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Abaco Special Olympic athletes win many medals Every Child Counts students compete in Nassau and do well



This is part of the group of students from the Every Child Counts School, accompanied by teachers and parents, who competed in the Special Olympics held in Nassau the latter part of May. They all did outstandingly well, bringing back many gold, silver and bronze medals. The school caters to students who have special needs and are unable to attend regular classrooms. The school, with an enrollment of 105 students, is in Marsh Harbour and depends entirely on donations. Pictured are Ashton Cornish, Susan Higgs, Carlos Pinder, Denzil Altidor, Blake Russel, Lanard Bain, Shavargo Cimeon, Necxen Joseph, Drew Higgs, David, Whitney Saintil, Destaniqua McIntosh, Tanneisha Dawkins, Paige Lebrun, Mike Saou, Amanda Pennell, Keith Clark, William Paul and Nicole Dinarden.

By Mirella Santillo

Visitors to the Marsh Harbour airport on May 22 may have noticed groups of students dressed in green T-shirts, most of them adorned with medals around their necks, arriving from Nassau. They were the Every Child Counts' athletes who competed in the two-day national Special Olympics competition. And the smiles on their faces as they displayed their medals were well warranted: the 29 students came back with 21 individual gold medals, plus medals in team events, 17 silver medals and 12 individual bronze medals. What an achievement!

The meet started on May 21 when the ECC athletes met other students from several schools of New Providence, Grand Bahama and Long Island at the College of The Bahamas to compete in Bocce. The following day the track and field events took place at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center. The children were categorized according to their ages and their abilities.

The boys did particularly well in bocce with Vincent Major and Blake Russell winning in the doubles category, each taking a gold medal and earning one for their team. So did Lanard Bain and Keith

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Cherokee Sound quilters get help from congregation



Several of the ladies of Epworth Chapel in Cherokee Sound created a lap quilt to present to Vernell Roberts, who has been housebound for several weeks. On June 6 each member of the congregation tied one knot on the quilt while silently saying a prayer. Mrs. Roberts is shown in her wheelchair while a few of the quilters gather around. They are Corella Sands, Lee Pinder, Iva Pinder and Cathy Sands. See story on page 20.

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Sandy Point's Homecoming brings everyone to the beach



Sandy Point traditionally celebrates its homecoming on the Labour Day weekend. The hot summer weather saw most of the activities in the sea to keep comfortable. See story on page 2.

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Third time for ECC to go to the Special Olympics

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Clark. Ashton Cornish received a silver medal in the bocce singles category.

Standing long jump, walks and races were other areas where the ECC boys did well. Denzil Altidor won a gold medal in standing long jump and in the 50m race. Eric Sawyer won a gold medal in the 25m walk and a silver in the 50m race. His cousin Myron Sawyer came back with two silver medals for the 25m walk and the long jump. William Paul was rewarded with two gold medals for his achievement in the 50m race and the standing long jump. Rahim Dawkins won a gold medal in the 25m race and one in the standing

long jump.

The girls also brought back their share of trophies. Latonya Moss won the 50m race and placed second in the softball throw. Dorenda Curry received two silver medals in the 100m and the 200m. Tanneisha Dawkins placed first in the bocce singles category. Gia Duvra placed first in the 25m race and second in the 50m. Paige Lebrun won the 25m race and came first in the standing long jump. These are only a few results among innumerable achievements.

One of the 13 adults who accompanied the group, teacher Marsden Lawley, commented that he was very impressed at the results. "It was fulfilling to see their ex-

citement. For many students, it was the first time they participated in a national event. It was a joy to watch them and to be part of their accomplishments." An-

other teacher, Amanda Pernell, remarked that the excitement and pride the students felt, stayed with them for quite a few days after their return.



The students of Every Child Counts traveled to Nassau in two groups. Shown standing are Lanard Bain, Blake Russell, Denzil Altidor, Riveanna Cornish, Ashtanique Murray, Deangela Murray, Latonya Moss, Paige Lebrun, Rahim Dawkins, Terrell Sears, Destinique McIntosh, Shavargo Cimeon, Tanneisha Dawkins, Dorenda Curry and Carlos Pinder. In the front are Whitney Saintil, Myron Sawyer and Eric Sawyer.

Sandy Point holds Homecoming Conch Fest

Annabella Marquis

The Labour Day weekend marked the coming of the annual Conch Fest and Homecoming at Sandy Point hosted by the Sandy Point Development Committee.

The event, held along the picturesque shoreline of Abaco's southernmost settlement, was celebrated throughout the day and night by Abaconians from as far away as Cooper's Town.

While the sun shone hotly onto the beach, children played in the water with their parents. As the sun went down the children went home and celebrations magnetised towards the four-sided bar, created especially for the event.

Stalls, lined up along the shoreline and rented by vendors for \$50, were selling traditional Bahamian food including welk and dumpling soup, conch fritters and fried fish and chicken with all the trimmings. They were also serving Gully Wash, a beloved Bahamian beverage made of coconut water and sweet milk, either by itself or "loaded" with gin.

One particularly popular stall, run by Rochelle Stuart, was selling food in aid of her daughter Shania Stuart, diagnosed with cerebral palsy and unable to walk since childhood. Ms. Stuart is saving to make the \$13,000 required for Shania to fly to the United States for medical treatment.

A makeshift boat race took place on the flat water against a sunset backdrop. While only three small boats took part and no prizes were won, it was an impressive spectacle simply because of the outstanding beauty of the setting.

Food vendors, unenthused by the disappointing daytime turnout, felt assured it would pick up as the night went on. Indeed, it did. As soon as darkness hit, the bar swelled with young partygoers, many of whom were from Marsh Harbour. "It's a long, long drive," said one, "But so worth it. I come every year."

The party eventually spilled onto the beach and people danced into the early hours of the morning to soca and reggae DJ'd by Torrian "Bones" Farrington.

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Fishermen's meeting explains new regulations

By Timothy Roberts

Friends of the Environment held a public meeting with fishermen in South Abaco on May 31, outlining their Size Matters campaign and discussing the current challenges facing the crawfish industry.

D'Shan Maycock, campaign manager, gave an overview of the program and spoke of how important it is to reduce the number of juvenile crawfish taken when the fishermen bring in their catch. She explained that when a crawfish reaches the minimum legal size of 5½ inches, it ensures that the female has spawned at least once.

The Size Matters campaign is also tackling the issue of certification and licensing for fishermen which has become an extremely important topic in today's industry. Glen Pritchard, owner of Tropic Seafood, was on hand to talk about the new requirements and how they will affect The Bahamas.

The crawfish industry faces a global issue because industry partners in the world-wide market are now requiring sustainable fishing practices through certification programs. If a country does not meet the criteria, they will not buy from you.

Basically, markets that buy fish will no longer purchase from countries that do not engage in environmentally friendly practices in their fishery. The Marine Stewardship Council has created a program that sets the standard for a country to become certified. Through this program, only certified countries will get and retain

business in the selling of any fish product.

At the start of 2011 the European market will cease buying crawfish from The Bahamas because, at present, the country has not been certified. Other countries that buy crawfish from The Bahamas will soon follow suit in this or similar programs.

Over a year ago, the World Wildlife Fund was brought in to do an initial assessment of The Bahamas' fisheries, and it was found that we fall significantly short of being able to be certified.

The government and industry partners are now in the process of putting a plan in place to get The Bahamas at the point it needs to be in order to be certified. The process will include the registering of boats, licensing and certification of fisherman who will be required to document their catch on a daily basis. All this is being done in order to ensure that the Bahamian fisheries will meet industry standards and be able to continue to sell its product to international markets.

The fishermen present at the meeting were alarmed and upset with the prospect of what they will face in the upcoming crawfish season. However, they recognized that unified, they can come together and overcome these challenges ahead.

Presently, fishing, the third largest industry in The Bahamas, exports 40 percent of the five million pounds of crawfish caught in the country every year to the European market. The North American Market accounts for the other 60 percent.

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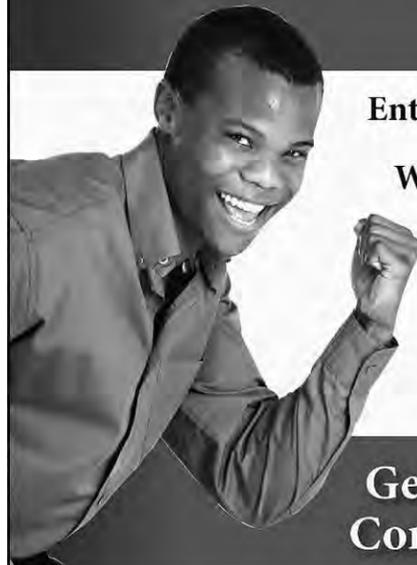
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Central Abaco News

Free legal aid clinic assists community

By Canishka Alexander

Attorney Kara S.P. Butler held a free legal aid clinic at The Firm on May 31 and June 1. She was joined by Bandele LaFleur, a Bahamian and U.S. licensed attorney. They were surprised that many residents were not aware that the legal clinic was being offered, as a result, many people did not take advantage of the opportunity.

However, Mr. LaFleur was pleased that they were able to address a wide range of legal issues for those who did attend the legal clinic. "We've had the full range of issues. Some people came with criminal matters and civil matters such as people not being paid rent due to them. We've had a few families who've had divorce and separation problems that they needed to discuss. They are all matters that can be resolved at The Firm," he said.

There were some who had questions regarding wills and were concerned about what happens at the time of their relative's death, which Mr. LaFleur said is a probate matter.

The Firm will offer another legal clinic at a later date so that more people can benefit from their services. Ms. Butler has more than 10 years of experience as an attorney in The Bahamas. Mr. LaFleur said Ms. Butler is well-trained and quite reputable while he is adept in handling U.S. Immigration matters and generally all legal matters that arise in The Bahamas.

Four houses are shown at Open House

By Jennifer Hudson

"We've got the 411!" stated the H.G. Christie Real Estate Company. "Four homes, one day, one just right for you!" On May 29 the staff invited people to view these four properties which represented four different price points, ranging from the very affordable Tranquility Cottage on East Bay Street in Marsh Harbour to the much higher priced Rum n' Coke-A-Nut at Abaco Beach Resort. A similar multiple showing took place in Hope Town a few years back but Kathleen Albury of H.G. Christie, stated that as far as she knew this was the first such promotion in Marsh Harbour.

The properties were all within close proximity to each other so it was easy to get from one to the other. For anyone not wishing to use their own transportation, a complimentary shuttle service was available from Sand Dollar Shoppe. Light refreshments were served at each location.

The four contrasting properties were interesting. Tranquility Cottage is priced to sell and would make an excellent starter or holiday home. Special features of this two bedroom, two bath home are a newly updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings, central air, outside back deck for entertaining and workshop and laundry facilities.

A small step up the price scale was a ground level apartment in Regattas of Abaco. Situated within a two-storey building of just four units, this two bedroom, two bath apartment features a spacious open floor plan with ceramic tiled floors,

modern kitchen with granite counter tops, tropical decor and central air. Outdoors, a covered lanai overlooks the pool and tennis courts. This condo has an impressive rental history.

Next we headed further up the price scale to The Crossing, a townhouse development. Located next to Crossing Beach, The Crossing consists of three buildings, each containing four units. The downstairs units are two bedroom, two bath while the penthouse units are three bedroom, three and a half bath. While the penthouse and beach-side units obviously have the most sweeping sea views, all units have a water view. An attractive kidney-shaped pool is bordered with native vegetation. Boat dockage is provided and a very solid sea wall and groyne provide added protection.

We end our tour at the property placed at the top of the price scale of the four homes on the tour. This magnificent canal-front home is situated on a double lot and definitely has party ambience. No expense was spared in professionally decorating the interior to complement the tropical island atmosphere of Abaco. Fully furnished, this turn-key retreat has four bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. The kitchen, living area, dining room and wet bar are all modern and open. Other luxuries include a screened-in Bahama room, large swimming pool with gazebo, dockage for a total

of six water craft, boat lift and double jet ski lift. Certainly a well equipped and well appointed home for anyone looking for the ultimate in luxury.

The shuttle service was kept busy taking persons to view the properties. Kathleen Albury of H.G. Christie was pleased with the number of people who viewed the homes. "We had a number of local agents as well as prospective purchasers come through, and we are currently following up leads. A lot of visitors were here for the American holiday weekend and several people were looking for homes. We will definitely do a promotion like this again," she stated.

Works employees clear drains

By Canishka Alexander

During the first week of June, several employees from the Ministry of Works worked tirelessly as they cleared drains in time for this year's hurricane season at the traffic light on Don MacKay Boulevard. One of the company's senior workers, Tyrone Albury, said that they were assigned to clean 35 to 40 drains, which required lots of teamwork.

The drains had to be pried off the road.

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The Editor Says . . . **BEC's silence is unacceptable**



BEC's lost voice

Major power outages to Pelican Shores began on May 14, about four weeks ago. We presume that the entire island has been affected with load shedding since mid-May. For almost a month, Abaco has suffered from off-again, on-again electricity without any explanation from BEC. The load-shedding seems to be random from the consumer's standpoint although BEC may have a schedule. The company has not made any public statement of consequence during the four weeks of inconvenience.

We have been to BEC daily from May 30 to June 8 asking for a statement on the situation. However, the local staff is not allowed to speak about it. They claim they are constantly asking their Nassau superiors for a public statement. Repeated inquiries finally produced a weak statement that interruptions on June 7 and 8 were due to a lightning strike. What happened to all the other days?

It is incongruous that local BEC officials can load-shed the entire island for a month but are prohibited from telling us what is going on or what the future holds.

After a month of working on the problem, perhaps they can't tell us because they have not figured out what is wrong. This is not very reassuring for when they manage the new power plant in September or October.

We are left to assume that one or more generators broke down at the station. But it is hard to believe that affairs inside the plant require the same code of silence as the Bahamas Cabinet Office.

With load-shedding underway for the past month, prior to the heavy demand summer period, it is obvious that the problem is larger than bad spark plugs. Knowing what is wrong would probably lead to more complaints by BEC's customers, but we all want to know if we are facing load-shedding throughout the summer.

Historically, the demand for electricity peaks during the summer months which are the months of our highest visitor activity. With consistent load-shedding beginning in mid-May and no soothing words from BEC, our electrical supply for the rest of the summer looks bleak. It is a shame that

local BEC people are not allowed to communicate with us.

Our politicians have a knack for saying the right thing. Perhaps we will hear some encouraging words from them in the next month or two.

A bit of background on the Peas and Mud

The Pigeon Peas settlement began on private generation land in the early 1970s predominately by immigrant agricultural workers. Although acknowledged to be private Key Tract land dating to the late 1800s, actual ownership issues have been in the courts for years by various descendants of Nathan Key. Note that a major claimant of much of the Pigeon Peas land was a farmer who allowed many of his farm labourers to build there. His immigrant staff would have had work permits.

Even though the land is private, government would have an controlling interest in sanitation and public health issues, construction by the building code, garbage collection, building separation for fire protection and other civil matters. Private land is not exempt from government oversight. However, dealing with squatters occupying private property is the responsibility of the owner.

In contrast, squatters in the Mud are on government land. This was originally a worthless swamp between Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town. In the early 1960s government had a dredge deepen areas of Marsh Harbour's harbour. The spoil was pumped into the low area we now know as the Mud. Squatters began erecting homes there in 1982/1983 as the neighboring Pigeon Peas became saturated with buildings.

During the interval when these two settlements originally formed and subsequently expanded, there was little government oversight in much of the minor issues related to Abaco's development. Government agencies and departments that we see today did not exist then on Abaco, neither did local government exist.

Observations on local government's role

Local government for Abaco and the other Family Islands came into effect in 1996, 14 years ago. For years, previous governments talked of instituting local government, but it did not happen. All island matters were determined by authorities in Nassau with island commissioners overseeing that orders were carried out and possibly give input to Nassau.

The present system of councils, town committees and statutory boards is intended to give local power to local authorities. Local government is presently a maintenance organization looking after government buildings including schools, clinics, airport terminals and the like, maintaining parks and cemeteries, arranging for residential garbage collection and disposal, cleaning roadsides and occasionally participating in local celebrations. The two areas where local government can exert some influence are in town planning and licensing.

Local government officials are elected every three years. Continuity of service can be irregular as there can be a complete turnover of local officials with every election.

As the system matures, (how mature is a 14-year-old child?) our local government councils are spreading their wings and venturing further into community governance. Sometimes their moves are accepted by central government, and occasionally they are told to back off.

For example, in Abaco's capital, does the Central Abaco District Council or the Marsh Harbour Town Committee have any oversight rights or authority concerning the squatter settlements in the middle of town. Building control is the responsibility of building inspectors with the Ministry of Works after Town Planning Board members give the approval to build. Building inspectors then ensure that construction conforms to the approved plans.

Structures can only be approved on land that is owned or leased. The immigrant communities build without permits on ei-

ther private or Crown Land. Since building permits have not been issued, these buildings appear to be outside the review, or knowledge, of the building inspectors. Admittedly, part of the problem lies in a growing economy scattered on an archipelagic state with insufficient resources to keep track of it all.

Local government officials have made several forays into these squatter settlements attempting to curtail further construction and expansion. However, they are usually stopped by central government as being too aggressive or exceeding their authority.

The major controlling aspects of civil society remain with central government as they should. Individually, these departments and agencies have largely remained aloof to the immigrant settlements. Collectively, as with most governments, the different departments do not work together to achieve common results.

When Mud and Peas issues flare up, central government likes to remind our local government officials that the problem developed locally and therefore must be solved locally. But how is local government, with limited authority, supposed to make any headway?

The immigrants, legal and illegal, have participated in the economic growth of Abaco which is acknowledged today as robust and perhaps the best in the country. Our economy would suffer a serious blow if the immigrants were to disappear.

Central government has said at various times that since the squatter problem developed locally with the occupants working in the area, obviously the solution must be found locally. So, how do you partner central government that has the authority but lacks the will with local government that has the will but no real authority?

We need to find common ground between local government and central government and put a plan in place to effectively limit the unregulated growth of these communities. Local government officials are eager to do this but cannot get the agencies in central government to the table.

Letters to the Editor

Special Olympics Bahamas 2010

Dear Editor:

On May 21 a group of Special Olympic Abaco athletes traveled to Nassau to participate in Olympic style games in a two-day event.

I had the privilege of accompany them. What a wonderful population of people. I was in awe of them. They are genuinely good and decent citizens of this country and deserve all the respect and support we can give them. The athletes look out for each

other, cheer each other and console each other. The act of participating is as good as a win. We can all learn a lot from them.

It takes a lot of work to organize an event so big. It takes a lot of people to coach the athletes, it takes a lot of financial support from the community.

Thank you, everyone. It is well worth the effort.

I am looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,
Caroline Sawyer

7 million acres are considered for oil drilling

Dear Editor,

With all that has been seen on the television this last month on the gushing oil rig in the Gulf, surely the government can't be even slightly considering issuing permits for oil drilling. The Bahamas makes most of its revenue from the sea. The beautiful sea provides our livelihood, both in its bounty and its lure for tourism. As it is, parts of The Bahamas may be witness to some of the oil from the Gulf washing up on its shores. Why would we further endanger our precious and fragile environment?

I hope the government reconsiders and doesn't even entertain the possibility.

Just say NO.

Shelley Malone
Hope Town

Clinic delivered excellent medical care

Dear Editor,

I have just returned home after two months on Elbow Cay. I have had a heart problem for many years. One day I began to feel tired and unable to go up stairs easily. Someone suggested I call Auskell Medical Clinic at 367-0020 in Marsh Harbour.

I explained my symptoms and that I was on Elbow Cay. She told me to come right over and that they would wait for me. Upon entering the clinic, the nurse, Susan Lil, RN, took me directly into an examining room, placed me on an examining table, placed an oxygen mask on. She then prepared an intravenous drip, a pulse clip on my finger and prepared me for an EKG. Dr. George Charite was there during this. After introductions, he listened to me describe my problem. He asked some questions, but I noted he was a good listener.

After the EKG was ready, Dr. Charite asked my wife, Barbara, to go to his office with him and call my cardiac doctor in Nashua, New Hampshire. After introductions, the two doctors compared my earlier EKG readings with the new EKG. Result: they both agreed it was not a heart problem but a medication problem. Dr. Charite examined my legs, noted the swelling and ordered a lung ex-ray. The nurse, Yasmin

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Aushn, Radiologist and Medical Assistant, took me down the hall to the ex-ray room. She placed the plates on a lighted fixture on the wall for the doctor to examine.

Dr. Chrite came in and told me that I had fluid on the lung and a black spot on the lung. "We can medicate these problems. You are ok," he said.

He handed me two prescriptions. Three visits later, I was feeling much better. I didn't have to fly to West Palm or Nassau.

Talking with Dr. Charite, he told me that his group has plans for a hospital in Marsh Harbour where expectant mothers will not have to fly to Nassau or West Palm but have delivery preformed in Marsh Harbour. This would include C-section. The Abaconian carries an ad listing the Auskell staff. The staff covers all the needs of the community including mammograms.

To second homeowners, boaters, visitors and to all Abaconians, here is a clinic that is like our local satellite emergency rooms in the States and it is in Marsh Harbour.

A real hospital is in the works. It is up to all of us, visitors and Abaconians, to pull up our sleeves, run events and donate money for something we will all need at one time or other. Thank you all at Abaco Auskell Medical Center.

Tom Callahan,
White Sound, Hope Town

Pigeon Pea situation is intolerable

To Administrator Cephas Cooper
Dear Sir,

With reference to the above caption, I

have major concerns to address to you. I live on property adjacent to Pigeon Peas. The residents of this community continue to throw garbage against and over my fence. I contacted Ms. Neilly from the Department of the Environmental Health on April 12, 2010, who visited my property. She advised the persons concerned to remove the garbage by the end of the week. To date the garbage has still not been removed. This presents a serious health risk.

On several occasions I have had to call the police about the noise level, especially on weekends. This has been going on for several years.

They are continually cruel to the animals, eg. mutilating dogs. On several occasions I have caught some of the kids at my fence throwing rocks at my dogs. Burning trash seems to be the norm as they continue to burn trash. I am asthmatic and I am concerned about my health as well as my family. Also on many occasions I have heard gun shots coming from their area, and this is very dangerous for the residents living in our area. We are scared that stray bullets will enter our homes and kill us.

I have a house on my property that is rented. The tenant has threatened to move should the conditions not improve. This is my only income. I am now faced with having to sell my properties and relocate.

I was born and raised in Marsh Harbour, and I do not think that I should endure this situation. I am pleading with you to seek assistance from central government as the situation is totally out of control.

Sincerely,
Marsha Roberts

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Then the men took turns shoveling dirt, plastic, discarded soda cans and other debris until they reached the concrete base. When that was done, they replace the drains by hammering them back into place.

Mr. Albury said they had a few more drains to clear that week, and then they would move on to securing government buildings, which includes clinics and schools, and ensuring that generators were in working condition.

Taxis blast private bus service at airport

By Canishka Alexander

On June 3 Amanda Albury, a taxi driver at the Marsh Harbour International Airport, said they were protesting against private resorts getting jobs at the airport, which is against the law. She said the previous day a private bus took 30 or more people to the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

Annie Williams was shocked to see the Road Traffic Department representative go onboard the bus. The taxi drivers were told that she wanted to see if they were going to harass the driver.

"And now this morning again," she shouted. "What they expect for the taxi

drivers to do?"

She said the driver told them that they had gotten authorization from the Road Traffic Department. Brenda, another driver, questioned why taxi drivers should come to the airport if transportation is being made available for guests of the resort.

Amanda said that it was expected that 33 people would board the same bus that day. Visibly upset, Brenda said that their hands are tied because they have no one to report to when the Road Traffic Department is so tied up in the matter.

"This needs to stop. Every time we report to Road Traffic, it goes nowhere," Amanda said. "They had a wedding last week over at Baker's Bay, and they had assigned cars. Continental came in, Bahamasair came in, American Eagle came in - those are big flights. They moved about 10 taxis off that line after the fact. The other American Eagle came in, and not one taxi got a job except the Baker's Bay vehicles that they had assigned. This needs to stop."

They said they are receiving mixed signals from Road Traffic Department as well because after reporting what happened regarding the wedding, they were told that they should have blocked the private bus

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in. However, they now feel that their concerns are not being addressed.

As they continued talking, more people boarded the bus. Brenda said she had recently paid insurance and licensing fees for her vehicle, and in light of what is occurring, it will be a while before she makes that money back.

For her and many of the other taxi drivers, it is their livelihood – their only means of income.

“This is what we have to deal with every day, and the economy is already slow,” Brenda pointed out.

Committee distributes shoes to the needy

By Canishka Alexander

Started 15 years ago in Nassau, the National Committee for Youth Renewal and Revival was founded by President Ali McIntosh. The committee is committed to the preservation of the younger generation, and with that in mind, she believes in partnering with charitable organizations like the Bahamas Youth Renewal Foundation, which is its Florida non-profit company.

Ms. McIntosh is partnering with several other U.S. non-profit organizations to provide a continuous stream of assistance to needy children and youth in The Bahamas. She has her sights set on organizations like Heal Our Land, which has a similar vision.

Recently, she received 500 pairs of shoes from one of the Committee’s partners called One Hope One Life International in Dallas, Texas, and distributed brand new shoes to needy families through

a number of avenues including churches on Nassau, Abaco and Grand Bahama.

On June 3 she and Kathleen Knowles, founder of Heal Our Land, visited Every Child Counts and distributed shoes to the students there. The students were so grateful that they helped her give out the shoes. It was an uplifting experience for her because she realizes that there are many parents who simply cannot afford to buy shoes and their children are forced to walk barefoot. Ms. McIntosh is determined to continue to touch the lives of Bahamian children by securing relief items, providing for families in crisis, and offering free scholarship opportunities for college education.

Mrs. Knowles is grateful to McIntosh because her daily prayer to God was for Him to send partners for her to work with. “One person cannot do it, so we as believers can understand that everybody has a part to play. All He wants us to do is come together and get His work done,” she declared.

During Mrs. Knowles’ travels, one of the greatest needs during these difficult times is the need for food. Heal Our Land is always looking for food and cash donations to assist those people. Additionally, one of her passions is to see young men and women delivered from alcohol and drugs. Mrs. Knowles said the three islands she will be working with are Abaco, Eleuthera and Exuma.

While visiting Abaco, Ms. McIntosh said the number of people that approached her in a 24-hour period looking for assistance was tremendous. She invited persons to contact her through the committee’s Web site at: www.bahamasyouthrenewal.com.

Domestic violence is topic of seminar

By Samantha V. Evans

Domestic Violence is of grave concern in The Bahamas as more and more cases are being reported to the police. Domestic violence offenders have no particular face or address and the effects are the same on a male as they are on a female.

This problem has the police on Abaco so alarmed that they saw it necessary to hold a Domestic Violence Seminar to educate locals of what it is, where the law stands on it and the effects it can have on a victim. This seminar was held on May 19th at the Dundas Town Burial Society. Four professionals from various agencies on Abaco

were on the panel.

Supt. Noel Curry stated that the statistics on domestic violence are startling and, based on the number of murders linked directly or indirectly to domestic violence, the police are taking a very important stand by hosting this seminar. He is pleased that more communities on Abaco are becoming proactive by partnering with the police to form community crime watches. He encourages the entire Abaco community to work together with the police to stop the many cases of violence that are occurring.

The first speaker to the podium, Charlamae Fernander from Social Services, spoke on the social effects of domestic violence.

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The police held a seminar on domestic violence on May 19 in Dundas Town to inform the public of the laws in place to control this crime. Shown are two of the speakers, Samantha Evans, Councilor with the Ministry of Education, and Charlamae Fernander of Social Services. With them is Abaco’s police chief, Supt. Noel Curry.

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lence. She gave an overview of the law that is now very comprehensive. She stated that the effects are far reaching as it affects the entire family. To add, the effects can be generational as well which means that the abused then becomes the abuser.

To ensure that there is a decrease in domestic violence on Abaco specifically and in The Bahamas in general, it will take complete cooperation of the police and partnering agencies. A healthy dialogue ensued followed by the viewing of a video of the life of a victim who survived an intended fatal gunshot to the face.

The second presenter was Samantha Evans, Counselor with the Ministry of Education who spoke on the psychological effects. She gave a moving presentation, having been a victim of domestic violence herself at age 21. She spoke of her experience and the psychological effects she experienced. The main ones she spoke of included low self-esteem, depression, feelings of worthlessness and feelings of guilt, shame, and anxiety. She stated that the scars of abuse took her a long time to overcome. She stated that it is through her relationship with God that her view of self changed and she began to heal. This event was the first time she shared her story publicly. She encouraged persons who are being abused to make a decision to seek help through counseling, by telling someone about the abuse and/or seeking a safe haven.

The third presenter was Police Officer Edric Poitier, who spoke of the church's view on domestic violence. He spoke of the three stages of a relationship. He spoke of ways couples can tell if their relationship is headed for problems. They are the time when infatuation ends, an inability to handle baggage, an inability to communicate, when criticism exceeds compliments, having an attitude of un-forgiveness, and listening to the wrong voice. He then gave six principles people can use to help guide their relationships. They are: The Principle of Acceptance, The Principle of Honor, The Principle of Forgiveness, The Principle of Patience, The Principle of Effective Communication, and The Principle of Submission. His talk was both powerful and meaningful.

The final presenter for the session was W/Sgt. Rachel Metellus, officer in charge of Community Policing. She spoke about the role the police play in domestic violence cases. She stated that the police have the responsibility to carry out the laws of the land. However, they must be sensitive to those who come into the station to make complaints. She said that the police plan to make some changes to ensure that they are sensitive to the needs of those persons who visit the station. A healthy discussion followed and other victims shared their story.

This seminar was organized by W/Cpl Erica Colebrooke of the Abaco Central Detective Unit.

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Junkanoo Summer Festival is planned

By Timothy Roberts

Visitors will be treated to an "authentic Bahamian experience" during the summer months starting in June as the Ministry of Tourism kicks off a series of Junkanoo Summer Festivals.

The first festival, which will be held at Goombay Park on June 18, will feature the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band and Bahamian artist Wendell "Arvy" Mortimer, known for his song Ghost Move. The night will also feature fire dancers Martellus and Fontella Chipman along with local artists, Brown Tip and Gary MacDonald. The festival will showcase a variety of arts and crafts and will feature some fine Bahamian dishes.

A competition was held in local schools by the Ministry of Tourism for students to choose a theme for this year's festival. Emmanuel Munroe of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town won the competition with the title "A Time for Fun and Celebration." He will receive his prize during the night of the first festival.

During the first two festivals a talent show to highlight the local talent in Abaco will be included. A winner will be crowned at each event along with a prize.

At the second festival, which will be at Goombay Park on June 25, the audience will be entertained by Bahamian pop artist Geno D and the Crab Man Elon Moxey along with fire dancer Luscious Dames and the rake & scrape band Tea Time. Again

arts and crafts and Bahamian food will be available.

The Junkanoo groups featured for these events were chosen from the Junakanoo Day winners in February. The first night, June 18, will showcase the Treasure Cay Explorers and the second night, June 25, will feature the Spring City Rockers.

Summer Dance and Gymnastics Programme

By Jennifer Hudson

The long summer school break is almost upon us and once again parents are wondering how to occupy their children during these seemingly endless weeks. Many children these days are lacking in exercise and so what better way for young people to spend several hours a week than in getting the physical exercise they need and having fun and developing skills at the same time.

The Marsh Harbour School of Gymnastics and Dance will be running a summer programme from July 5 to August 20 at its centre in the back of the Stratton building at the traffic light. Instructors Elaine and Andre Pilon are looking forward to teaching the programme since they say, "Our greatest joy is seeing children having fun in a healthy environment while enjoying a sport they love."

Although many children who have already acquired some gymnastics skills will no doubt want to attend, no experience is necessary to be able to join the class, and beginners are welcome. The classes are open to both boys and girls ages seven years and up. Gymnastic classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A Dance and Drama programme will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Returning students and beginners are all welcome.

"Do not miss out on this opportunity, register today" says Mrs. Pilon. Please call 357-0883 or 551-5883.

Winding Bay coordinates Murphy Town clean-up

By Mirella Santillo

Under the Environmental Conservation

projects included in its Community Footprints plan for 2010, the Abaco Club at Winding Bay coordinated a major clean-up of the main area of Murphy Town. The effort was conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism with Millie Dawkins as coordinator.

In spite of the short notice, the event brought about the participation of many residents, town and church leaders and high school students, approximately 60 people including employees of the Abaco Club, who gathered on May 22 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the rallying point of the operation. Many of the volunteers were Abaco Central High School students, over thirty-five of them participated,

Several trucks had been volunteered by their owners to gather trash and debris including a flatbed brought by Patrick Huyler to carry discarded appliances and household items.

Two very large metal dumpsters, lent by Bahamas Waste, had been placed at Murphy Town Park on Forest Drive. That company agreed to collect the full bins and dispose of their contents.

Whitney Bain, coordinator for Winding Bay, divided the volunteers into five groups, each in charge of a specific area which had previously been printed and handed out to the team leaders. People dispersed armed with tools while trucks followed them to collect full garbage bags and take them to the bins.

By late morning the two bins were full to the brim and by the end of the operation, enough debris to fill two more that had



A summer program of dance and gymnastics will begin on July 5 in Marsh Harbour for school students. The gymnastic classes will be held three days a week while the dance and drama class will be held two days a week. These are being offered at the Marsh Harbour School of Gymnastics and Dance near the traffic light.

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been deposited at the park. The clean-up continued until 2 p.m., after a lunch break at the Burial Society, food compliments of the Abaco Club. Food and organization were not the only thing provided by the resort which also supplied machetes, gloves, garbage bags, rakes and drinks.

Mr. Bain will consider organizing a subsequent clean-up of the adjoining areas of South Side, Great Cistern and Bahamas Coral Island at a later date. The Abaco Club is considering a clean-up operation in Dundas Town. No date has yet been decided.

To make the Murphy Town clean-up worthwhile, Millie Dawkins, Chairperson of the Murphy Town Beautification Com-

mittee, is organizing the placing of garbage drums in strategic areas of town to encourage people not to throw trash on the side roads or in the bush.

Dion Hanna advises chief councillors

Mr. Dion Hanna, a professor with the law school in Nassau, visited Moore's Island, Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour during the week of May 24 offering legal aid and advice to residents. He chairs the Legal Aid Clinic of the Eugene Dupuch Law School and is passionate in his efforts to see that the common man receives legal aid.

He met with five of Abaco's chief councillors on May 27 to offer ideas on how local government could better serve

residents. He brought out that much legal work is of an administrative nature, filling out forms correctly and submitting them to proper authorities. Anyone can do most of this after the forms are completed correctly.

Lawyers alleviate suffering. However, if there is no access to justice, justice is not served. He constantly reinforced the opportunity and need for persons with paralegal training to serve the community. He suggested that local government inquire of the law school for help in pursuing legal aid for Abaco residents.

He urged the chief councillors to go to

Nassau occasionally to request the help they need from government officials. It is not so easy, he said, for government people to say no to a face, whereas it is quite easy to say no to a letter.

At Mr. Hanna's meeting with residents on Moore's Island, most issues related to land whereas issues in Sandy Point were more of a personal nature.

The Legal Aid Clinic at the law school operates with minimal fees using law students in their final year of law training. Mr. Hanna hopes to return in November with several law students to offer legal aid assistance.



A clean-up in Murphy Town was very successful with about 60 volunteers, many of whom were students from Abaco Central High School. Several large containers were filled and a flatbed truck picked up appliances and other larger items. The clean-up was organized by the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

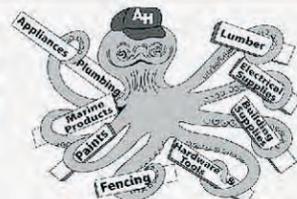


Deon Hanna, third from right, spoke to a meeting of chief councillors in Marsh Harbour on May 27. He is a strong advocate for seeing that everyone has access to legal aid. He spoke to the group on how local government can better serve the public. Shown are Preston Roberts from the South Abaco District, Cecil Stuart from Moore's Island District, Jeremy Sweeting from the Hope Town District, Mr. Hanna, Cubell Davis from the Central Abaco District and Greg Curry from the Green Turtle Cay District.

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Farmer is successful using new technology

By Timothy Roberts

Abaco has a newcomer in the agricultural sector, bringing a blend of traditional and modern farming to the local market. Since June of 2009, Michael Lightbourn and Jennifer have been growing a variety of crops, including tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, cucumbers, radishes, corn, broccoli, herbs and an assortment of flowers, on their farm in South Abaco.

"Our goal as a farm is to provide locally to Abaco before we ever get to any export," Michael said. "By growing a variety, we can offer an assortment of foods to the Abaco market."

With the vertical hydroponics system he uses, he is able to grow more crops in less space than traditional crops. The system

can stack five pots high. With as little as four stacks in a tiny amount of space, he can produce 20 heads of lettuce. He closely monitors the pH and nutrient levels of the water while the crop is fed on a consistent schedule every day which ensures that they are receiving the peak nutrients all the time.

"It's technical (getting the right numbers to balance the nutrients) but once you get that aspect down, it's cake," he said. According to Michael the crop has "an increased growth rate because we feed them three times a day, instead of once a month (as in traditional farming)."

He explained that in traditional farming when the crop is fed, there is a peak growth burst because of the increased presence of nutrients in the soil; however, the nutrients

degrade over time. With hydroponics the nutrients are maintained at a constant level giving the crop a constant peak level, and the growth rate is increased as well as the overall health of the crop.

One advantage is that the system can be completely automated. Another advantage is, because the soil in The Bahamas is generally poor, this system can grow vegetables in as little as a concrete pot. This is because the nutrients are fed directly to the roots through the watering system.

"Where you can grow is not related to (whether you have) good fertile soil," he said, and it can be as "manual or automatic as you want it." The system is also highly scalable, good for as small a crop as a backyard farmer may want and as large a

scale as a commercial farm would like.

Michael said they have settled in quite well, and their products have been well received in the local market with buyers like F&V being really "good to us when all we had were a handful of cucumbers," he said.

This fall look for Michael selling a wide variety of produce at a stand in Marsh Harbour. That is when the new crop of vegetables will be producing.

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Forestry Act is explained at Town Meeting

By Timothy Roberts

A town meeting was held at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town on May 24 to explain and discuss the new Forestry Bill which recently passed in the House of Assembly in Nassau. Christopher Russell, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment and The Bahamas' only forestry officer, conducted a meeting in which the impact of the bill was explained.

The Act will provide for the conservation and control of the nation's forests and details how to manage and control the large acreage of forests throughout The Bahamas in a sustainable way.

The Act, he said, will provide for zoning in a similar manner as the recently passed Subdivision and Town Planning Act and

provides a framework to ensure the proper and sustainable use of land resources that exist outside developed areas.

The Act will identify three forest zones, according to Mr. Russell: Forest Reserves, Protected Forests and Conservation Forests.

Forest Reserves are intended to be managed for conservation of national forests for the sustained yield of timber, to provide for the development of forest resources and to provide for the establishment of forestry and conservation of freshwater resources and create natural amenities. It will require an Act of Parliament to sell or otherwise transfer these lands other than by leasehold.

Protected Forests are given a less permanent status than Forest Reserves with such areas likely to be for alternative land use or development. The land may be released for this purpose with the assumption that the proposed alternative use or development is sound and provides a better value than the existing forestry and will be subjected to an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Conservation Forests are portions of land which are to be managed with the view to conserve the biological diversity, specific flora and fauna and preservation of areas that have a special sci-

entific interest, scenic beauty or natural resource. These can only be changed by an Act of Parliament.

The Act will provide for the establishment of a forestry unit with a director and officers to manage and police the forest reserves across The Bahamas with the authority to arrest and prosecute offenders and inspect and seize contraband in accordance with the various offences and regulations outlined in the new Act.

Persons wanting to cut down trees, get water or hunt in forest areas will be required to get the relevant permit or license from the local forestry authority. As an example, if an Abaco hunter wants to hunt pigeons on Andros, he must acquire the relevant permit or license from the forestry authority on Andros.

People wanting to maintain forests for commercial use on private property will be required to present a management plan to the government for approval. The government will also produce a national management plan which both private and local management plans must adhere to. These plans will be updated every five years.

Mr. Russell said the plan will be implemented on New Providence first to create a template for the rest of the islands. When implementing zoning or any of the changes that will come as a result of the Subdivision or Forestry Act, the government will seek public consultation and input on the proposed zoning areas on each island.

Mr. Russell, speaking of the history of the lumber industry in The Bahamas, noted that much of our considerable forestry resources have been cut, and some areas have been cut twice. Owens Illi-

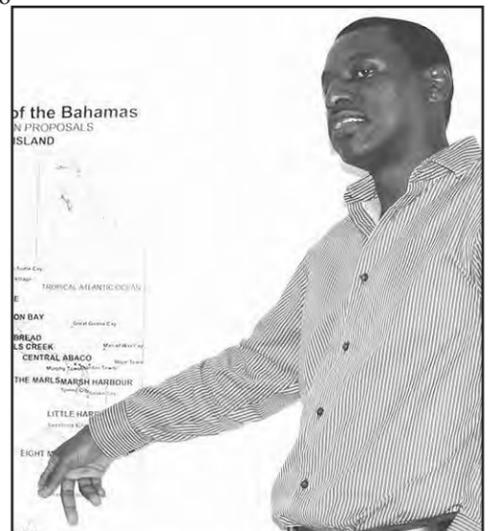
nois was one of the principle lumber companies involved. There are now very few virgin forest areas left in The Bahamas, he said.

The government recognized a need to protect these resources and enacted the first forestry laws in 1957. Over 20 years later they realized that more needed to be done to protect these resources and subsequently put together an act in the late 1980s which never was passed.

In order to go forward with considerations for the international environmental and climate conventions that The Bahamas has signed, the government revised the previous information and began the process of passing this Act, which was voted on and passed in the House in April. The proposed Act will be debated in the Senate within the next few weeks, Mr. Russell said, and should be passed soon.



Christopher Russell, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, chaired a Town Meeting to discuss the proposed Forestry Act that is under consideration in Parliament. Shown are David Knowles, Abaco's Bahamas National Trust's warden, Administrator Cephias Cooper and Christopher Russell, Abaco's top forestry expert.



Christopher Russell explained the new Forestry Act under consideration and how it would conserve The Bahamas' forest lands.



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People in the News

Abaconian receives her doctorate in cardiovascular research



Shaquria Adderley recently received her doctorate from Saint Louis University. The celebration after the graduation was a very happy affair. She is pictured here, seated with family and friends. They are, left to right Dr. Randy Sprague, her PhD advisor and mentor throughout her graduate studies; Raneta Riddle, a friend; Patricia Kemp, her mother; Centinio Kemp, her brother; Centina Sawyer, her aunt; and Don Riddle, a friend.

Shaquria Adderley, a graduate of Abaco Central High School (1999) and Louisiana State University (2004, BS in Biochemistry, cum laude), has been awarded a doctoral degree in Pharmacological & Physiological Science by Saint Louis University. During her PhD training, Dr. Adderley presented her research at four national

meetings and was supported by the National Institutes of Health and the American Diabetes Association. She received awards from The Minority Trainee and Research Forum, Microcirculatory Society and American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Dr. Adderley is the author or co-author on 11 scientific

papers. In addition, she served the Graduate Student Association as Vice President for the Medical School campus. Upon graduation, Dr. Adderley has accepted a position at East Carolina University in the laboratory of Dr. David Tulis and will continue in the field of cardiovascular research.

Maritime Cadet Travels Afar

By Mirella Santillo

Traveling to far away places was one of the rewards that some of the Maritime Cadets enjoyed who graduated last year from the program. Two young men from Abaco were among those who tried life at sea. One of them, Traz Nixon, resident of Murphy Town, traveled to Africa.

After graduating from Holland College in Canada in September 2009, where he spent a semester, Traz Nixon was called to report to the M/V CS Shara, a 598-foot, 30,000 ton ship, flying a Bahamian flag, docked in Amsterdam, Holland. He first flew to London, then to Amsterdam and by December 29, he was at sea together with another cadet. Life at sea, however, is not for everyone and soon the other cadet resigned. Traz was left with a crew of 21 sailors, all of Indian origins, including a Third Officer who had Bahamian status.

Traz was at sea for four months, visiting nine countries. He returned with newly acquired knowledge and quite a few adventures to talk about. While on board, his duties included ballast operation, fresh water sounding and bridge and gangway navigational watch. During the trip, he learnt celestial navigation, voyage planning and management.

The first part of the trip took him to Belgium, Poland, Germany and Lybia, visiting each country for a few days. From Lybia, the ship sailed to Portugal, via Gibraltar, for fueling. One two and a half week trip without docking ended in Angola. It was a long voyage, commented Traz, and the five-day stopover at Porto del Lobito was more than welcome. "It was one of the

best ports," recalled the young cadet. He added that it was the place where he encountered the nicest people.



Marine Cadet Traz Nixon

At the end of February 2010, upon leaving the coast of Portugal to cross the Atlantic on the way to Brazil, the ship was caught in Hurricane Xynthia, the hurricane that caused severe damage and casualties to several countries of Western Europe. The sailors stayed at sea and sailed through the storm. Brazil was the end of the journey for Traz. There, he was to wait for his reliever, a wait that unfortunately was spent at anchorage because there was no space to dock in the port.

Traz is debating whether he will go to university or back to sea. As far as jobs possibilities are concerned, the young man thinks that the chances are even either way. He has applied for a position with Campbell Shipping in Nassau and is ready to go back aboard a ship in August. His next objective is to become Master of unlimited tonnage.

"It is not an easy task (to be at sea). You are away from your family and have to put up with different personalities and deal with different cultures, but you have to stay positive. I ended up being discouraged sometimes but I tried to stay above it," he commented.

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TREASURE CAY

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 143' 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** - 20,610 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** - 18,880 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. 175' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **REDUCED TO \$499,000.**

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** - Prime 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.**
- 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.**

NORTH ABACO

- 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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Houses

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

"Girasole" # 1551 - Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guest accommodations. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades/extras. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100'+ beach frontage. **\$4,950,000.**

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

"Summertime" # Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2 bed, 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. **\$3,995,000.**

Brigantine Bay Canal Home # 1589 - Newly built 4 bed, 4 bath unfurnished home. 3,150 s/f under air, 4,850 s/f total. Many extras. 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, lay-along & finger docks, boat lift. **\$3,200,000.**

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

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

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

"Sandpiper" # 1265 - Ocean Blvd. 3,000 s/f bi-level furnished home on 1.87 acres with 180' sandy beach frontage. **\$2,235,000.**

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

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

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

"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 & decks 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.**

"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. **\$750,000.**

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, tasteful 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.**

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.**

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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.**

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.**

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. **\$405,000.**

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.**

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. **\$400,000.**

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 Geat 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 sand & 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 # 1360 - 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 hand 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. **\$49,900.**

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News of South Abaco

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Condolences

Capt. Archibold Roy Albury, a resident of Sybil House's, passed away on June 3 after being laid up for five years with two broken hips.

The oldest of three boys born to Robert Irwin Albury and Sarah Ada Lowe in February 1920 in Cherokee Sound, he lived to be 90 years. He married



Capt. Roy Albury

Ena Marjorie Pinder, also of Cherokee Sound, in August of 1942 and they had three children Leona Joy, Hershaw Roy and Garth Lawson Albury.

Back in the olden days when the fishermen sailed, he was a captain of three different Cherokee fishing smacks, the Janet Jones, the Black Joe and the Renown as well as serving as First Mate on the mail boat, Stede Bonnet. He spent the better part of his life at sea. When he quit the sea, he farmed and kept a field. Always an active person and a hard worker, he enjoyed planting a garden and seeing things grow. He worked with Owens-Illinois for many years and was a caretaker for one of Abaco's second home residents at Channel Cay for quite some time.

Reliable, trustworthy, a man of his word, you knew if Capt. Roy said some-

thing, you could count on it. It's hard to believe he is gone; we shall miss him.

May he rest in peace.

Prayer Quilt

Epworth Methodist Chapel has joined the International Prayer Group and has made and given out their first Prayer Quilt on June 9.

Under the talented and watchful eye of Joanne Sturup, the Saturday Afternoon Quilting Ladies put together a lovely lap quilt and have presented it to their first recipient, Vernell Roberts, who has been housebound for several weeks due to a pulled muscle or torn ligament. Ms. Nell has kept her pleasant disposition and good outlook, but undoubtedly has suffered much pain.

The quilt is of a patchwork design. The idea is that the final construction of tying together the individual strings in a square knot is done by friends and neighbours. The quilt was at Epworth Chapel on June 6 when members of the congregation tied the yarn, each submitting a prayer for Ms. Nell's recovery. We have complete faith that our prayers will be answered and Ms. Nell will soon be back to her old self, smiling and walking about.

South Abaco The Loyalist Settlement of Rawdon

By Timothy Roberts

With the evidence from a few documents, an old map and survey, amateur archeologist David Bethel set out to find the town of Rawdon, a small settlement established about 1787 and located at Little

Harbour Bay near the Bight of Old Robinson. A group of men noted in one of the documents as the King's Carolina Rangers, probably a militia group loyal to the King, were the settlers of Rawdon. Colonels, captains, quartermasters and a surgeon were listed. Little Harbour Bay was the name of the area between the eastern part of Wilson City and Lynyard Cay.

One of these men, Col. John Brown, requested a survey of the area that they wanted to settle. "To laying out the town of Rawdon at Little Harbour on the Island of Abaco for the accommodation of the inhabitants in that district, by order of his honour the president and council with the assistance of John Ferguson Deputy Surveyor, labourers expences, attending the general surveyors voyage to Abaco on this business and furnish a plan of the same. In Council £50...Examined, approved of and sworn to 25th of September 1787" The request was signed by John Brown. The survey was conducted by the Surveyor General, Josiah Tattnall, who later served in the United States Senate and as Governor of Georgia.

Mr. Bethel explored the area for a few days and found the foundations of two main houses and the rubble for three smaller buildings which would have been slave huts. The main houses and huts would likely have been made with thatch sidings and roofs due to the lack of access to lumber. Another method that may have been used was a stone type wall which was called vottle and adobe, although there was no evidence of it at the site. Also in this area he found buckles, coins, civilian and military buttons, musket balls, pieces of flint,

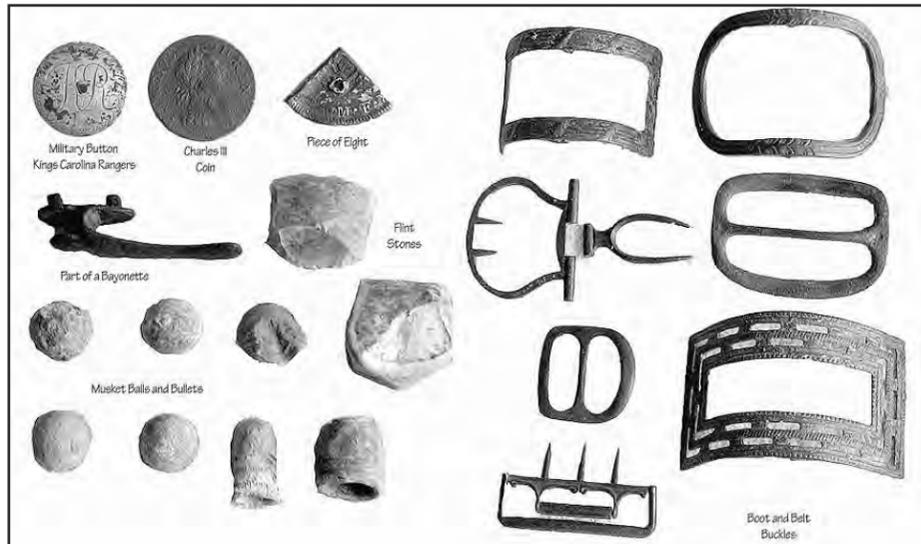
part of a bayonet and other miscellaneous objects.

Mr. Bethel spent "days and days just walking the land trying to find any artifacts, something that would show me that somebody was there."

Some of the men mentioned in the documents relating to the King's Rangers showed up in another document which appeared to be a crime report. On Sunday, 4 May 1788, Mr. Mackay with a company of armed men surrounded the plantation house of Mr. Richard Pearis at Spencer's Bight and demanded entrance to his cellar where smuggled corn was allegedly stored. When Mr. Pearis asked to see his authority, Mr. Mackay babbled something about a deputation from Mr. Baker, a Naval Officer, and waved a letter showing Dunmore's large bold signature but refused to read or allow anyone else to see the letter.

Philip Dumeresq, Magistrate, refused to assist Mr. Mackay when he learned he had not writ of assistance. When Pearis would not give him the key, Mackay placed Pearis and his family, along with his guests Messers. Pengree, Edwards, Wilson, Forbes, Armstrong and Captain Smith, under house arrest while he broke open two of the stores and seized in the King's name 401 bushels of Indian Corn. Mr. Pearis wrote to a friend in Nassau that Mr. Mackay had nearly caused a riot before he left Spencer's Bight that Sunday.

It is unclear for how long the Town of Rawdon was settled; however, an old map which shows property grants in the area of Spencer's Bight, Little Harbour Bay and the Bight of Old Robinson has it clearly marked abandoned.



David Bethel of Marsh Harbour has researched archives to discover that a Loyalist town was established near Wilson City in the late 1780s that was not known before. Rawdon survived only a few year before being abandoned. However, the residents left behind these artifacts, buttons, coins and musket balls.



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Social Services announces essay competition winners

By Canishka Alexander

The Department of Social Services held an essay competition this spring in recognition of Child Protection Month, and on May 26 Assistant Director, Charlamae Fernander, announced the winners of the

competition.

Anticipation began to build as two of the students read their essays to the audience gathered at the Social Services office. Finally, the time came to give out the awards.

In the senior division, first place was

awarded to Shanae Knowles of St. Francis de Sales School, Joy Archer of St. Francis de Sales placed second and Vanessa Darville of Abaco Central High came third. In the junior division, Dianna Saint Fleur of Abaco Central High submitted the only essay, so she received a first place trophy along with the floating trophy for her school.

Meanwhile, in the primary division Joshua Archer of St. Francis de Sales secured first place, and second and third place trophies went to Sidney Decius and Kadesha Canton, respectively, both students of Central Abaco Primary.

Floating trophies for the senior and primary divisions went to St. Francis de Sales.

Ms. Fernander said that every year her office attempts to focus the attention of the community on the issue of child abuse as well as child protection. "It has become increasingly important to involve younger people in this whole thought process so that they will have a positive effect in what happens in our nation tomorrow." With that in mind, the staff at Social Services held an essay competition as a way to get the young people involved.

Ms. Fernander thanked the District Council offices located on Grand Cay, Green Turtle Cay, North, South and Central Abaco and Hope Town that donated cash prizes to the students as an added bonus for their participation.



The Department of Social Services held an essay competition for students to bring about awareness of Child Protection month. The winners were announced in a ceremony on May 26 at the Social Services office in Marsh Harbour. Shown in the back are Edna Michel-Charlot, Vanessa Darville, Charlamae Fernander and Kimrice Miller. In the front are Dianna Saint Fleur, Joy Archer, Kadesha Canton, Sidney Decius, Shanae Knowles and Joshua Archer. The winners received trophies as well as cash prizes supplied by local government.

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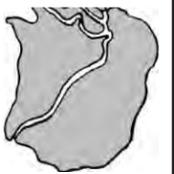
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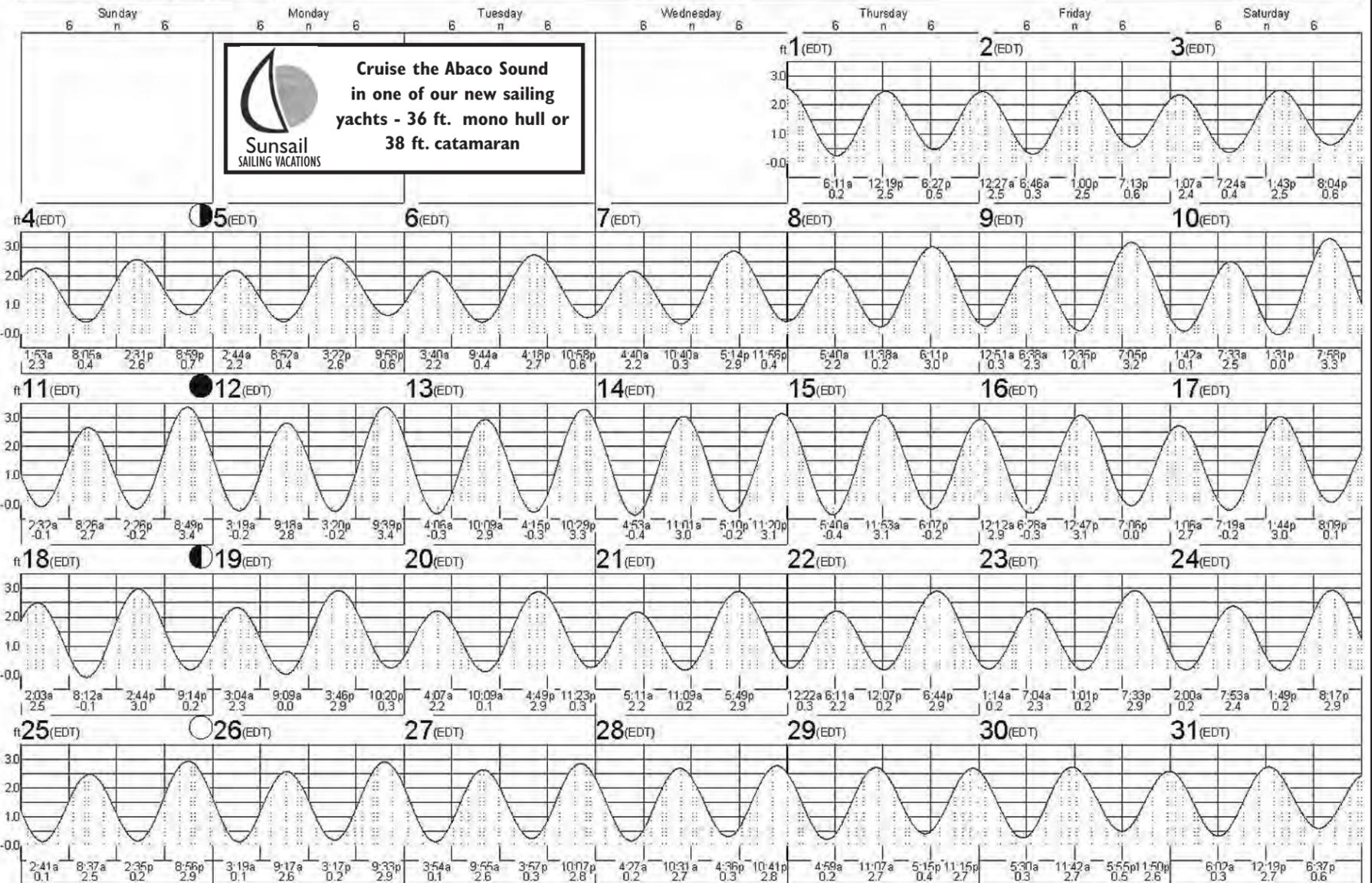


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Treasure Cay will host lionfish tournament

Fishermen from the U.S. and The Bahamas will unite to battle the lionfish invasion of the reefs on Abaco on June 16. While beautiful to behold, voracious lionfish are devastating the Bahamian reefs. With their population explosion and aggressive behavior, lionfish could create the most disastrous marine invasion in history by drastically reducing the abundance of coral reef fishes and leaving behind a devastated ecosystem.

The Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament has added the conservation-minded lionfish spearfish tournament to its agenda and invites the public to participate. While billfish remain the focus of the tournament's four days of fishing, the community can help combat the overpopulation of lionfish by entering the separate, one-day Ravage the Savage Lionfish Tournament on June 16. A purse of \$500 has been offered by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, with additional prizes from several fishing equipment companies. There is a minimal entry fee of \$15 per person or \$35 per boat. A captains' meeting will be held at 8:30 am on June 16. Tournament hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by awards.

Lionfish - a threat to the marine environment

The lionfish tournament is a proactive response to environmental issues caused by the overpopulated status of this voracious species. Ravage the Savage invites the community to join the battle against the rapid invasion of Indo-Pacific lionfish into our local waters by removing as many as possible. Lionfish are primarily caught by spearfishing with a Hawaiian sling. Treasure Cay Hotel Resort & Marina will offer an additional bounty on lionfish to benefit the Treasure Cay Primary School. Other details will be announced on www.treasurecayfishing.com.

Billfish Tournament to Offer Guaranteed Payout

The 27th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament is offering multiple awards for billfish, plus trophies for tuna, dolphin and wahoo. The tournament offers four days of fishing and a lay day, with activities including the new Ravage the Savage lionfish tournament, a Junkanoo performance by the Treasure Cay Primary School, a Izor Line Knot Tying Contest and more. Release point standings are verified by the

participant's digital and/or video camera with an image that can verify the time and date the photo was taken.

Elective participation for the fun fish division of tuna, dolphin and wahoo entails a payout rivaling top prizes of U.S. based

tournaments. In addition to the cash prizes, winners receive beautiful trophies and the top team is honored by a perpetual trophy showcased in the resort's Spinnaker Restaurant. Awards are made to Top Lady and Junior Anglers.

Hope Town Clinic Temporarily Moved

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hope Town clinic has for years been housed in a pink building adjacent to the Post Office dock in the centre of town. A nurse is on duty every day and Dr. Swarna visits on a regular weekly basis from Marsh Harbour. There is presently a sign on the door saying that the clinic has moved. This move, however, is only temporary. The government has closed it while it does structural and cosmetic work on the building and essential rewiring.

While renovations are taking place, the clinic is being housed in the family home belonging to Suzanne Bethel, her brother and their families. Renovations are expect-

ed to take about three months. Government is renting four rooms in the Russell home to be used as the temporary clinic.

The Russell home is a piece of Hope Town history. It is well over 100 years old and is where Suzanne and her brothers grew up. It is located on the Queen's Highway just up the road from the Burial Society building towards the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. It now stands on the east side of the road but originally it stood on the west side of the road. When Suzanne Bethel's father, Alvard Russell, married, he moved the house across the road. Originally, as in all old Bahamian homes, the kitchen was separate. But after Mr. Russell moved

it, he built a kitchen and dining room onto the main house and also added a bathroom.

Plans are to further remodel the home to rent to vacationing family members and visitors after it has performed its service as a clinic for the people of Hope Town.



The Russell house overlooking Hope Town harbour is now being used for the clinic while the real clinic is being renovated. The Russell house is over 100 years old but has been upgraded over the years.

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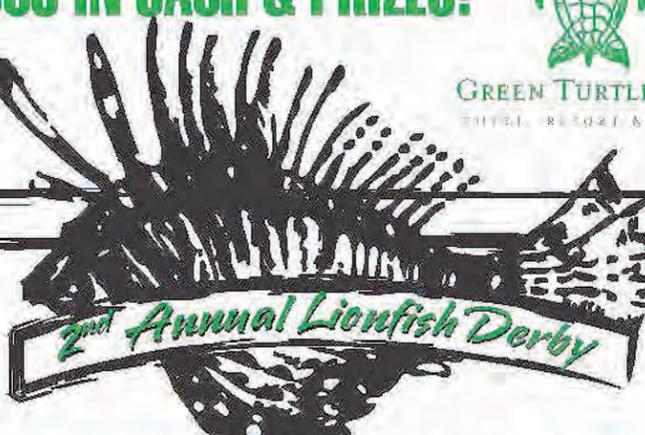
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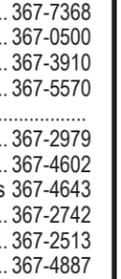
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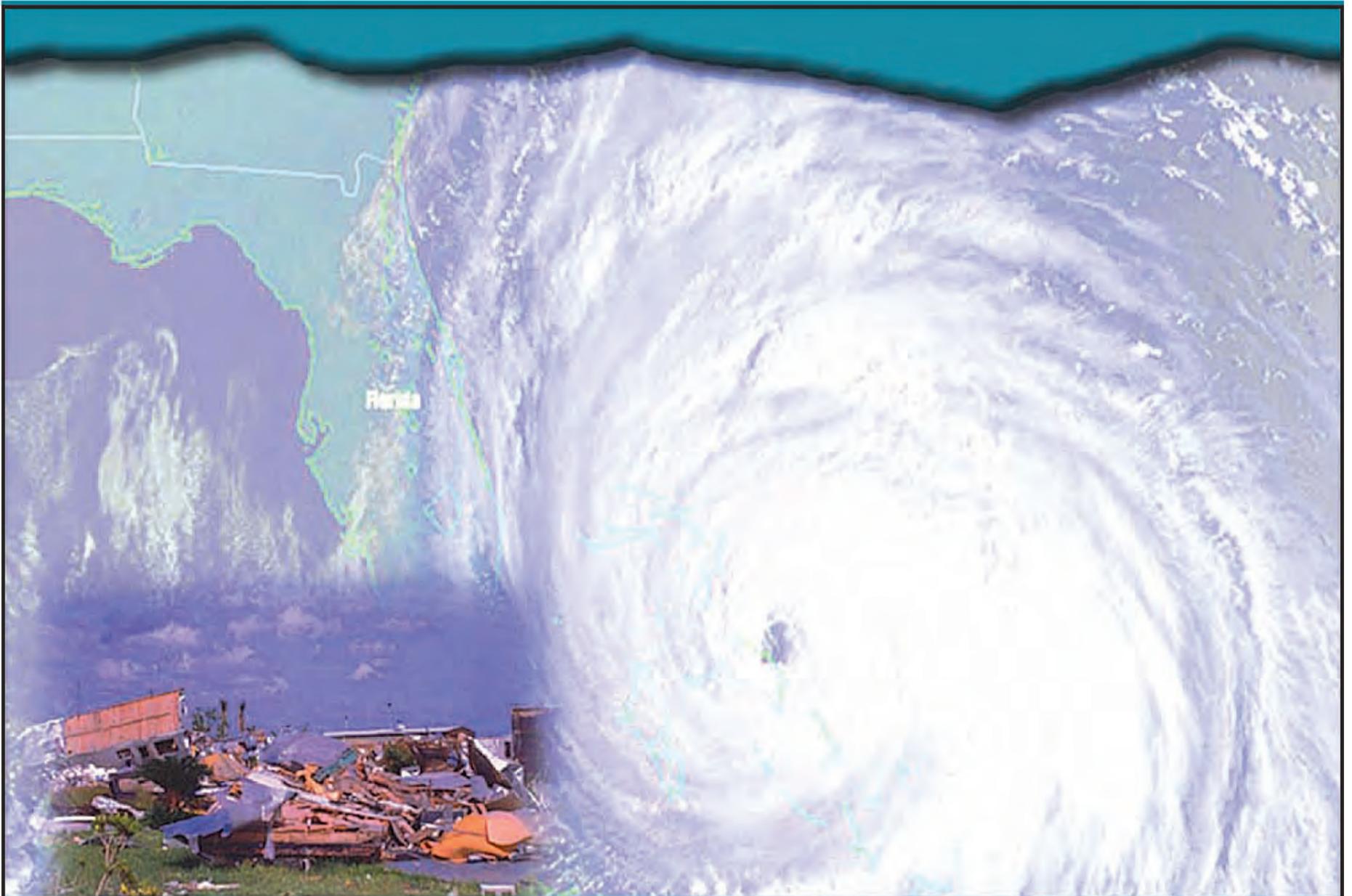


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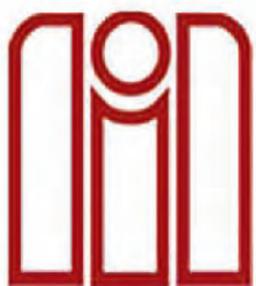
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The Abaconian

SECTION B



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Abaco wins B Class at George Town Regatta

Lonesome Dove had two first place finishes as well as second and third place wins



This is the last B Class race of the George Town National Family Island Regatta. In second place is Abaco's Lonesome Dove on its way to passing the Lady Sonia to win the fourth race. This gave The Dove two first place wins, a second and a third, making it the overall winner of the B Class. In third place was the Eudeva. The Hope Town sailors were unable to take its A class boat, the Abaco Rage, this year, but the group was pleased with winning the Governor General's Cup and the overall first place win in B Class.

By Stafford Patterson

The 2010 Bahamian Workboat Regatta season is underway and the Abaco Rage Sailing Syndicate based in Hope Town was once again able to compete in the 57th Annual National Family Island Regatta held April 21 - 24th in George Town, Exuma.

For the first time in 13 years and due to the economic situation, we were unable to field our 28-foot A Class sailboat, the Abaco Rage. We were able to transport and enter our 21-foot B Class boat, Lonesome Dove.

The Regatta consisted of four races beginning with the Governor General's Cup, a "dash for the cash" and a trophy, no points are awarded. The following three races are scored on a low points system where the winner at the end is the team with the least number of points. The Dove and 16 other B Class boats from various other Bahama Islands provided some

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Rotary hosts chalk art



Artists create chalk drawings on the sidewalk at Royal Harbour Village in Marsh Harbour to raise funds for the Interact Clubs. See story on page 15.

Two Charged With Boat Theft

By Timothy Roberts

Two young men from Green Turtle Cay were charged in the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on May 26 with stealing and receiving a boat and attempting to steal another.

The young men, 19-year-old Michael Lavarity, Jr. and 20-year-old Leandro Curry, were charged with the theft of a 23-foot Ox Boat with a 235 hp engine valued at \$8000 belonging to Roy Boles and attempting to steal a 32-foot Century boat with two 250 hp engines valued at \$80,000 belonging to David Lander between May 22 and May 23.

Administrator Cephas Cooper, sitting in for Magistrate Crawford McKee, read the charges to the young men. He said that due

to the seriousness of the matter they were not required to enter a plea. However, when the young men agreed to have their case heard in the local magistrate's court and not in the Supreme Court in Nassau, the charges were read again and they both entered a plea of not guilty to all charges.

Cpl. Perkins Collie, prosecuting officer for the police, requested that the two young men be denied bail because it was felt they would commit a similar offense again. He noted that Mr. Lavarity was out on bail already, due to appear before court to answer charges of a similar nature.

Simeon Brown, lawyer for the defense of Mr. Lavarity, said that there was not

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BEC apologizes

It hopes to maintain power until new plant is operational

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation apologizes to its consumers in Abaco for the supply interruptions experienced recently. Unfortunately, many different types of problems have occurred at the Marsh Harbour Power Station that contributed to this, but the staff have worked diligently to address them so as to keep supplies on until the new power plant at Wilson City is operational.

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation wishes to assure the residents of Abaco of its commitment to the people and the economy of Abaco in providing a reliable power supply and thank them for their continued tolerance and patience during these pressing times.

See additional statement on page 16

Students display their graduation trophies



The Valedictorian, Sapphire Davis, and Salutatorian, Bianca Albury, of Agape Christian School received their honours in a graduation ceremony held at the Grace Gym on May 28. Ten students received their diplomas that night.



St. Francis de Sales School held its graduation ceremony on June 8 at the St. Francis Catholic Church. The graduating class of 22 students included five who graduated with honours. The top two students, Joy Archer and Marcus J. Sands Jr. are shown with their trophies. See story on page 2.

School News

Agape Christian School Together We Can

By Samantha V. Evans

Together We Can has been the theme of the grade 12 of Agape Christian School for the school year. Ten students took their walk down the aisle of Grace Gym to receive their high school diplomas and other awards which they have worked so hard to earn for the past nine months.

Their home room teacher, Beverley Rolle, and Euna George Gobin spoke highly of the students they have come to know and admire over this past year. Mrs. Rolle said that this group made history at Agape Christian School as six of them made the super honor roll, which is a first for a graduating class in the eight years of Agape graduation history.

The valedictorian, Sapphire Davis, gave a comprehensive overview of their lives over the past year including their cruise to

the Cayman Islands. She told her fellow graduates that they will be faced with challenges as they begin their new lives, but they must believe that they are the future leaders and entrepreneurs. She added that the road has been rough but they made it and it is this driven, motivated spirit that has made them ready to take on the world with and with God's help, they will succeed.

Principal Cecile Albury acknowledged the role the parents, family, teachers and graduates played in making the graduation possible. She told them that these ten young men and women are destined to succeed and with their prayers, the good education they have received and God's guidance, they cannot go wrong.

The keynote address was given by Pastor Jermaine Watkins of New Life Fellowship Church in Nassau. He has been preaching since he was 17 years old and now, at the age of 27, he has been called to preach God's word as an ordained minis-

ter. He shared lunch with the graduates and stated with assurance that they have proven their theme to be true this day.

Pastor Watkins encouraged the graduates to continue on the course of excellence and as they move into the next phase of their lives, he left them with keys to remember that were taken from Ephesians. He told them there is power in the words they speak so they must be careful what they say; they must further be careful what name they answer to and what they speak onto their lives. He then stated they must visualize what it is they want to achieve in life; their dreams must be in alignment with God's plan for their lives.

The students were given their awards and diplomas by Pastor Watkins. Africa Lowe made the super honor roll for the first term. The six students who made the super honor

roll for the entire year were Bianca Albury, Chelsea Charlton, Sapphire Davis, Ashley Hill, Tyler Survance and Cody Unhjem. Ashley Hill and Cody Unhjem received the founder's award for being students at the school from K-3 to grade 12. The salutatorian of the class was Bianca Albury. The graduates presented their parents and teachers with tokens of appreciation, and the school board with a check.

St. Francis de Sales School graduation

By Jennifer Hudson

Commencement exercises for the St. Francis de Sales Catholic School's Class of 2010 were held on June 8 in the St.

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These ten graduates of Agape Christian School received their diplomas on May 28 in a joyful, yet emotional ceremony held at Grace Gym.



The graduation ceremony of the students of St. Francis de Sales School took place in St. Francis de Sales Church on June 8. Twenty-two students completed this milestone in their lives. Seated is Patricia Coakley, representative of the Catholic Board of Education.

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More School News

School *From Page 2*

Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Under the theme *Forever, Forward on the Stairway of Success*, 22 students received their diplomas, five of those with honours. The two top students receiving the distinction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian were Joy Archer and Marcus J. Sands Jr. Master of Ceremonies Cecil Simon announced that the race for Salutatorian had been one of the closest ever with Marcus winning the position by just one point.

Guest speaker Angie Collie, who is Founder and Managing Director of the Auskell Medical Clinic, gave a great deal of very practical advice to the graduates, drawing on her own personal experiences to illustrate her points. "Graduation day is the first chapter of a new beginning, and I would like to give you a few pointers for success and tell you the secret of my success," she told the graduating class.

Love in Action is the tenet she lives by and this she learned from a nun who taught her and built her character during her years in the primary department of St. Francis de Sales School. Lessons she learned from her father were to always be responsible, hard working and honest while her mother taught her to be virtuous.

Mrs. Collie told the graduates that they must have a driven purpose to stay on course and not to be distracted with the things of life; to have a feeling of self worth, be "the real deal" and be honest. Using her clinic as an example of what can be achieved through hard work, prayer and thankfulness, she told how she gradu-

ated from college as a medical lab technician and, after working in the medical field for 17 years, wanted to provide more medical care for the people of Abaco.

She kept having a recurring dream of sick people lying on the ground needing help. This is why she began the clinic despite many people who thought it would fail. She now has a dream of a three storey building which will employ 50 persons from doctors and nurses to technicians and other staff to help the people of Abaco and The Bahamas.

"It is not always how we start in life but how we finish," she stated, and she encouraged the graduates to use what they have learned at St. Francis de Sales School to make themselves strong people. In conclusion, Mrs. Collie encouraged the graduates to "Go and explore in Jesus' name and soar to new heights."

Principal of the school, Josephine Giraud-Kumar, stated how proud she is of the graduates of this the school's 8th graduating class. She challenged the graduates to face the world and make a success of their lives, to have strength of the human spirit as this is the strongest force there is. She encouraged them to strive for moral strength and stability in order to be courageous to succeed and never to wallow in self pity. Further advice she gave them was to have love and pride for their country, be well rounded human beings in the reflection of Christ, to love and respect the environment, to adopt good health habits and never to spend money before they have it.

Following the conferral of diplomas and awards which were presented to the graduates by Mrs. Patricia Coakley, Catholic

Board of Education Representative from Nassau, top graduating student Joy Archer gave the Valedictorian's address. Joy likened education to a staircase which is never ending. "Graduating high school is only the first rung on this ladder," she said. "St. Francis has inspired us to be lifelong learners and we have been given a mission to forge ahead and achieve greatness."

The graduating class joined together for the last time to sing the graduation song *Within These Walls* and their school song, *St. Francis, We Love You*.

ECC receives assistance with lunch program

By Canishka Alexander

The staff and students of Every Child Counts received a donation on May 25 toward their school lunch program. Led by Charlamae Fernander, president of the Rainbow Pilot Club of Abaco, she and sev-

eral members from the organization visited ECC to present the donation to Lynn Major, ECC's director.

Ms. Fernander explained that part of the proceeds raised during the souse-out recently held on the school grounds would go toward the lunch program. As the school has endeavoured to provide lunch for the students, she was pleased to find out that the students were taught to assist in preparing the lunches. Like any other Pilot Club, Ms. Fernander said the club is one that supports persons with brain related disorders along with their families.

The club received its charter on February 9. Because ECC was adopted as the Club's main project, it was decided that the first project or fund raiser would benefit the school's lunch program. "They

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don't receive a subsidy for the school lunch program, and these children are deserving of lunch every day like every other child in The Bahamas. Rather than complain about it, we thought we would try and address the situation," Ms. Fernander said.

Mrs. Major nodded approvingly as she accepted the donation. "Thank you, and we will use it well," Major promised.

Also in attendance during the presentation were Paul Pinder, president elect for 2011-2012; Deborah Williams, fund raising coordinator; Claudia Pinder, co-ordinator of the project division; Barbara Williams, sergeant at arms; and Serena Brown, who is involved with membership and fund raising.



Members of the Rainbow Pilot Club of Abaco raised money and donated it to the lunch program at Every Child Counts school in Marsh Harbour. Shown is Pilot President Charlemae Fernander and President-elect Paul Pinder giving the check to Lyn Major, Principal of the school while Barbara Williams, Serena Brown, Debrah Williams and Claudia Pinder look on.

Size Matters members visit Abaco schools

By Canishka Alexander

Led by d'Shan Maycock, Education Officer of Friends of the Environment, team members from the organization's Size Matters Campaign have been visiting schools around Abaco. On May 26 they visited Cyber Learning Center with Spike the Lobster.

The focus of the Size Matters Campaign is to raise a level of awareness and pride among fishermen and the community as a way to reduce juvenile lobster fishing in The Bahamas, so that crawfish populations can be conserved.

The mood was a festive one as the students and staff members congregated in the school's parking lot and were entertained by the Size Matters campaign song sung by

Bahamian artist Geno D.

After Ms. Maycock had reminded the students that the size of the crawfish must be five and a half inches or more, she hastened to reveal the true purpose of their visit to the school.

As the first and second-place winners of the lobster display competition at the annual Earth Day Science Fair in April, students of Cyber Learning Center won a brand new laptop and projector.

The students enthusiastically gathered around Spike to take photos of each item they had won.

The following day, Maycock said that

they planned to visit schools in Hope Town and Sandy Point. The Size Matters Campaign is a year-long campaign.

Parks Pal program

By Timothy Roberts

School children are coming to Abaco to learn about the beauty of our ecological environment and visit our national parks through a joint program by the Bahamas National Trust and Bahamas Fast Ferries.

During the weekend of May 28-30 a group of 22 grade 6 children from Our

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Spike the Lobster was greeted enthusiastically by the students of Cyber Learning Center. Spike was there to present a laptop computer and projector to the school for winning first and second place at the Earth Day Science Fair held in April. Shown are d'Shan Maycock of Friends; Razheme McIntosh, Grade 11; Carl Archer Jr., Grade 11; James Bartlett, Grade 11; and Jesse Weatherford, Grade 11. The teacher is Nadine Been.

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Lady's Catholic Primary School in New Providence and 13 adults were given an eco-tour of Abaco. The excited children toured the Abaco National Park with par-

rot researcher Caroline Stahala. They were taken bird watching in Bahama Palm Shores where the group was delighted to catch a glimpse of the Abaco parrot.

David Knowles, Chief Park Warden for BNT on Abaco, said, "It was exciting for

me to see the kids enjoying themselves, especially when they saw the Abaco parrot."

They were given a presentation by Nancy Albury, head of Antiquities Monuments and Museums Corporation on the blue holes of Abaco at the Friends of the Environment's office. They visited Abaco Neem and learned about the processing of the neem leaves and berries.

They were taken by boat to see and appreciate the proposed Snake Cay Park, the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park and the Tilloo Cay Reserve.

Mr. Knowles said, "These are some of the opportunities we want to give to our local schools, giving them the occasion to see Abaco's very own island treasures so they can appreciate what they have here."

The Trust's Parks Pal program currently takes school children to Andros' national parks and blue holes and has just recently added Abaco to its program, with Eleuthera due to be added soon to their eco-tours. The program has been favorably received and has been quite successful so far.

Five students win logo competition

By Samantha V. Evans

October of last year was set aside as Drug Awareness Month by the National Drug Council and the Ministry of Education. As a part of the month, a Drug Free School Art Competition was held to give the students a chance to design a logo and come up with a motto for this initiative.

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Man-O-War students are honoured in Nassau



Johnny Bethel II and Abigail Phillpot received awards from the Minister of Education, the Hon. Desmond Bannister. They were named outstanding students in Literacy. The award ceremony was in Nassau on May 20. Man-O-War School was awarded four trophies for the highest scores as a class: the Grade 5 Numeracy District Award, the Grade 4 Numeracy District Award, the Grade 2 Numeracy District Award and the Grade 4 Literacy District Award. These awards were given at the Minister's Awards Ceremony. The students who earned these awards for their high scores on national tests were Blue Mertz, Johnny Bethel II, Abigail Phillpot, Felicia Roberts, Kyle Reeves, Alton Janes, Giavanna Manni, Jeremy Pleydell-Bouverie, Katelyn Russell, and Timothy Sweeting.



Twenty-two students came from Nassau to visit the national parks on Abaco. They were most impressed with the Abaco parrots. They enjoyed seeing several of the parks on the cays as well.

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Six students from Central Abaco Primary School completed art work to enter the competition that were sent to Nassau. The results were sent to principal Eunice Mills. On May 17 a special assembly was held to honor the students and to present them with their gift bags sent from Nassau.

The Central Abaco Primary students in the grade six category placed first, second and third. The winner of the grade six category was Trevar Blanc, who received a "drug free" school bag, dictionary, game set, coloring book and pencil calculator case. Desmond Bootle of grade 6 came second place, receiving several gifts and in third place was Jenny Louis of grade 6 who also received a variety of gifts.

In the grade five category, Mario Estimable won first place and Theresa D'Haiti in the grade 4 category placed third. Both received gifts.

Presenting the winners with their prizes was Sandy Edwards, Education Officer for

Family Life, who spoke to them about the ways drugs can negatively affect the composition of their body and alter the way they think. She told the students to remember the acronym DRUGS for D - don't do drugs, R - run for your life when offered drugs, U - use good sense and think about what you will be doing, G - get high on education and S - stay drug free.

Central Abaco Primary learn about high school

By Samantha V. Evans

Mr. Vincent Coakley, senior master of Abaco Central High School, visited Central Abaco Primary School on May 18 to speak to the grade six students about what will be expected of them when they enter grade seven in September. This talk is arranged annually by the Guidance Department at the school to give students a head start at preparing for high school.

Mr. Coakley told the students that regardless of what school they will attend in September, there are rules that they

Man-O-War Wins Grade One Spelling Bee

The grade one Spelling Bee was held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church Hall on May 26. Twenty-three grade one students took part in the competition. The last three students standing went up to grade four level words, a commendable feat for grade one students. In first place was Aaliyah Roberts of Man-O-War School with Ashley Hall of Agape Christian School, who placed second and Dylan Sweeting of Angels Academy placed third. Each of these students and the winning school, Man-O-War Primary, received trophies. All participants and substitutes were given certificates.



Six students of Central Abaco Primary School entered a Drug Free School Art Competition. They did very well winning in several categories. They were awarded at a school assembly, winning school supplies and school bags.

will have to follow. Abaco Central High School will expect students to fall in line. He added that as Senior Master, one of

his responsibilities is to ensure that the Please see **School** Page 10

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rules upheld by all students. He advised the students they will have to listen more and talk less. Gangs and slackness will not be allowed at any time. He went over the school rules with them including academic requirements and dress code. Cell phones, Ipods, cameras and other such devices are also prohibited.

The talk ended by Mr. Coakley advising the students that their future is important to the country so they must make wise decisions to do well. He left application forms for students to give to their parents for September enrollment.

Students Attend "Hot Careers" Series

By Samantha V. Evans

Beginning on May 17 the Guidance Department at Central Abaco Primary School hosted a What's Hot in Careers Series to educate grade six students at the school about potential career options.

Each speaker discussed his particular career giving what qualifications were needed to work in this field, the years of study needed and the most exciting things about working in the field. Display tables offered students information sheets about the different careers being represented.

Yasmine Austin from Auskell Medical Center spoke first on the medical assistance and radiology profession. She meets with patients and prepares them for the doctor by checking their vitals. Ms. Austin told the students that they can learn ultrasounds, CT scans and MRIs, which are more specialized areas of radiology that can earn impressive sums of money.

On May 18 Margaret Smith from the Christian Counseling Center spoke to the grade six students about the field of

counseling. She told them that counselors should be caring, good at listening and always confidential.

Talks continued with Charles Laing, owner of Coastline Construction Company who spoke about careers in construction. He discussed roofing, shingling, dry walling, tiling, and plumbing, and explained that the foundation must be the strongest part of the house as it holds the entire weight of it.

Nurse Trenika Williams from the Marsh Harbour Clinic spoke about the field of nursing. She stated that nurses travel and work on different islands. Additionally, they are able to earn overtime pay and allowances for various work assignments

performed. On May 21 the final two talks were conducted by Shanishka Bain and Kareem Knowles. Ms. Bain spoke to them about holistic medicine, a medical concept that deals with a person's entire physical, social and psychological wellbeing and how to naturally maintain it. Ms. Bain told them that she helps people to cleanse their body and adjust their eating habits so that they can live healthier lives.

Mr. Knowles spoke to the students about careers in computer information technology. He encouraged those students who are good at art and drawing to consider a

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Yasmine Austin was one of the speakers at Central Abaco Primary School teaching the children about various careers that they could consider.



Rochelle Russell, a teacher at Central Abaco Primary School, was the District Teacher of the Year last year and was runner up at the national level. She was honoured by her school in a special ceremony. She is shown here entering the school on a red carpet accompanied by her husband, Robert Russell.



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career in computer graphics. Others could learn to fix computers, create programs or even aspire to build computers or software like Bill Gates.

The students stated that they learned a great deal about the careers that are in demand.

District Teacher of the Year is honoured

By Samantha V. Evans

A ceremony took place on May 28 at Central Abaco Primary School to honor Rochelle Russell, the district Teacher of the Year last year and first runner up in the national Teacher of the Year competition held in Nassau.

Teachers, students and parents took part in the event by showering Ms. Russell with gifts, money and a day of activities fit for a queen.

When the program started, the talents of past and present students were displayed which made their parents and teachers proud as the students danced, sang, recited poetry and rapped in honor of their teacher.

The keynote address was delivered by Pastor Silbert Mills who said that the work place is not equipped for extraordinary workers but is accepting of lazy workers. The perception is that people are paid to work eight hours but work only four of them.

He described Mrs. Russell as an outstanding individual whose work has helped students of Central Abaco Primary School to read better, solve problems, get along better and have more confidence in themselves. Because of her efforts, the students are better prepared to lead the country.

Mrs. Russell was showered with many gifts including a check for \$400. Afterwards she passed the Teacher of the Year vessel to Roberta Lindsa, the current

Teacher of the Year who promised to be a woman worthy of honor in all areas of her life. Mrs. Russell expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the expression of love shown to her and her family. She believes that teaching is not for personal gain but for the passing on of knowledge to students. She encouraged her students to continue soaring to new heights.

A motorcade and luncheon followed to end Teacher Appreciation Week.

St. Francis Awards Reading Warriors

By Samantha V. Evans

For the second year, the grade six students of St. Francis de Sales have taken part in the Reading Warriors program coordinated by Monique Curry, grade six teacher.

Ms. Curry stated that the students could

read any books they wanted to as long as they were chapter books. They had to write a book report to say what they thought about the book, rate the book on a scale from one to five and state what they would change about the storyline of this book.

The winner of the Reading Warriors competition was Yelana Persaud, who read 63 books. In second place was Joshua Archer, who read 34 books; and in third place was Falkeisha Thompson, who read 34 books. These students received a medal and a trophy.

The following students received medals only: Radisha Dsetinee, 28 books; Jessica Knowles, 21 books; Jonnajah Bootle, 17 books; Shawntalay McDonald, 14 books; Marvin Cash, 12 books; Monica Albury, 11 books; and Samia Miller, Abbey-Gay

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More School News

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Raymore, Kristian Mather and Uriel Gibson, 10 books each.

Luncheon honours Students of Month

By Samantha V. Evans

Sixty students from Central Abaco Primary School were recognized and honored as students of the month from January to April 2010. A luncheon was held in their honor on May 18. The students received gifts from their parents and certificates from the school. Bishop Clifford Henfield delivered a motivational talk to the students about the importance of their education and fulfilling their God-given purpose. As they excel in academics, he stated, they must

remember to honor their parents and teachers. He stated that they should be truly proud of all the work they have done to earn such recognition. The lunch was donated by Frankie from New Life Productions.

Spelling champion competes in Washington

The 9-year-old Spelling Bee champion of The Bahamas, Yelena Persaud, came 49th of 273 contestants in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, held in Washington, DC, the first week of June. She was competing against mostly 13-year-olds.

Yelena, a sixth-grade student of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, was accompanied to Washington by her family to compete against hundreds of students from

all over the world.

She was eliminated from the competition when she misspelled "uitlander," the Afrikaan word for "foreigner" that was given to expatriate migrant workers in the Transvaal (South African) Republic in the 19th century.

The competition was won by Ohio's Anamika Verramani who was awarded a cash prize of \$30,000, as well as a savings bond and donation of reference books from Britannia Encyclopedia, together totaling over \$5,000.

Yelena's mother, Haneefa Persaud, who is also her coach, expressed pride in her daughter who had come so far, and said she would continue to help her daughter with the spelling that she enjoys so much. She will work with Yelena in an attempt to improve her preparedness for similar future events.

Her father, David teaches at S.C. Boothe High School and her mother, Haneefa, teaches at the Treasure Cay Primary school.

Boat Race

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close, tight racing this year and in the first race The Dove managed to beat The Pinna (Long Island) to the finish line for first place by just a whisker, taking the Governor Generals cup to Abaco for 2010, a great way to start the Regatta.

Race 2, which is the first of the three points races, saw The Dove start well but an equipment failure during the second lap caused a loss of speed and we finished third behind The Pinna and Queen Drucilla (Ragged Island).

The following race saw The Dove take second behind Lady Sonia (Exuma) with The Cobra (Acklins) in third.

The final race was held under very windy conditions but the crew on The Dove worked well again with smooth tacks and marker roundings for another first place finish as well as the overall Class win.

That makes us the National Champions in B Class for 2010 and the boat to beat at the Long Island Regatta on June 3rd - 5th over the Labour Day holiday weekend. The Dove crew will be there and we hope to see you there cheering us on.

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Central Abaco Primary School honoured its Students of the Month with a special luncheon. They are shown displaying their certificates.

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



Green Turtle Cay
 - 12,091 s.f. - 0.277 Acres
 - 4,544 s.f. under roof - 2,500 s.f. under air - 2,044 s.f. Screened Porch
 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Baths
 - Sea of Abaco Views
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 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,800 s.f. of Residence
 - 560 s.f. Screened Porch
 - Tile Floors throughout
 - Open Floorplan
 - Panoramic Water Views
 - 35,000 gallon cistern
 - Impact Doors & Windows
 #GTH1150 - **\$699,000.**



Green Turtle Cay
 - 50% Shared ownership
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,355 s.f. of Residence
 - Covered Screened Porches
 - Land - 0.54 Acre
 - 253.06 of water-frontage
 - Two Docks 36' - 170'
 - 56,000 gallon cistern
 - Generator House - tool shed
 - 50KW diesel Generator
 GTH1137 - **\$625,000.**



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



Green Turtle Cay
 - Land 17,191 s.f. - 0.394 Acres
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 GTH1149 - **\$665,000.**



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



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GREAT GUANA CAY
 • "Crawl Bight" - Sea to Sea building site - Two offerings - 1.95,832 s.f. - 2.2 Acre, 100' Atlantic, 100' Sea of Abaco. 2,321,690 s.f. - 7,385 Acre 300' of Atlantic beach frontage, 300' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Newly built dock - great family estate - #GGV1143 - **\$895,000. - 2,250,000.**

• "WIND N' SEA" - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - #GGV1112 - **\$850,000**

• "AERIE" - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - **NEW PRICE \$700,000.**

• "BLACK JACK'S REST" - 32,750 s.f. - 0.751 Acre Lot #33 in Orchid Bay with amenities, 120.41' Sea of Abaco Frontage, available to build dock - Private community - #GGV1147 - **NEW \$667,000.**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- "CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - #GGV1006 - **NEW PRICE \$478,000.**
- "SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 136' prime waterfront - 0.557 Acres Containing 24,292 s.f. - Shared dock access Superb elevation - Fabulous Views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. 8' depth at MLW at shoreline. A private dock can be built on the property. #GGV1118 - **\$485,000.**
- "LOST SHAKER" - Dolphin Beach Estates - Oversized beach-front parcel - 36,839 s.f. - 0.8457 Acre - 65' of Beach-front Good elevations for superb ocean views. Lush Native Vegetation. #GGV1000 - **NEW PRICE - \$485,000.**
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- "PARADISE" - 12,141 s.f. - 0.278 Acre lot with views of Atlantic ocean. One lot from beach - great value - 15' elevation - easement to beach. #GGV1138 **NEW \$199,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- "CONCHED OUT" - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic Beach frontage - 12' Elevations - Beautiful Ocean Views - Very Private Area - Additional Acreage available. #GTV1008 - **\$379,000.**
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- "CASUARINA" - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bitu Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 **\$59,000.**

Man-O-War Cay
 Option #1 - **\$650,000.**
 - 0.282 Acre Sea to Sea
 Lot - 119.7' of frontage
 Option #2 - **\$1,450,000.**
 - 0.451 Acre Sea to Sea
 - 260.97' of frontage
 - 2 bd., 1.5 Bath Res.
 - 3 bd., 1 b. guest cottage
 Option #3 - **\$1,580,000.**
 - Entire Estate
 #MWH1134 -

Man-O-War Cay
 - ± 0.975 Acres -
 - 100' Ocean Beachfront
 - 127' Creek front
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 1,336 s.f. Residence
 - 88' dock, 35' T
 - Auxiliary Generator
 #MWH1139 - **\$2,150,000.**

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

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

MANOWAR CAY
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Police Crime Report

Threats of death - On May 27 a Treasure Cay resident reported that her husband called her on the phone and threatened to kill her.

Causing harm - On May 27 a resident of Marsh Harbour reported that she was attacked and beaten by her live-in boyfriend.

Traffic offence - On May 29 a resident of Dundas Town overturned his pick-up truck between Wood Cay and Cedar Harbour when a heavy rain storm kept him from seeing a curve in the road.

Traffic offence - On May 30 a resident of Cedar Harbour lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a power pole damaging the pole and the side of his car.

Stealing by Reason of Employment - On May 31 the manager of a marina in Marsh Harbour reported that employees working for her told her that \$138 for a rented room was missing. The accountant verified that the money was missing as well other moneys.

Found Firearm and Ammunition - On May 31 a plastic bag was discovered in the toilet tank in the men's restroom at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The bag contained a .38 revolver hand gun.

Threats of Death - On May 31 Dundas Town mother reported that her son was hallucinating and stating that

he was going to kill someone soon. The woman was afraid to sleep. The police arrested the person.

Assault - On May 27 A Marsh Harbour woman accepted a ride home from a young man. When she arrived at her house, her boyfriend began punching and beating her because he did not like the young man she drove home with. The boyfriend was arrested.

Assault - On May 29 a Spring City woman was assaulted by her estranged husband when she left a night club in Marsh Harbour. He followed her to a vehicle where he threw an alcoholic drink in her face. The woman has a Court Order binding her ex-husband over to the peace. The police arrested her ex-husband.

House Fire - On June 1 a four-plex apartment in Central Pines Estates, Dundas Town was on fire. Two apartments were engulfed in flames. No occupants were inside the building. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. The owner of the building was off the island at the time.

Traffic Offence Report - On June 4 a two-car collision occurred on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. Each car

had only the driver and neither received external injuries.

General Information - On June 5 a motorist reported that a male was lying on the side of the road near Mt. Hope. The police took the unconscious victim to the Fox Town Government Clinic where he subsequently died. The examination of the body would indicate that he was not hit by a vehicle.

A statement from the police

The island of Abaco continues to remain at peace as there was no crime reported within a 24 hour period. When compared to our neighboring islands, we can say that we are truly blessed.

The officers in the Abaco District show much diligence as they vigorously patrol the streets night and day with an eagle eye that scopes near and far, with a vision to detect, protect and serve the people of the community.

In addition, community workshops have been launched such as the Domestic Vi-

olence Workshop in efforts to teach our people how to live and to assure them that the Police are their friends and not enemies.

As we know, crime and the fear of crime are acts that will never desist in our Bahama Land; thus, we as law enforcement officers must continue to courageously work together as a unified body with one common goal in efforts to combat such acts.

In conclusion, let's remember the true meaning of TEAM, which is Together Everyone Achieves More.

Police Starts Crime Watch in Fox Town

By Samantha V. Evans

Community policing is a strategy that seeks to address various social ills and crimes in a community. As a result of such incidences, numerous countries have adopted crime watch programs as a fighting mechanism which causes the community to feel like they are a part of the solution. As a result of such partnerships, they are better able to fight this war against crime.

According to Sgt. Rachel Metelus, officer in charge of community policing on Abaco, the Abaco community is no different. As a proactive approach to sustaining peace and tranquility and decreasing the overall level of crime residents have here, several crime watches have been established. They are in Cooper's Town, Green Turtle Cay, Central Pines, Murphy Town

and Spring City.

The most recent one was formed in Fox Town on May 18. As a part of this group, officers are selected to spearhead the crime watch including a president or chairman, vice president, secretary, treasurer, public relations officer and block monitors. Several other communities have agreed to partner with the police and will be starting crime watch groups of their own soon, namely Dundas Town, Cedar Harbour, Mt. Hope, Crown Haven and South Abaco.

The overall objective of this initiative is to keep any negative aspects of the community to a minimum or alleviate them altogether. So far, the crime watches - which are the eyes and ears of the community - have been very successful in this vein.



Lamont Curry and Micheal Lavarity, Jr., both from Green Turtle Cay, were arrested on May 23 in connection with stealing a 23-foot Ox Boat and attempting to steal a 32-foot Century boat. They were charged in court on May 26. Mr. Lavarity was remanded to Fox Hill and Mr. Curry was released on \$1000 bail.

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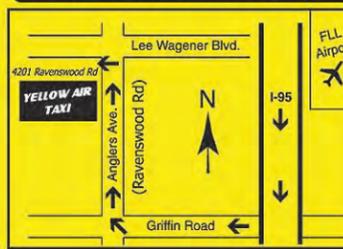
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Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival raises funds

By Mirella Santillo

As a fund raiser for the upcoming Interact Clubs' Conference, Rotarian Jo-Ann Bradley, one of the advisors for the two local Interact Clubs, organized the first sidewalk Chalk Art Festival that took place on May 29th.

Twenty-six businesses each contributed

\$100 to enter the event which was devised as a competition between the participants. The sidewalk area between Java of Abaco Café and Conch Pearl Gallery had been divided into spaces allocated to each business which had enrolled the help of local artists and students to draw for their company.

Boxes of chunky colored chalks stood by each site. Many of the local artists, art teachers and most of the members of the Interact Clubs at St Francis de Sales and Forest Heights Academy were there, ready to let the objects of their imagination be transferred on the sidewalk canvas.

It became a whole morning affair starting at 9 a.m., lasting until afternoon at which time the judges were called to decide on the winners. Mrs. Bradley cruised among the participants, distributing

words of encouragement and water to cool the artists exposed to the heat of the day. Under the porch shading the businesses, artist Ray Adams was drawing pencil portraits of anybody willing to pause for him.

So impressed were the judges that it took a long time for the three judges, artist Kathy Dohn and Rotarians Bryan Thompson and Reginald Patterson to deliberate. It was decided to add a category to recognize everyone's talent according to age and experience. Finally, Mrs. Bradley announced the results. The best overall award went to 3D's Signs. Pinewoods Nursery was awarded for the most original creation; honorable mention in that category went to Abaco Glass. Abaco Print Shop received the award for the most entertaining creation. Two honorable mentions went to Abaco Hardware and Snappas Bar and Grill.

The proceeds of the fund raising will be used to finance the expenses of the Interact Club Conference, dinner, award plaques and a DJ for the celebration dance.



Zandric Jones is shown finishing his chalk creation on the sidewalk outside the Royal Harbour Village building. The project raised funds for the two Interact Clubs on Abaco.



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Marsh Harbour airport's taxiway is partially open

By Jennifer Hudson

On the morning of June 7 a section of the new taxiway at the Marsh Harbour International Airport was opened to air traffic. Following the opening of the newly constructed runway earlier this year, reconstruction began on the old runway to transform it for use as a taxiway. Within the last two to three months the former runway has been resurfaced and taxiway lights installed approximately 150 to 200 feet apart along its length.

The Bravo section has been opened, giving clearance for aircraft into the main terminal, Cherokee Aviation, Abaco Air and Zig Zag Aviation.

Presently, the Alpha section remains closed for necessary repairs and reconstruction work to be completed. If weather conditions cooperate, the Alpha section of the new taxiway should be opened within two weeks. This will allow aircraft the use of the full length of the taxiway which will loop onto the runway at each end so that backtracking will no longer be necessary.



Part of the taxiway at the Marsh Harbour airport has now been opened and the remainder of the taxiway should be open in a few weeks. This will improve airside traffic dramatically.



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It is imperative to note that the Operation will be rotating outages throughout the day due to generation mechanical problems at the Marsh Harbour Station. Technicians are working diligently to carry out repairs to the relevant engines. The rotation of outages is anticipated to last approximately two hours each.

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- Begin stocking up on non-perishable foods.

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All Abaco Little League competes in Freeport

By Timothy Roberts and George Mills

Abaco now has a new and developing Little League Baseball Association which promises to bring a fresh start to sports in Abaco and provide young boys a positive and rewarding experience, engaging both mind and body in activity toward healthy goals.

The All Abaco Little League started its formation late last year and, after some initial difficulty, got organized in January this year.

On June 3 the All Abaco Little League Association took three teams to Grand Bahama to take part in the Andre Rodgers National Baseball Championships hosted by the Bahamas Baseball Federation. The three teams were ages 9-10, 11-12, and 13-15.

The tournament began on June 4 with all three teams playing opening games in their respective age groups. The 9-10 age group won their opening game against Bimini. The 11-12 boys lost their opening game in the bottom of the fourth 9-5 and the 13-15 boys were shut out in their opening game. The records for each team at the end of the tournament were as follows: 9-10 (1-3), 11-12 (0-4) and 13-15 (1-3).

The 11-12 age group was engaged in an exciting competition in their final game against the legacy baseball team from Grand Bahama. Overall, all three teams performed well and gained a wealth of experience during the tournament. The All Abaco Little League Association is looking forward to continued growth for the league in the future with the assistance of members of the Abaco community with coaching, sponsorship and in other capacities. The league will be suspended for summer break on June 12 and will reopen in October 2010.

George Mills, President of the All Abaco Little League, said the league is about "building positive life skills through sports." The children learn the "value of working together toward a common goal," he said.

While it helps build character, he said, it is also "good physical exercise which can help them to acquire some good healthy habits."

He said that ultimately, because there is so little for children to do with their spare time, the league also serves to give them a "positive thing to get them off the streets and out of mischief."



The All Abaco Little League Association has been reorganized and is active. This group of boys traveled to Freeport to compete in the Andre Rodgers National Baseball Championship. They had a very positive experience and enjoyed the competition. The organizers feel they will do better as the players get more practice and experience. In the back is George Mills, President of the League who supervised the trip.

Police officers take advantage of training opportunities

By Canishka Alexander

At a recent press conference held at the Marsh Harbour Police Station on May 26, D/C James Johnson announced that he will be travelling to El Salvador to participate in an anti-gang and forensic course, which he said will allow him to service the community of Abaco better.

It is the first time he has been given such an opportunity during the eight years he has served on the police force, and he is expected to return on June 11. D/C Johnson said the course will take place over a period of seven to eight days, and he plans to learn as much as he can.

He said he was excited about the opportunity to receive training abroad and was flattered that he was chosen.

"You know, the more training I can get, the more equipped I can be to service the members of the public on Abaco and throughout the entire Bahamas," he stated. "We are taking a proactive approach toward crime, especially gang violence. Let's stomp it out before it starts."

Although he said gang violence is not

a major problem on Abaco, it does exist, and he and his colleagues prefer to address the issue now.



D/C James Johnson

He pointed out that domestic abuse is a prevalent problem in the school system as well as the community, and he would like to see training provided in this area.

Meanwhile, Supt. Noel Curry, is headed to Roswell, New Mexico, to attend a four-week Advanced Management Course at the International Law Enforcement Academy. His course ends on June 26. Assistant Supt. Bruce Arnett readily accepted the responsibility as officer in charge during his absence.

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People in the News

Wynsome Ferguson Returns From Training

By Jennifer Hudson

Wynsome Ferguson has returned to the Abaco Ministry of Tourism office after a very interesting and comprehensive seven-month training period. From October 4 until April 30 she spent time in Nassau and abroad participating in a cross training exercise to prepare her for taking up the lead in the Abaco Tourist office. The cross training enabled her to observe the scope of the overall operations of the Ministry of Tourism, work with the business sector and industry partners, travel and participate in courses overseas and become familiar with public relations and advertising.

Ms. Ferguson spent 15 days in Singapore along with 31 other participants from 28 different countries, participating in a Destination Marketing programme which was offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore. Ms. Ferguson and one other person were the only two from the Caribbean. "Although people were there from such different countries as the Seychelles, Italy, China, Malaysia and Botswana, and with very diverse backgrounds, it was amazing how much we had in common," she stated. At the end of the course each person shared about their own country and gave a 20-minute presentation. Ms. Ferguson noticed how the Singapore Tourist Office is able to be so successful since it is its own separate board and she feels, "Not enough focus is placed on tourism in small countries like

ours where tourism is responsible to government. Since governments change, agendas have to be placed with each new government which makes it hard to achieve all we would like."

The Caribbean Hotel Association Marketplace in Puerto Rico was also on Ms. Ferguson's itinerary. This is an annual event which moves around the entire Caribbean and is the place where all Caribbean tour operators negotiate new contracts for the coming year and discuss the way forward. The main challenge they found was adequate airlift into the islands, and they liked the Companion Fly Free initiative of The Bahamas.

In Toronto Ms. Ferguson spent a day at the Bahamas Tourist Office and then spent the remainder of her time at Punch which is a public relations advertising agency for The Bahamas for the Canadian market. Ms. Ferguson found it interesting to see how they do business and was excited to be a part of their major new advertising campaign which she thinks will be a big hit for The Bahamas. While there she visited a local television station and radio stations. She received instruction in public speaking and writing, conducting interviews and



Wynsome Ferguson

creative strategy while also receiving an overall view of public relations and advertising as it relates to The Bahamas.

Two weeks were spent in Florida at Tourism's Plantation office where her training was geared towards vertical markets such as boating, fishing, diving and aviation. She discovered that Abaco is leading all of the other Bahamian islands in the number of private plane owners visiting, and also in boating and is number two in fishing. She learned the importance of coming together to utilise resources in a better way and was able to observe how the e-marketing department set-up can be beneficial on Abaco.

In Nassau Ms. Ferguson spent time at the Bahamas Out Island Promotion Board, the Bahamas Hotel Association and four weeks at Bahamas International Film Festival as marketing assistant preparing for last year's film festival in December. During her travels she was able to get a feel

for on-line marketing which, she says "is really the thing of the day. It offers 24/7 service and is the way people are doing business." Internal marketing was another area in which she gained insight. "We need to share with our staff to get their input and support," she stated.

Ms. Ferguson spent time in Nassau with the entire executive team of the Ministry of Tourism and worked in all of the Ministry's major departments including communications, airlift, business development and weddings and honeymoons. "It was a wonderful experience and broadened my horizons. I also took the time to do some reflection," stated Ms. Ferguson.

Now that she is back on Abaco, Ms. Ferguson is presently shadowing Jeritzen Outten, Director of Tourism for the Northern Bahamas. When Ms. Outten returns to the Tourism office on Grand Bahamas very shortly, Ms. Ferguson will take over as Manager of the Abaco Tourist office.



Wynsome Ferguson has just returned from seven months of intensive training to prepare her for managing the Abaco Tourist office. She has traveled the world, taken courses in Singapore, visited many countries, trained with Bahamian tourism officials in several offices. She is now working with Jeritzen Outten, Director of Tourism for the Northern Bahamas. She is shown third from left with classmates in one of several courses she took in tourism.



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Island entrepreneurship is alive and well

By Frank Delage

Matthew Claridge and his family have been coming up with business ideas for years. Most of them are of the standard fare: golf cart rentals, fix-it repairs, construction or electronics. He is always trying to fill a need somewhere.

Then he came across an inexpensive secondhand DVD/video projector. At first, it was just fun for family and friends. One improvement led to the next, and soon he had a screen hanging off the roof of his house to share with neighbors and friends or anyone else who drove down Treasure Cay Road. He did a couple of free movies on the local ball court for the neighborhood children.

Then Matthew's gears started spinning. The Treasure Cay Wednesday Night Golf

Cart Drive-In Movie was born. It started out as family fun and has turned into a family business. He was able to convince the Treasure Cay manager, Patrick Fetsch, that he had a good idea.

Treasure Cay residents really appreciate a little variety of things to do. He sets up in the parking lot of the Coco Beach Bar on most Wednesday evenings to play new releases as well as the occasional classic. On the rare rainy night Coco Beach Bar is opened for cover.

To find out what is playing and when, all you do is call 475-1945 and a recorded message will tell you. Matthew's father Norman is ticket taker/usher, wife Barbara runs the concessions complete with fresh hot buttered popcorn. There is a core group of regular attendees that love



Matthew Claridge of Treasure Cay has begun showing movies weekly at the Coco Beach Bar parking area that are proving to be very popular. Admission is reasonable and his family runs the concessions. If you are interested in knowing what movie will be playing, you can call 475-1945.

Abaco women receive free mammograms in Nassau

By Jennifer Hudson

Fifteen women from Abaco flew to Nassau on May 15 to receive free mammograms. The visit was funded by a private sponsor from Nassau and included round trip airfare, transportation to and from the airport and lunch. The women were also taken on a tour of the Cancer Caring Centre.

This offer was greeted with enthusiasm and the list filled within two weeks mostly through the Abaco Cancer Society's Face book page. The women were all very appreciative to have been given the opportunity of a free mammogram and were full of praise for the trip upon their return.

The criteria women must meet in order to be eligible are to be over 35 years

of age, have never had a mammogram before and have no medical insurance. The next trip is scheduled for July 3 and all 15 places have already been filled. There will be at least one more trip in August. Anyone wishing to be considered for inclusion in that trip should call 367 3744 or send an email to abacocancersociety@gmail.com.

Other islands which have offered the programme so far are Eleuthera and Andros. Over 200 women have been screened from Eleuthera and 30 from South Andros. In addition to the future trips from Abaco, more are planned from Eleuthera, South Andros and also San Salvador. All trips are funded by various very generous private sponsors.

the idea, all agreeing that it is a fun new "thing to do." Golf carts line up, folks that arrive in vehicles set up camp in front of the golf carts on their own chairs. Regular admission is \$5. Children under 5 are free if accompanied by parents. Matthew

says, "Abaco Mobile Cinema is a big hit at birthday parties for movies, video games or sports."

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Champion Water Polo Team Relaxes in Hope Town

By Peggy Thompson

Several of the members of the University of Southern California (USC) Water Polo team vacationed in Hope Town and vowed to return to teach the local youth the sport. Hope Town's Community Pool will be the perfect venue, and plans are being made for a Water Polo Extravaganza, featuring an exhibition game, then basic lessons intro-

ducing the locals to the new sport.

Located in Los Angeles, California., USC was founded in 1880, and the teams compete under the name - Trojans. Traveling all day, the USC Men's Water Polo Senior Team members and their friends took time off from their grueling schedule to relax in Hope Town. The Trojans are the current National Collegiate Athletic

Association Water Polo Champions in the U.S. This team has dominated collegiate water polo by winning back-to-back championships in 2008 and 2009. The USC dominating senior class has a 100-7 overall win record.

Several of the players will return to Hope Town and introduce the game of water polo to the community. The dates are not set, but will either be later this summer or March 2011 when the USC students are on school break. Exhilarating and exciting whether you are a player or a spectator, no one should miss this fun family day. Just check out You Tube to find clips of the fast-paced water sport.

The Hope Town Community Pool holds swim meets, church youth group parties, school physical education classes, swim club practices, survival swim lessons for infants, swimming lessons for children, playtime for Hope Town Sailing Camp and exercise for members. Though the pool is a much needed diversion for the resident youths, this non-profit community pool has struggled from the beginning with a small core group of parents donating and raising funds. Neighbours have assisted by donating bleachers and the Hope Town Association, a volunteer organization, has built a concession stand. The pool is part of the many sports played at Taylor Park. There is a soccer / softball field and basketball court. All are open to locals and visitors

alike with equipment usually left in the park for the next impromptu game.

The most recent event was a school competition in honor of Perry Cook. Much work went into the competition, and hundreds of persons joined in from all islands in the area. Children competed without swim goggles or race suits, and most of the spectators sat on towels on the ground or stood as there was not enough seating. The Water Polo event will bring some attention to the Hope Town Community Pool, enticing more residents and visitors to purchase pool membership or donate to this worthy cause.

For more information on the Water Polo event contact Peggy Thompson at 242-366-0224. For more information on the Hope Town Community pool - memberships, calendar of events or donations, contact Carrie Cash at 242-366-0035.



Several senior team members of the University of Southern California water polo team along with friends visited Hope Town recently for some rest and relaxation. They have promised to return to teach water polo to the community.

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Abaco Chamber offers assistance to small businessmen

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce met on May 26 and discussed proposed activities for celebrating Chamber Week on June 18-24. This schedule coincides with similar events scheduled by the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce in Nassau.

The theme of this year's events is Doing Business in These Tough Economic Times and the emphasis of the activities

are geared to help the business community cope with these challenging times.

On June 18 the Chamber invites the public to join them at Mangoes Restaurant for a Chamber After Hours Mix N' Mingle, a casual time to chat and connect with others.

On June 22 the Chamber is offering an all-day seminar to learn about the Employment Act. This will be particularly helpful



The newly elected Board of Directors of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce actually has many members that have served previously. Shown are, foreground, Chris Roberts, Treasurer; seated middle, Leazona Richard, Executive Director; Anita Knowles; Lavan McKenzie; Simone Bowe, First Vice President; standing David Ralph, Secretary; Keith Bishop; Michael Albury, President; George Riviere, Second Vice President; Stanley White; and Dennis Lightbourn. Directors not pictured are Anne Albury, Daphne DeGregory, Rosnell Simmons, Perry Thomas and Peggy Thompson.

Sandbank Landing development continues work



Work continues on Sandbank Landing Development just north of Treasure Cay. The marina is being dredged as this aerial shows. The marina will have 88 slips. The development will include a 20-room hotel, 57 condos, town houses and about 45 house lots along with many amenities.

for employers. Mr. Leslie Dean, Executive Secretary of Industrial Tribunal, will be the facilitator. The cost for this will be \$100 for Chamber members and \$150 for non-members.

The final event will be a Small Business Workshop that will provide helpful information and tips for managing a successful business.

The Board formed a committee to examine Abaco's future and make suggestions to government. This committee might explore these topics.

• Island-wide garbage collection, disposal and recycling

- Traffic congestion
- Immigrant communities of Mud, Pigeon Peas and Sand Banks
- Public parks and beaches
- Quarry fill sources
- Capital projects, hospital, airport terminal and other infrastructure improvements.

Other concerns related to how suggestions can be fed effectively the appropriate government agencies. The directors are aware of other non-governmental organizations and individuals with similar concerns and will work to form a consensus to be more effective.

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Viewpoint . . . Alternative school is needed for Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

Students attend school with the primary purpose of obtaining an education so that they can become productive citizens but sometimes they find themselves in situations that make it impossible for them to obtain that education in that school environment due to various factors such as teenage pregnancy, juvenile delinquency issues and disruptive behavior. To counteract such occurrences which seem to be become regular occurrences on Abaco, some teachers and parents are calling for an alternative school on the island. The purpose of an alternative program is to accommodate students who are unable to function in a regular classroom because of illness or some behavioral factor.

On Abaco some schools are challenged as they have students who get into problems for fighting, disrupting the compound or are sent to some special school such as

Simpson Penn School for boys or William Pratt School for Girls, Program Sure or the Alternative School in Andros due to some criminal or juvenile activity. However when they return to the island, in the majority of cases, they are placed right back at the same school where they are labeled or ridiculed. Several parents from the area are concerned about the alarming number of students who once found themselves on the wrong path that opt to drop out of school rather than face ridicule and be targeted once they return to school.

As you drive around Abaco on any given school day, you can see the scores of students who are out of school, and many of them are not out of school by choice. However, with so much time on their hands and a limited degree of education, it is clear that if they are not channeled in another direction that deviant behavior can result. Already in some communities, young men

can be seen hanging on the blocks and walking the streets looking for something to do. As a teacher stated, some of them have already started house breaking, stealing and using illegal substances.

One parent stated that her son told her that when he is done with exams, he will not be returning to school as he is tired of being mistreated. In this case, this student was involved in an incident at school but was later cleared. However, he stated that he is still viewed as a troublemaker and targeted. An alternative school is needed that would cater to the needs of such students who got into problems at some point but are trying to do the right thing. They need a safe haven, a place of refuge they can attend daily where they will not be treated as failures and told that they will not make it in life. It is hard to believe that some students still hear these words spoken by educators in schools on Abaco.

A local teacher who has been trained in the area of probation is concerned as well but her concerns are related to the number of young girls who get pregnant and are unable to return to school. In Nassau there is a program called Pace and the Haven in Freeport that assist pregnant students with their education. Additionally, the students are placed at another school to get a fresh

start and to avoid their being labeled and ridiculed. There is not an option as programs like these not available here. As this teacher put it, they remain out of school and have more and more babies. To add, she has taught some of these children who are now young mothers with no BJC's and no job. She is hoping, too, that the Ministry of Education would open such a school to help facilitate such changes in the lives of Abaco students.

To date, Pastor Steven Knowles has been working with male students who have been experiencing difficulty with behavior within the school system. He has been providing spiritual guidance and counseling for the males. He has also been petitioning the courts and education officials on behalf of the students. He has met with concerned parents to help them find alternatives to helping their children who were facing challenges in the school system. It is hoped that sooner rather than later, the Ministry of Education will utilize some of its abandoned and/or dilapidated buildings on the island by renovating them, then placing such a school in one of them. The future of The Bahamas lies in hands of the youth and what is presently going on is a not painting a pretty picture of what our future will look like.

BEC explains problems to Council

By Timothy Roberts

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) on Abaco has been "experiencing major mechanical failures" over the past weeks with as many as three of the four generators being affected, according to a spokesperson from the corporation who addressed the Central Abaco District Council on June 8.

During the first week of June BEC experienced at its peak a demand of 18.5 Megawatts. However, as of June 8, the plant was only able to produce 16 Megawatts. The spokesman was hopeful that

BEC would be able to increase the capacity by 3 Megawatts by June 10 and by June 12 be able to provide 21 Megawatts of service to the island. Abaco has never peaked above 23 Megawatts, the spokesperson said.

Further damage was done to BEC's service when a barge allegedly damaged a submarine cable that connects Hope Town to the mainland. Extra technicians have been sent in to assist with these problems, and BEC is hopeful that normal services will resume in short order.

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Where are the now?

By Robert Wilson

Here is a happy story. Remember Zoe and Bella, the two Weimaraner –German short-haired dogs that roamed Marsh Harbour for over a year?

This is the pair everyone feared would be tragically injured or even killed by a passing car as they wandered aimlessly from one end of town to the other. The good news is that “The Girls” have been adopted by an Atlanta couple and are adjusting well.

A New York businessman visiting Abaco Beach Resort noticed the pair of three-year olds each morning as they sauntered

through Boat Harbour Marina. Zoe and Bella piqued his interest from the very beginning, but it was not until he took Zoe to the local veterinarian to treat an eye problem that he knew the whole story.

It seems the owners were having problems keeping the dogs contained. Both worked; and no matter their efforts, Zoe and Bella would always jump a fence and be on their merry way. They would most often return home for dinner. But as others began feeding and caring for them, the pair would find alternative housing arrangements.

The pair was flown to West Palm Beach

in the company of the caring businessman, who for weeks had investigated several rescue organizations. After an exhaustive week of securing health permits and visiting rescue organization, a decision was made to place the dogs in the care of a Weimaraner group in Roswell, Georgia.

Ben and Stephanie Langford had a 14-year-old Weimaraner. The aging dog has some health issues, and the Langford family was in search of another family pet. Searching on the internet, they discovered the Roswell rescue group. When they clicked on the pictures of adoptable dogs, Zoe and Bella popped up. According to Ben, “It was love at first sight,” and they made arrangements to adopt the pair.

Pet adoption is not for everyone. It takes a lot of patience, especially when the dogs have had free reign for most of their lives. But the Langfords have found Zoe

and Bella to be a wonderful addition to their family, and their two boys and their daughter are enjoying The Girls as their new playmates.

I wanted to add our thanks to our friends at the Abaco Humane Society and Friends of Abaco Animals who regularly seek loving homes for displaced animals. We encourage your full support of the Potcake Rescue organization in Atlanta which routinely works with these organizations to find adoptive homes for displaced pets.

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A family in the Atlanta, Georgia, area adopted two dogs that had previously roamed Marsh Harbour. The family was wanting a dog to replace a well loved family pet that was very old. The dogs are very happy in their new home.

Boat Theft

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“one scintilla” of evidence that his client committed the crime and that he should not be denied bail simply because of a pending case before him. He alleged that his client was in the company of a police officer in Green Turtle Cay at the time of the offense, adding that he ought to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

Mario Gray, lawyer for the defense of Mr. Curry, echoed the statements of Mr. Brown and added that his client should not be denied bail because of the perceived prevalence of boat thefts. He added that his client has no prior arrests or record and is not a threat to society or himself.

Cpl. Collie said they, indeed, have

evidence enough to arrest them including eyewitness accounts, and he was still of the opinion that they should be detained, saying that not having a prior conviction should not be grounds to grant bail.

Administrator Cooper said he sees no justification for denying Mr. Curry’s bail because he has no prior record or arrest. He was granted bail for \$1000 with the condition that he report to the Green Turtle Cay Police Station every Thursday before 5 p.m. until his court date. Mr. Lavarity was denied bail and will be remanded to Fox Hill until the two attend the magistrate’s court in Cooper’s Town on October 1, 2010.

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