May 6th police recovered a package suspected of containing marijuana during a search of a residence in Dundas Town. When shown to a person in the house, he grabbed the package and fled. He was caught and arrested. The packet was recovered.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs - While conducting a road check in Treasure Cay, an officer discovered a bag with suspected marijuana. The two persons in the vehicle were arrested and charged.

Threats of Death and Causing Damages Reported - On May 8th someone threw a beer bottle into a bar in Sandy Point causing damage of \$150 to a kitchen door. The person threatened to kill the bartender. The accused was arrested.

Green Turtle Cay has two police officers

Green Turtle Cay gets bicycle cop

By Timothy Roberts

Green Turtle Cay has recently seen an increase in the number of police officers on the island, including a new bicycle officer, Const. Kenton Clarke.

The Patrol Cyclist, who has been with the Royal Bahamas Police Force for two-and-a-half years, transferred to Green Turtle Cay on April 7, after having served on Moore's Island and Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Clarke, originally from Devil's Point, Cat Island, has wanted to be a policeman since he was a child. He was compelled by a love of his country and for law and order to defend the rights of the less fortunate as it relates to people being victimized.

Mr. Clarke's duties on Green Turtle Cay are in dealing with traffic regulations and include the day-to-day running of the police station.

Restoring order through the church

By Timothy Roberts

By seeking the assistance of the church, Cpl. Wellington Williams, the officer in charge of Green Turtle Cay, believes they can "recapture the kind of place that was called 'paradise' just ten years ago."

Over the past 10 years Cpl. Williams said that Green Turtle Cay has seen a quiet rise in crime. According to Mr. Williams the community is being "brought into a new era and they are gaining confidence in law enforcement once again."

He is promoting safety and is getting people to have confidence in the community. Mr. Williams has found that "weapons and computers are not effective" in successfully fighting crime in the community. He is "enlisting Christian principles and the church to effect change and bring peace."

Cpl. Williams was the officer in charge of Green Turtle Cay from 2000 to 2003. He said, "When I left, Green Turtle Cay was in order, and I have returned to restore that order."



Green Turtle Cay now has a Patrol Cyclist, Const. Kenton Clarke. He will be dealing with traffic as well as patrolling the streets and assisting in the station.

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Two charged in boat theft case

By Canishka Alexander

On April 29 James Sawyer and Gereno Poitier appeared before the Magistrate's Court to face charges of stealing and receiving a 23-foot white Albury-built Man-O-War boat with a 250 horsepower Yamaha engine. The boat is valued at \$120,000. Both men pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to Det. Sgt. Farquharson of the Central Detective Unit, local police officers launched an investigation that proved to be successful. They networked with fellow police officers on Cat Island, Exuma, Eleuthera and Nassau as they sought the whereabouts of Poitier, who turned himself in when he saw his photo being aired on television as that of a wanted man.

Sawyer's and Poitier's attorneys were unable to appear in court, so they were both represented by attorney Kara Butler.

She argued that based on the particulars of the case, no evidence was given to suggest that Sawyer was in possession of the boat, and the only evidence provided was the word of the police. As for Poitier, she stated that he had turned himself in.

However, Prosecutor Perkins Collie objected to bail being provided for them because boat theft has become a "vexing problem in the community over the last 18 months," and he believed they would commit the same offense again.

Magistrate Crawford McGee refused bail citing the seriousness of the charge, the public's concern and that he, too, believed there was a real danger of their re-offending.

Sawyer and Poitier were remanded to Her Majesty's Prison in Fox Hill to await their next court appearance on August 18.

Ricky Johnson's Nature Adventure

By Timothy Roberts

During the Island Roots Festival in Green Turtle Cay on May 1 local nature guide, Ricky Johnson, held an engaging talk in which he encouraged his audience to look beyond "the bush" to see the intrinsic beauty of Abaco's ecosystem.

Ricky explained to the audience the natural balance that exists in the "land sea connection," and how the reefs play an important part in our entire ecosystem. "We go around with eyes wide shut," he said. "We need to look beyond the obvious and see the life that exists in each zone," from

the reef to the shore and intertidal zone, and on to the white land coppice and mangroves and beyond.

He wanted to do these talks because he wants to create a venue whereby people can experience the true flora and fauna of Abaco rather than just coming to see the beaches or stay at a resort. "I want them to be able to experience not just the plant life, but the unique native birds that we have on Abaco," he said. "I am trying to get away from the standard living of Abaco and truly see the real fabric [of the island], from blue

KB Gives Central Abaco Primary Students a Pep Talk



Fifty-plus grade five students from Central Abaco Primary School were on Green Turtle Cay on April 30th for the Island Roots Heritage Festival and while there, they got a pep talk from Bahamian entertainer Kirk "KB" Bodie. KB is known as a high-spirited entertainer but when he spoke with the teachers and students, he told them that even though he "carried on bad" on the stage, he is shy when speaking unprepared. However, he stated that he loves speaking with children, and advised them to stay in school and get an education so that one day they can be successful like him. He told them to have a great time being children and get all they can from the teachers who support them in their learning. The students and teachers were all excited to have pictures with the entertainer.

holes to even the beautiful lush vegetation we have," he said. "I am not just a tour guide but I interpret nature to reveal what is there and bring it to the forefront."

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Defence Force celebrates 30th anniversary



The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marching Band performed at the Treasure Cay Primary School. The officers are shown saluting the Prime Minister during their parade at sunset. This was followed by the sunset gun.

By Timothy Roberts

The Royal Bahamas Defense Force Marching and Pop Bands played before the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, and an engrossed audience in celebration of its 30th anniversary on May 8 at the Treasure Cay Primary School.

The Marching Band led the way with performances of Bahamian music such as Mable, Ova and Ova and Naughty Johnny to the delight of the crowd. They then transitioned to present a call to arms which featured a military drill display in which they showed off rifle twirling and ended with a

gun salute.

The audience was then entertained with a special drumming display after which the Pop Band took over and sang a variety of Old Bahamian songs as well as jazz tunes and a Gospel song.

The celebration concluded with the Prime Minister taking the dais while the band played the National Anthem and finally both the band and the military units marched past the dais while saluting the nation's leader to the tune of Auld-Lang-Sang.

Abaco Chief Councillors Association meets

By Timothy Roberts

Chief Councillors from local government districts across Abaco came together for the first meeting this year of the of the Abaco Chief Councillors Association on April 28 with a view to improve communication between the councils and support a unified vision for all of Abaco.

The Association, chaired by Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council, asked the group of chief councillors for suggestions and ideas with the view to create a more cohesive plan for moving forward.

Preston Roberts, Chief Councillor for the South Abaco District, feels that too many children are "slipping through the cracks" in the junior high section of schools. He has seen kids that were good in primary school spoiled and changed in bad ways, succumbing to the peer pressure placed on them by "bad seeds" among the older high school kids. He suggested that the government introduce a middle school to Abaco to assist these kids with the transition from primary to secondary school.

The other councillors present agreed that there is a problem and decided that some sort of proposal should be made. Ad-

ministrators Cephas Cooper suggested that the group come up with a list of needs and concerns and as a group set up a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss them.

Mr. Cooper also suggested they consider some signage, such as those used along freeways in the U.S., be placed along the S.C. Bootle and Great Abaco Highways giving town names and distance information.

He informed the group that Arthur Hanna, former deputy prime minister and governor general, is wanting to hold some legal aid clinics on Abaco and that it would be a good idea for all the councils to come together and benefit from these clinics.

Mr. Sweeting discussed with the group about having a well publicized public town meeting to hear the needs and ideas of the people. Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor of the Central Abaco Council, suggested a call-in program on television station BCN. Mr. Cooper suggested doing a monthly show on BCN, addressing topics, sharing concerns and informing the public of what is going on as well as being able to receive input from the public. The group has agreed to meet again in July.

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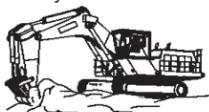
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the Bahamas Electricity Corporation, stated that this tariff is absolutely necessary, and that he wholeheartedly agrees with it. Another member of the audience stated that these are difficult economic times; he has had his work hours and pay check cut so he would find it hard to pay the extra. Other comments and questions centered on surcharges, bill fluctuations, the issue of overtime and renewable energy.

Regarding the question of renewable energy, it was stated by Mr. Moss that BEC is looking at options. Presently, the use of waste for energy in Nassau is the most profitable. "We encourage people who want to make investments on their

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Several people stayed behind to discuss their concerns further with the panel.

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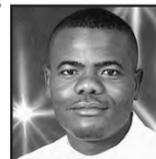
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