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48 houses demolished in the Mud Buildings constructed since the last fire will be destroyed



The demolition of houses in the Mud began on October 18 when staff of the Ministry of Works knocked down 11 vacant houses under the direction of Local Government. By October 24 48 buildings had been demolished. The residents in the immigrant community had been told not to construct any more houses after a fire on November 2005. At that time existing houses were numbered with spray paint. However, a recent survey found many new houses. These have been marked with a different coloured paint and will systematically be knocked down. The debris will probably be taken to the dump to be burned.

A local government team along with staff from The Ministry of Works and other government agencies demolished 48 structures, mostly houses, in the Haitian Mud community.

These were buildings that were built after the fire of November 2005 which consumed over 100 houses and the fire in March, 2007, which destroyed another 14 houses.

Immediately after that 2005 fire a team went through the area and numbered each house. The buildings knocked down now were those built subsequent to the fire. These were predominately new buildings which were not yet occupied.

Fifteen additional buildings have been identified which were built subsequently but were found to be occupied by women and children. These occupants have been advised to relocate by November 2, 2007, as these houses are slated to be demolished.

While houses were being destroyed, a second team with a bulldozer cleaned the brush and trees between the western edge of the Mud and the highway to give visibility to the area. Junk cars, appliances and other debris in this strip were pushed to the edge of the road and taken to the dump. Mr. Stephen Knowles, leader of the team executing this demolition, said the rats coming out of the disturbed junked cars were as big as puppies.

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Set Clocks Back One Hour on November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on November 4. Set your clocks back one hour either at bedtime on Saturday evening, November 3, or on Sunday morning, November 4.

Agape School Cleans Road to Dump



Agape Christian School with assistance from members of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel cleaned litter along the road from Marsh Harbour to the dump. They were horrified as they discovered an old couch, a stereo, tires, a washing machine along with the normal litter of bottles, cans, Styrofoam containers, diapers and other nasty garbage. However, they were proud to have cleaned up three miles of roadway.

Jeans' Day gives to Cancer Soc.



Schools throughout Abaco were asked to participate in Jeans' Day. Students choosing to wear jeans instead of their school uniform donated \$2 for this privilege. The result was that \$7000 was collected and donated to the Cancer Society of Abaco. Pictured here is Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education, Abaco District, presenting the check to Mrs. Veronica Saunders of the Cancer Society. Shown here are Mrs. Josephine Kumar, Principal of St. Francis de Sales School; Mrs. Sandy Edwards, Family Life and Health Education Officer; Ms. Felamease Sawyer, Education Officer for Primary Schools; Mrs. Black; Mrs. Ruth Smith, Education Office Manager; Mr. Leslie Rolle, Senior Education Officer, High Schools; Mrs. Saunders; Marjolein Scott and Jennifer Hudson of the Cancer Society; and Mr. Leroy Thompson, Senior Master, Central Abaco Primary School. See story on page 10.

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Mud area is cleared of illegal houses and brush

The Mud

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It was found that some of these junked cars were not abandoned as believed but had been brought from the dump to facilitate removal of parts. During the five-day exercise, two junk cars were seen being taken back into the Mud area.

Many buildings were found to have individual rooms which are alleged to rent for \$75 - \$100 per week. One house was found with 17 rooms on a second floor and another with 16 rooms. This computes to rental revenues exceeding \$5,000 per month for the larger rooming house.

Occupants of rooms or residents of houses are said to pay an additional \$20 - \$40 per week for electricity. That one larger boarding house has a potential revenue in excess of \$1,300 per month to the

generator operator.

The area has restaurants, night clubs, bars and one establishment believed to be a strip-joint. One house was found containing approximately 1,000 cases of Haitian rum which was said to have been imported into Nassau, then transshipped here on the mail boat. None of the businesses are licensed.

Four of the newly constructed houses were found with undocumented illegal immigrants which were taken by Immigration officers for processing.

Several ploys are used by residents in this area to deter officials. Old ladies, babies and young children are passed around as appropriate and are often found in houses slated to be demolished.

One of the newer houses was found with several young children. However, on inspection, there were no household items to

support children living there. There was no clothing, food, diapers or other items relating to children. These grandmothers and infants are used to bolster claims for humane and compassionate treatment.

Officials are working to maintain weekly excursions into the area to look for additional construction. A thorough knowledge of the area is required as houses pop up overnight in an empty spot.

An early challenge was the removal of material from the demolished structures. Construction materials are often carried into obscure sites by hand, making removal of the construction material very difficult. Some of the demolished material disappeared during the night before government workmen returned the next day.

During this exercise, available time and manpower was devoted to demolishing the newly constructed houses even though it was recognized that the lumber may get recycled into additional buildings. Weekly

monitoring of the area is hoped to keep new construction under control.

Recent rain gave meaning to the area name, the Mud, leaving access to some of the sites difficult to reach without getting muddy. The area was originally a swamp that was fillin when a channel was dredged to allow boats access to the freight dock.

Leading the Local Government crew was Pastor Stephen Knowles and Ms. Yvonne Key, both members of the Central Abaco District Council. Mr. Dean of the Ministry of Works led the demolition team. Additional governmental agencies represented were Police, Defence Force, Immigration, Department of Environmental Health and Social Services.

Police and Immigration officers were on the scene but the operation proceeded without incident. The Immigration officer did apprehend several undocumented immigrants, but this was incidental to the main thrust of the operation.



Houses that were built after the fire where residents were told not to put up any additional buildings were destroyed. Additionally, a bulldozer has cleared the brush between the community and the main road, exposing the area to passersby. The dozer operator found many derelict vehicles and trash that were brought out to be hauled away.



The Ministry of Works crew that was demolishing newly built houses found that someone was living in part of this building. They left it until the person could move her belongings.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Missionary Meeting

Every year the Cherokee Methodist Church has a Missionary Meeting. This year the Missionary Meeting will be held on November 3rd and 4th, but this photo was taken at a Missionary Meetings held in the 1940s. You may even recognize some of the people present. It is a way for the



This photo was taken in the mid-1940s and includes Kurtland Russell and Ronald Albury with a group of children with the missionary boat in the middle. The photo was given to Mrs. Lee Pinder by the daughter of Mr. Russell many years ago. It now hangs at the back of the church with a write-up on the last log of the Missionary Boat. The only child that we can identify is the blond boy in the middle who is Danny Pinder. Perhaps our readers can identify more.

church to raise funds to be used for their various charities and missionary work.

The Missionary Boat shown in the photos was assigned a captain and a crew to take its voyage around the settlement to collect prize pies and cakes and whatever fruit was in season to auction off to help raise funds. The captain always kept a log of his voyage and reported back to the gathering upon their return to port (at the front of the church) and a reckoning of the items collected. Sometimes the logs were pretty intense in their description of "the voyage" and of the perils they encountered along the way. People don't write that way anymore.

For many years the church has sponsored foreign missionary ministers in various countries. Their aim is to deliver the Word of God throughout the world.

This year's Missionary Meeting in Cherokee will begin with the auction held on the back porch of The Manse as usual. Last year some of the more outstanding items were a bottle of homemade cane syrup that went for \$200, glasses of homemade ice cream that sold for \$90 a piece and a unique carving of

a half Abaco dingy wall hanging that went for \$250. It is an old Cherokee tradition and many folks come out just to listen to the active bidding taking place. A service will be held that night.

Although Cherokee is a small community, Epworth's Missionary Meetings have always had great success in reaching their goals and sometimes even outdistancing our sister churches and we hope it will be the same this year. Why not come out and join us; all are welcome to attend.

School News

Cherokee Primary School held a special assembly on September 28 following the theme What Cherokee is best known for



The missionary boat of Epworth Chapel in Cherokee Sound is very old but unfortunately no one knows just how old. It is used annually to raise fund for Methodist out-reach programs.

and what we are most proud of.

The guests of honour were three teachers who had taught in Cherokee in the past. Mr. Patrick Bethel, who taught here in the 1950s, was one of the teachers honoured. His presentation to the children was about how different things are today compared with when he was in school. He told them he didn't wear shoes to school until he was made a monitor at age 14 and all his underclothes were made from feed bags or flour sacks. He went on to be the headmaster at the College of the Bahamas.

Mr. Peter Bradley, who taught here in the 1970s, made a comparison of how he had just come from Hong Kong where his wardrobe had all been tailor-made and maybe felt a little over dressed. He was picked up at Big Mangrove by two of the young men in the community, and they couldn't agree about which way they would return to Cherokee, via the creek or across the flats to the Long Dock. They finally decided on going to the Long Dock, but ended up with low tide stuck in the sand. The boys had to pull the boat to deeper water. He said that almost as soon as he arrived on our shore he was taken fishing at the Lady Boiling Hole and was able to catch a fish on his first drop, which quickly earned him extra respect from the local fishermen. Mr. Bradley has come back to Abaco to live and is a part owner of the Conch Pearl Gallery and Jewelry Shop in Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Leslie Rolle, the third and last guest, who taught in Cherokee during the 1980s reminisced about how he was awaked on

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More South Abaco News



Three head teachers of the Cherokee Sound school were honoured at a special assembly on September 28. Mr. Patrick Bethel, right, taught there in the 1950s while Mr. Peter Bradley, left, was headmaster in the 1970s and Mr. Leslie Rolle was there in the 1980s. They all shared anecdotes of their experiences while at the school.

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his first night in Cherokee at 4 a.m. by a group of local men dressed in camouflage outfits and carrying their shotguns, wanting to know if he would like to go hunting with them. He stated that he had no "hunting clothes" and wore only a pair of shorts and a T-shirt but went with them. He said when the truck stopped and the dogs jumped off and ran after the hog, he was sure he was going to be left, so he ran after them. However, even though when he reached the men where the hog had already been killed and gutted, he admitted he felt bloodier that the hog after running through the rough bush. He spoke kindly of his neighbour, Ms. Inez, who had a large family of her own, but always kept a meal for him on the stove, knowing he was alone. Mr. Rolle is still in the education system in the Abaco region.

All three recollections were completely different stories that everyone enjoyed.

The students prepared an outstanding program and Certificates of Appreciation were given to the three former teachers. Parents and local residents were invited to be present for this event and many were glad that they had come. We commend the new District Supervisor, Mrs. Lenora Black, for coming up with this

exercise in national pride and to the students for a job extremely well done.

Cancer Awareness Day

The school celebrated Denim Day on October 11th to raise awareness and raise funds for the Bahamas Cancer Society. The children paid \$1 each to be able to wear jeans to school. Special T-shirts were also available for purchase.

Coastal Clean-Up Day

Schoolchildren and parents alike came together on September 21st to be part of a world-wide coastal clean-up day. Persons from Cherokee have been participating in this exercise for several years. The children concentrated on the Long Dock area and were able to collect seven or eight large garbage bags of trash. It always amazes me how much litter is collected and the types of trash that turns up on our beaches.

Hope Town's Big Hill Box Cart Derby is soon

By Michelle Mikula
Abaco Tourist Office

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Central Abaco News

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service they deserve. Qualifying for this designation makes Computer Creations the only ASC of any type in the entire Bahamas.

Condo project is approved

The Crossing waterfront condo project received approval from the Central Abaco District Town Planning Board. This project is named for nearby Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour. The project will have 12 waterfront condominiums overlooking Crossing Beach. In addition to the spectacular views of the Sea of Abaco on two sides, residents at will have a swimming pool and a gazebo and dock on the north side.

The Crossing project will be a gated community with a six-foot wall surrounding it. There will be a total of 12 condos in three buildings, each building with four condos. They will be three story buildings with the bottom of concrete block construction and the upper two floors of wood frame construction. The interiors will include granite counter tops, designer tiles and solid wood cabinetry. The project

offers two bedroom, 2 1/2 bath units with a starting price of \$455,000 and three bedroom, three and a half bath units that will be priced at \$675,000. The units will be available for long term or short term rental

The developer, the Crossing Development Ltd., is a Bahamian-owned company managed by Mr. Niels Wiethuechter, who has been working in The Bahamas in construction management since 2001. Mr. Neil Aberle of H.G. Christie Ltd. will be responsible for all sales and marketing.

Interested persons are invited to view its website at www.thecrossingabaco.com.

B&B Boat Rentals

By Mirella Santillo

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George Knowles



This is an artist's concept of the completed Crossing condominium project that was recently approved by the Central Abaco District Town Planning Board. It is located close to Crossing Beach and will be a gated community. The condos will be available for either long term or short term rental. Construction has already begun on the project.

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Approximately 100 residents of the Mud attended a hastily called meeting at a church in the Mud. Senior Administrator Cephus Cooper and Councillor Stephen Knowles explained the necessity for adhering to Bahamian law and admonished the Mud residents to conduct themselves within the law.

The Administrator said they came as friends, not as an enemy, but that the residents must do their part and live within the law as is required of all persons in the Bahamas whether Bahamian, American, Haitian, Jamaican or others. The simple message is that new houses will not be permitted.

It was explained that all houses in the Mud are on government land and have no legal basis to be there - they are all squatters. Government has repeatedly given instructions that no more houses were to be constructed. After the big fire in November 2005, the remaining houses were numbered to help identify new buildings.

The area cannot support an influx of new illegal persons. Those present were asked by the Administrator to cooperate and report illegal persons and illegal activities in the community. He asked them to take pride in their community. Even though it left much to be desired, better conditions are coming; but the residents must assist in

this process.

More than fifty houses have been identified as being recently constructed and were slated to be removed. It was said repeatedly that none of the older homes are involved at this time. However, it was emphasized that even the older homes must not be enlarged as is often the case. They are frequently found with additional bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens and single rooms for rent. Some houses are now twice the size they were when the number was applied. This cannot continue, it was said.

It was announced that government is in the final stages of identifying a suitable site for low cost lots to be made available to qualified persons, those with Bahamian status. It was also said that efforts are un-

derway to speed up the application process for those applying for Bahamian status.

Applause was given when Mr. Cooper announced that a new travel document would be issued, perhaps in two to three months. It would closely resemble a Bahamian passport and is expected to be valid for a five-year period.

It was stated again during a question and answer period that the older numbered houses were not a part of the demolition exercise although they must not be enlarged.

Police officer Nelson Botin, who is assigned to the Mud and Pigeon Peas areas and acted as an interpreter, reminded the

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At least four privately-owned generators were found in the Mud, each supplying electricity to several houses. At first these generators were along the new road leading from the Port. Later they were moved into the interior of the community. Additionally, the owner of a shopping center backing up to Pigeon Peas found that residents of that immigrant community had wired into the power coming into his complex.



The Central Abaco District Council called a meeting with the residents of The Mud on October 22, several days after the demolition began, to explain their actions. The immigrant community had been told not to continue building new houses after a serious fire in November 2005. Questions and comments were allowed with various residents giving their opinions. The response was felt to be favorable toward regulating the area. Those seated are Mr. Simon Bodie with Environmental Health, Councillor Stephen Knowles, Senior Administrator Cephus Cooper and Chief Councillor Cubel Davis.

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The Editor Says . . . Local Govt. takes action in Mud



Dave Ralph

Like it or not, the Haitian immigrants have become a part of the Abaco scene. They form a valuable part of the Abaco economy as shop clerks, construction workers, and craftsmen in many trades. First generation Haitian immigrants took any job offered. Even now those who have newly arrived will settle for nearly any job as they work to get established.

The children of the early arrivals are now young adults themselves and have an entirely different outlook from their refugee parents. They do not know first hand of the conditions in Haiti that drove their parents from their homeland, and they are not satisfied with their living conditions.

Living conditions for these immigrants have generally been dismal from their arrival here. Something like the Cuban immigrants to South Florida, the Haitians arrive with nothing and work to better their lives.

Beginning with the S and M Farms in the late 1950s, the steadily expanding Abaco economy has needed an entry-level work force and these immigrants fit the demand nicely.

Most corporate ventures in off-beat locations provide housing of sorts for their common labour and the Abaco model was no different. The farms and the pulpwood operation provided labour camps with company housing.

Abaco was going through heady times, work was plentiful, paychecks were regular and civil society did not pay much attention to the few houses that began to show up in the Pigeon Peas area. One house expanded to two, then four and on to what we see today.

Adjoining the Pigeon Peas was the nearby vacant swamp filled with spoil from the dredged harbour in the early 1960s. This was viewed by the expanding immigrant population as a welcome opportunity. This low-laying government land was vacant and not useful to the Marsh Harbour community.

Expansion of the Pigeon Peas and Mud settlements paralleled the expanding economy. In 1980 the Commissioner recognized that the illegal expansion of these immigrant communities was becoming a threat to civil order and ordered that a vacant house be burned down. Humanitar-

ian activists and church groups seized this event and government was not prepared for the ensuing international publicity. Within a week the Commissioner was replaced. This put a damper on any government officials who might have pursued the immigrant issue.

During the next 16 years after this incident, several attempts were made locally to impose order and restrictions on further expansion. But without a coordinated effort by concerned government agencies and regular followup, the Mud expansion continued.

It was not until Local Government was established in 1996 that local individuals began to recognize their role in solving the problem. Even then minor attempts to control the situation failed as central government withheld its support.

Established in 1996, Local Government is now in its 11th year and those involved are becoming more comfortable using their authority.

Central government began to recognize the problem in May 2003 when a late afternoon fire consumed 70 houses in the Pigeon Peas and left an estimated 260 persons homeless. There were no injuries of consequence, but the magnitude of the event and the number of homeless persons opened their eyes. However, nothing of consequence happened toward resolving the situation.

Another fire in November 2005 in the adjoining Mud destroyed over 100 houses and displaced hundreds. One woman died in the house where the fire was believed to have started. Central government again made a lot of noise and the newly established Urban Renewal program took an interest in the situation.

Immediately after this fire, local government officials worked with a team from

Urban Renewal, Ministry of Works and Environmental Health and all remaining buildings were numbered and inventoried. The community was told then that no further construction should take place. This was the beginning of establishing a degree of control.

Another fire in the Mud in March 2007 took 14 houses and displaced about 100 persons.

Recently, the initial survey team inventoried the area again and found over 50 houses built since the houses were numbered.

There have been occasional demolition exercises in the past five years where a new house under construction has been knocked down, but the effort has been neither consistent nor has there been regular monitoring for new structures. Despite the isolated demolition of new houses, construction continued.

Central government has begun two initiatives which, when implemented, should give some relief to Haitian residents.

The first is a review by Immigration of all applications with a view to speed up the process for those persons who qualify for status. It is not unusual for applicants to wait years for an acknowledgment of their application, then more years before action is taken. Receiving status by government will allow many qualified persons to open bank accounts, buy land and obtain a mortgage for a house. There are persons living in the Mud who would like to move on if they were allowed to do so.

The second initiative by government is the opening of a low cost subdivision for those Bahamians who are establishing their financial future. Economical land on Abaco is scarce or non-existent. Government owns thousands of acres of Crown Land, and it is somewhere on this land that a subdivision must be established. The process

has started, and we are told several sites are under consideration.

Coupled with the immigration and land initiatives, members of the Central Abaco District Council decided to exercise their authority. Encouraged by the Administrator, a team headed by two concerned Council members was assembled to remove recently constructed houses, most of which were still under construction and still empty.

Additionally, many of the original numbered houses were recently found to have additional bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens. One house had a second floor with 17 individual rental rooms served with one bathroom and a minimal kitchen. Another house had 16 individual rental rooms.

Inspection of a newly built house found a mother with small children inside, but there was no evidence to suggest children lived there, no children's clothes, bedding or appropriate food.

On October 18 two teams went into the Mud. One led by Ms. Yvonne Key had a small bulldozer clean the brush on the western edge between the highway and the houses so the area was no longer obscured. Junk cars and appliances were pushed to the road and later removed. The second team headed by Pastor Stephen Knowles went to the new houses and demolished 48 in five working days.

Pastor Knowles and Administrator Cooper chaired a public meeting in the Mud on October 22 explaining the process and admonishing those in the area to live within the law.

It appears these recent initiatives are followed through in order to maintain the momentum.

The economy needs a labour pool, the residents need to obey the law and government needs to implement their initiatives.

Viewpoint . . .

Job applicants need interview skills

By Julian Lockhart

Baker's Bay and the Abaco Club at Winding Bay both held job fairs in the last few weeks as both resorts are looking to expand their construction and permanent staff with the new tourist season fast approaching. Hundreds of individuals showed up for both job fairs to fill applications, do interviews and hopefully gain employment with one of these anchor projects on Abaco.

Abaco is considered to have basically 100 percent employment with anyone wanting a job can have a job. With these new projects as well as the a development starting in South Abaco, there shouldn't be anyone on Abaco who can work who shouldn't be able to have employment.

However, it is going to be very difficult for any employer to take the majority of the applicants applying for these vacancies

seriously with the appearance and presentation of so many.

I watched the crowd build at the Baker's Bay and the Abaco Club job fairs and was amazed at the way adults showed up for their interviews. One would have thought some of them were going to a club or to hang out with their friends. Men in jeans and t-shirts, unshaved, hair not cut, some unclean and with earrings. The women came with tight jeans, bosoms protruding from shirts, short skirts, blue, red, purple hair and an abundance of excess jewelry.

Before I go any farther I know some people might not have anything else to wear and had to come as they are, but even if your clothes do not fit business attire, you can at least be clean, shaven, conservatively dressed and your hair can be as close to the natural color as possible.

However, there is certain decor that one should know and at this point should be taught in high school for anyone going on a job interview. One should learn how to dress, how not to dress, what to say and how to present a professional resume or curriculum vitae. For men they should show up with their hair cut. If they have dreads, then cover them up and keep them neat, wear a pair of slacks, shoes and no tennis shoes, and a nice shirt. For women the different hair colors and fancy hairdos don't need to be, a conservative top without bosoms jumping out, as little jewelry as possible, if you wear pants something soft and not jeans and your skirt should at least be to your knee.

Your resume should be professionally done - there are a number of places on Abaco that will type up a resume and make sure it is done properly, It should have all

your job experiences, full contact and education clearly stated on it.

How can any of these resorts take an applicant seriously who shows up looking like they are going to the club, when these resorts are hiring individuals to represent them before wealthy clients.

I have heard since coming to Abaco a misconception that these two resorts and possibly the new ones about to come on stream have a conspiracy to hire outside of Abaco first. Actually, any resort on Abaco would want to hire Abaconians first because it makes the hiring process easier; that person actually have a stake in the success of the business because he lives on Abaco. And the company won't pay for someone to relocate.

However, if Baker's Bay, the Abaco Club or any other resort can't find qualified workers - and just because you want or think you should have a job doesn't mean you are qualified for that job - then they have to go outside of the island to find the people to give the service they need.

Both of these resorts as well as others will continue to host job fairs and will be hiring hundreds more Bahamians over the next two to three years to represent them, and it is time for Bahamians to learn how to present themselves properly on a job interview.

This is not your father, cousin or uncle giving you a job or applying at the local chicken shack for employment. Abaco has reached the point where you are applying for careers in the hospitality business at five star, international resorts. Education and exposure is key in ensuring that

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Cancer Society News

Denim Jean's Day Cheque Presentation

By Jennifer Hudson

On October 24 the Cancer Society of Abaco committee was delighted to accept a sizeable cheque from Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education for the Abaco District. Well over \$7,000 was raised by the school children of Abaco as a result of Denim Day on October 11. On that day children were allowed to wear denim jeans to school for a donation of \$2 towards the work of the Abaco Cancer Society in assisting cancer patients of Abaco. "This is the largest donation the society has ever received at one time, apart from the society's own fund raisers, and it is from Bahamian school children," stated Secretary Marjolein Scott.

National Denim Day is observed every October in the United States and the students of St. Francis de Sales School have participated on Abaco for the past six years. This year, at the suggestion of Mrs. Josephine Kumar, Principal of St. Francis de Sales School who is also a member of the Cancer Society of Abaco, all schools on Abaco were encouraged to participate. The response from students of all ages in schools, both public and private, was phenomenal. St. Francis de Sales School raised the largest amount with Agape School coming in second. The students at St. Francis, were also allowed to wear jewelry to school that day for an extra donation and the graduating class was encouraged to consider cancer

victims and adopt a spirit of giving when they leave school.

Whilst presenting the cheque to Mrs. Veronica Saunders, Abaco Cancer Society's Vice President, Mrs. Black stated, "This is a manifestation of Abaco giving to help its own in the prevalence of this terrible disease which is escalating."

This year for the first time the business community was also invited to participate and many businesses did so, raising additional funds for the Society's work.

A very big THANK YOU to the school children and the business community from the Cancer Society of Abaco and all the cancer patients they will be helping through this generous effort.

Cancer Society's Screening Clinics

By Jennifer Hudson

The month of October is designated in the United States as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is dedicated to the increased awareness about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer. Here in The Bahamas we join in promoting not only the awareness of breast cancer but also other types of cancer during this month.

Towards this end the Cancer Society of Abaco held free cancer screening clinics on October 6th at the Government Clinics in Marsh Harbour, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island. Women were screened for breast and cervical cancer, and men were screened for prostate cancer.

Two doctors from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, Dr. Sherelle Ferguson and Dr. Nneka Ijeoma, came to Abaco to do the screening and were accompanied by Nurse Peggy Cooper and Cancer Society member, Ms. Sheila Moss. Many will remember Nurse Peggy Cooper from her years as nurse at the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour from 1999 to 2001 after which she was recalled to Nassau and now works at the Flamingo Gardens Clinic. Dr. Shirin Swarna and Dr. Sue Fairclough, both Abaco doctors, also donated their services for the day and several members of the Cancer Society of Abaco donated their time to carry out the clerical and administrative duties.

Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Swarna carried out the screenings in Marsh Harbour while Dr. Ijeoma was at the Cooper's Town Clinic and Dr. Fairclough flew to Moore's Island to do the screenings there.

The cancer screening clinics were very successful and the Cancer Society was very pleased with the number of persons

who came. The doctors worked unceasingly throughout the day. In Marsh Harbour 98 persons were seen, (75 women and 23 men). In Cooper's Town 52 were seen (35 women and 17 men) and on Moore's Island 64 were seen, over half of which were men. Any persons in need of follow up treatment will be informed when the test results are returned from Nassau. Persons found to be requiring mammograms were referred to the Auskell Clinic.

The visiting doctors and their assistants were hosted to a delightful dinner at the Abaco Beach Resort by members of the Cancer Society of Abaco after their arrival on the evening prior to the clinics.

The Cancer Society Thrift Shop was also open that day to raise funds for the work of the Cancer Society in assisting cancer patients with air fares and increasing cancer awareness. The Thrift Shop, which is located in the Marsh Harbour library building, was open on October 20th.

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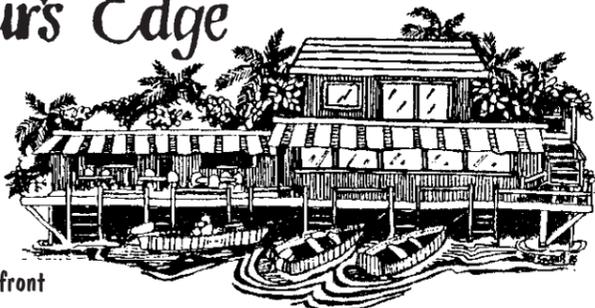
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Turtles hatch successfully at Baker's Bay

Sea turtle nesting season has come and gone this year with turtle nests on the Atlantic Beach of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club faring well once again. This nesting season consistent monitoring efforts by the on-site environmental staff and security at Baker's Bay confirmed that turtles hatched from three nests along the beaches of its property this year.



y hatched turtle at Baker's Bay

On September 20th approximately 97 Loggerhead turtles hatched from a turtle nest, marking the first documented successful turtle nesting and hatching at Baker's Bay for the 2007 turtle nesting season. Days later, approximately 84 Loggerhead turtles and 58 Green turtles hatched from the remaining two turtle nests.

"This was a joyous occasion for the environmental team to once again experience the emergence of these unique and magnificent creatures and their journey to the sea," said Dr. Livingston Marshall, Sr. Vice President of Environmental and Community Affairs for Baker's Bay.

During the turtle nesting season in 2006, turtle hatchling tracks observed in the vicinity of a known turtle nest were a clear indication that turtles had hatched the night before. However, this year due to frequent

rain, all turtle hatchling tracks had already washed away by the time daily surveys of the beaches were carried out. This meant that this year, the only indicators of turtle emergence were minor disturbances in the sand at the surface of the nests. More in-depth analyses confirmed that turtles had hatched, demonstrating that consistent efforts to protect sea turtles and their nesting habitats at Baker's Bay were paying off. Further scrutiny of the nests also revealed that there were a few remaining turtle hatchlings in the nests still struggling to make their way to the sea. These hatchlings were removed from the nests and released.

Historically, it is known that beaches on Great Guana Cay, including that of Baker's Bay, have been utilized as nesting grounds by female sea turtles. In the event that nesting and hatching of turtle eggs does prove successful, sea turtle hatchlings only have a one-in-a-thousand chance of survival due to predation and susceptibility to dehydration. Coupled with human activities such as over fishing, destruction of nesting and feeding habitat, and water and shoreline pollution, these incredible creatures are endangered and are in decline worldwide, including in The Bahamas.

In an effort to ensure the survival of these species for future generations, Baker's Bay continues to implement its Sea Turtle Protection Plan as an integral part of its general environmental stewardship efforts and more specifically as part of the development's environmental monitoring programme. Protocols established include environmentally sensitive beach maintenance such as removal of marine debris; sea turtle habitat restora-

tion (i.e. restoration of sand dunes and native vegetation) and daily checks of beaches for evidence of turtle nesting activities. Furthermore, Baker's Bay staff receive educational guidelines for successful protection of turtle nests and habitats. Beach patrol by security also ensures that turtles and their nests are not disturbed, or robbed, as was the case last year, likely by a person(s) entering the beach from a boat. Although the official dates of sea turtle nesting season are March 1st through September 31st in The Bahamas, the Baker's Bay turtle protection measures and protocols are in effect year-round.

Baker's Bay looks forward to another successful turtle nesting season in 2008 and will continue its conservation efforts to protect sea turtles and their nesting habitats. To find out more information about what Baker's Bay is doing to protect turtles, contact their office at 242-367-0612. For more information on the breeding biology of turtles and their status worldwide, visit www.iucn-ntsg.org/.



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Shell Show in Cherokee drew crowds

By Jennifer Hudson

A visit to the fifth Sea Shell Show and Exhibition at Cherokee Sound was a very pleasant way to spend the October 12 holiday. The settlement was abuzz with people from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. who came to not only admire the wonderful displays of treasures from the sea in the W.W. Sands Community Centre but also to browse the craft stalls outside, enjoy some good food and socialize with friends. This very popular event was planned as a two-day show for the first time this year to give more people chance to attend and, even though the 13th was a day of heavy rain, the show went on very successfully.

I have been attending the show for the past three years and enjoy going to see what new treasures will turn up there each time. It is amazing how each year, in addition to the entries from previous years, I find new and exquisite shells on display and more innovative ways of using and dis-

playing these treasures.

To tie everything together the shells were grouped in themes: shells in home furnishings, shells in art, shells in clothing and jewellery and shells in literature. Some of the innovative ways in which shells had been used were to decorate mirror and photo frames, flower pots, vases, clocks, wreaths and a wonderful variety of Christmas tree decorations, jewellery and buttons. Mirrors and other shell work items made and displayed by Kathy O’Kelleher can be purchased at Monkey’s Uncle and unusual Christmas items and exquisite shell and starfish mobiles displayed by Rosalie Pyfrom are available at Java. For the first time this year Wrackers boutique set up displays of items incorporating shells from their store. All these stores are located in Marsh Harbour.

The show presented not only a feast of natural beauty for the eyes and soul but also the opportunity to learn more about these wonders. A series of very informa-

tive boxes displayed shell families giving the names of the varieties of shells many of which are very rare and exquisite. The colours, shapes and intricacies of the shell families is mind boggling and the exhibits ranged from huge to minute.

In addition to the shell displays, David Bethel set up an interesting collection of antiquities from

the sea which included fossils, old bottles and an amazing solid metal bayonet sword found in a cave.

Not only was this an exhibition, it was also a competition and entries were judged in the following categories:

- Natural shells (individual shells and groups or shell clusters)
- Other items from the sea (sponges, sea fans, coral, animals or other natural things)
- Artwork and handicrafts
- Other miscellaneous items (things depicting sea life or shells on items as well as items other than shells that come out of the sea such as old bottles, driftwood, sea glass and even seaside flotsam found on the beach)

Five ribbons were awarded in each category, in addition to which, one participant each year receives a Best in Show ribbon for their entry as Most Outstanding Exhibit in the Show. The Best in Show winner is awarded the Traveling Conch Shell Trophy to hold until the next year’s show and their name is inscribed on a brass plaque affixed to the trophy.

Judges for the show this year were Nancy Albury, Ron Atkinson and John Hedden. They obviously had a difficult

time selecting the winners from all of the wonderful entries as they deliberated for two and a half hours before making their decision.

First place winners were Kathy O’Kelleher, David Bethel and Lee Pinder with Peggy Albury’s carved bonefish winning distinction of Best in Show. Two children entered displays in the show and were awarded Honourable Mention ribbons. The organizers would like to have seen more children exhibiting.

The craft booths outside included a large variety of handcrafted items and Peter Bradley’s exquisite shell jewellery. A locally handmade quilt was offered for silent auction and even children did their part selling toys, running a darts stall and offering stilts for \$3 for half an hour’s fun. Conch salad and homemade ice cream

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This mobile of cut shells was hanging above the display tables. It was entered by Rosalie Pyfrom



David Bethel has an extensive collection of artifacts of past inhabitants of Abaco. This display shows antique bottles, items from the sea and in the front a solid brass bayonet that he found on one of his explorations.

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Agape Students Clean Up the Environment

By Jennifer Hudson

The students of grades 1 and 2 at Agape Christian School did their part for the Friends of the Environment's Coastal Clean up campaign on October 19. The 43 students ranging in age from six to eight years scoured the eastern end of Casuarina Point beach during the morning hours. The children said that the trash they collected included mostly plastic items but also a lot of bottles, rope and even some shoes. After filling the bags provided by the school, the students placed them to be collected by an officer from the Friends.

After their hard work the children enjoyed eating their packed lunches in a ca-

bana on the beach and were able to get everything completed before the torrential rainstorms. The youngsters all agreed that, although it was hard work, they enjoyed it.

The teacher in charge was Grade 1 teacher, Ms. Melissa Piper, assisted by Grade 2 teacher, Ms. Jilliene Flanagan, and several parents. Ms. Piper stated that they decided to do the beach clean up as the result of a talk at the school the previous week on Preserving our beaches by an officer from Friends. Ms. Piper stated that she chose Casuarina Beach for the clean up since it is her favourite beach, and she often spends time there with other teachers

from the school. She was amazed at the amount of trash which was actually collected that day.

School Principal, Mrs. Cecile Albury, was also there to lend a hand as the parent of a Grade 1 student. Mrs. Albury stated that earlier in the day the Kindergarten students did their part by cleaning up the area around the school and by the gymnasium as they were as yet too young to go out on a major clean up. While the grade 1 and 2 students were cleaning up Casuarina Beach, the grade 3 students were doing their part elsewhere. They concentrated on the inland area from the airport roundabout to Zig Zag Airlines in the morning and the coastal area around Pond Bay in the after-

noon.

The following day members of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel, assisted by several youth from New Vision Ministries, donated their time and energies to clean up the three-mile stretch of the S.C. Bootle Highway leading from town towards the public dump. Between the torrential downpours of rain they were able to fill 60 bags of garbage with soda cans, Styrofoam and diapers. They even removed several tyres, an old couch, stereo and a washing machine, all of which had been dumped at the side of the road! The upper grades of Agape School will be continuing the clean up at a later date.



Grade 1 and 2 students of Agape Christian School chose to clean up the Casuarina Beach as their contribution to the International Coastal Clean-up program. The older students and members of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel later cleaned the road from Marsh Harbour to the dump.

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Howard U introduces School Reform Program

By Samantha V. Evans

On October 10th a team of three from Howard University in Washington, D.C., led a presentation on school reform held at Central Abaco Primary School. Ministry of Education department heads, community stakeholders as well as church pastors came together to learn what Howard University has in store for reforming Central Abaco Primary School and Cooper's Town Primary School with enrolments of approximately 800 and 160 respectively.

Eight students from Central Abaco's upper primary school performed well to welcome the guests to Abaco. The students gave a brief history of Abaco and Central Abaco Primary, performed poems and sang a well known Bahamian song.

Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent, commended the students on a job well done and stated that she firmly believes that the children are the future and it is for them that all persons present have come. She stated that it is important that we prepare them for tomorrow. She

thanked all community stakeholders for seeing it necessary to attend to hear plans for school reform for two of the local public primary schools.

Mrs. Black stated that the group from Howard University, who are indeed trailblazers, wanted to come to Abaco to introduce this program. They are working toward school reform not only on this island but in many states across America. She believes that school reform will not happen in isolation. It will take teachers, parents, and the entire community to assist with school reform. She explained that everyone knows the results our children have obtained on their recent exams so enough is enough! Mrs. Black believes that the foundation is very important so that at high school level, they will be better students and upon graduating they will be better employees. It is time for change to come.

Five persons make up the Howard University team but only three of them were present to initiate this school reform program. They were Dr. A. Wade Boykin,

Executive Director Capstone Institute; Dr. Veronica Thomas, Evaluation and Assessment; and Toni Roy, Project Facilitator. Dr. Thomas will look at the test scores and determine what needs to be done to bring them up by improving the way instruction is delivered to the students.

Dr. Boykin is in charge of the Capstone Institute team and presented on behalf of the group. He stated that preparation for today began over 10 years ago when the school improvement plan was put into place. They have already worked with four schools in Nassau and now with the two schools coming on stream in Abaco, this would make six schools they are presently assisting with their school improvement plan. The signature features of Capstone Institute are that they are

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- Culturally relevant
- Continuous improvement (ongoing professional development)
- Theory driven (why something works)
- Track record of success.

He explained to the stakeholders that they are not here to lecture anyone but

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Three persons from Howard University presented a program on improving the academic levels of students in the primary grades. They will introduce their school reform ideas at Central Abaco Primary School and Cooper's Town Primary. The program has been started in four primary schools in Nassau. This initial casual meeting allowed local persons to interact with the Howard representatives.



The Howard University representatives are working closely with Abaco's Ministry of Education leaders. Shown here are Mrs. Ruth Smith with the Ministry; Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent for Abaco; Dr. Veronica Thomas, Dr. A. Wade Boykin and Ms. Toni Roy, all with Howard University; and Ms. Felamese Sawyer with the Ministry.



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North Abaco News

Senior citizens are recognized

By Vernique Russell

Throughout The Bahamas, senior citizens were the focus of the month as October was observed as Senior Citizen Month. In North Abaco it was no different in lieu of the celebrations and festivities the Department of Social Services, North Abaco Branch, hosted a special church service to pay respect and show appreciation to the pioneers of the various communities who have paved the way for the present generations and future generations. The theme for this year celebrations was Addressing the challenges and opportunity of Aging: Empowering the Older Person. The church service was held at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. Senior Citizens from throughout the island gathered with their children and grand children for the celebration.

The guest speaker for this year celebration was Father Dwight Rolle, who is responsible for the Anglican Parishes in North Abaco. In his message Father Rolle mentioned three key things that we need to do to make the older persons feel more comfortable in society. They are:

- We must remember that long life brings a degree of wisdom so we must place them in a family-oriented environment where they can experience love and appreciation which they can't receive in an old folks home.
- They need to be integrated with the younger generation. Old age is a blessing from God.
- We must recognize their accomplishments and celebrate them. We must de-

mand those in authority create legislation to assist the elderly even if it means revisiting National Health Insurance.

The goal of this year celebration is to make the public aware of the challenges and opportunities that persons experience during the aging process. The Department is wishing to recognize the contributions that seniors have made to society and to promote the full enjoyment of social and economics opportunities. Remarks were made by Mrs. Salomie Gibson of Social Services; Mr. Eric Collie, Deputy Chief Councillor; and Mr. Theophilus Cox, Senior Island Administrator with responsibility for North Abaco. Mr. Cox encouraged the precious pearls to educate the younger generations about the hardships and struggles they endured to bring us all to this present point. Local Government has pledged to assist the department in anyway possible.

The older citizens who were honored for their efforts and services to the community were Mother Nethalie Bodie of Treasure Cay, Benjamin Cornish of Blackwood, Mrs. Leanna Thompson of Fire Road, Mr. Alfred Murray of Cooper's Town, Mr. Albert Wilchcombe of Cedar Harbour, Mr. Ernest Williams of Wood Cay, Mrs. Cetal Curry of Mount Hope, Mr. Merlin McIntosh of Fox Town, Mr. Elijah Mills of Crown Haven.

Special recognition was bestowed upon Mr. Everett Bootle and Mrs. Adeline McIntosh for their continuous support to their communities.

Volunteers are needed

By Vernique Russell

The area in Treasure Cay that has been

allocated for a park and playground for children has not seen much progress as yet. While we acknowledge that those responsible for progress so far have done a great job in trying to complete the work, help is really needed. In the spirit of that famous American that once stated "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," I am asking anyone who is interested in the completion of the park to volunteer whatever donations you can to the Treasure Cay Township to assist with the completion of the park. Once the park is completed, it will be the first playground in this area. To all of you who can make a donation, please make those donation so that we give our youth a playground for recreation.

Basketball Camp is Back

Coach Godfrey Rolle's Basketball Camp is back! Calling all young men between from age 7 and up at the Don Corbett Basketball Court in Treasure Cay on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and Sundays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in developing you sons' skills, they cannot afford to miss this basketball camp. Many new and exciting things are happening in the camp this year. Get your sons involved.

Keep North Abaco Clean

As you drive along the streets in some areas of North Abaco you will notice the side roads are filled with garbage. North Abaconians, please let's take pride in our communities, our streets, and let's keep North Abaco clean. This is where we live

and our children live. Our children are affected by what they see us do. Children learn with their eyes. Whatever they see you do is what they will do. Parents, promote cleanliness, teach your children to respect their surroundings and environment, teach them not to litter. Our surroundings reflect on us so let's work together to keep North Abaco clean, green and pristine. After all, this is where we live.

Shipwreck Restaurant

Located in the quaint, quiet settlement of Wood Cay is a taste of Italy and The Bahamas stored in the newly opened restaurant and lounge Shipwreck. This trendy yet classy restaurant has afforded customers in the north the privilege of being wooed by the extensive variety on its menu. Shipwreck has provided entertainment at another level since opening its door. Customers can enjoy nights of Karaoke where they get to mimic their faith singer or band while entertaining the crowd. So if you're traveling along the Sherlin Bootle Highway in the Little Abaco area, stop by Shipwreck Restaurant and Lounge. You won't be disappointed.

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School News World Teachers Day Observed

By Vernique Russell

October 5th was observed as World Teachers Day in over 100 countries throughout the world. In some countries this special day is a national holiday. The Bahamas was one of those countries that took out time to observe the contributions that teachers make to our society. This year's theme was Better working condition for teachers mean better learning opportunities for our students.

Teachers from various schools on Abaco gathered at the Treasure Cay Primary

School for a celebration in their honor. The teachers were treated to a fun day and grill. Mrs. Ida Poitier, President of the Bahamas Union of Teachers, was on the island and brought brief remarks. She reminded teachers that they should have a life and deserve to enjoy themselves once they are not on official duty. Mrs. Poitier is the first female to occupy the President's position since the founding president, Ms Marble Walker.

Teachers are the foundation that every profession stands on. They are the ones who create doctors, lawyers, teachers, fishermen, construction workers and even bums. Teachers possess the power to make or break individuals, to build up or destroy and to mold lives. Teachers, we salute you.

Sherlin Bootle Held first PTA meeting

By Vernique Russell

A new day has dawned at the Sherlin Bootle High School and the future is once again bright and promising. On September 25th the PTA committee held its first meet-

ing for school year 2007-2008 and it's a brand new day, new faces, new rules and better results. The meeting that was held under the tent was well attended by parents and guardians who came out just to hear about the plans for the school for this year.

The president of the PTA, Clayton McIntosh, stated how pleased he was with the work that has been done over the last school year. He indicated that the school had come a long way in such a short period of time and that he is looking forward to an extremely productive school year. He indicated that this will be his last year in the capacity of President of the PTA.

Immediately following his address was remark from principal Mr. Huel Moss, who spent most of the evening discussing concerns and plans for the school. This year school theme is Achieving Success Through Improved Self-Esteem and

School Pride. Students must have confidence in themselves and their school in order to succeed. Mr. Moss informed parents that the renovations to the classrooms over the summer which started just before school had closed in June were almost completed. Local government has pledged to assist with the lighting problem at night, complete fencing of the basketball court and hopefully with the busing two days for the after school program for those wishing to take advantage of extra-curricular activities. The school has received eight new teachers this year, all of the teachers who left were replaced and a few others were added. With the additions of these teachers the school will be able to establish reading, hospitality and auto mechanic programs.

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tain groups of students was addressed especially as it relates to bussing. The Ministry of Education's Policy as well as the government's in this regard is very clear. Mr. Moss quoted sections of several Acts to remind parents that we cannot discriminate against any child under age of 16 in The Bahamas in not allowing them access to education. "This is law!" he said. "The sooner we get that fact, the better." The importance of discipline will continue to be a primary objective of the school. The police will continue to assist in this regard.

The five Subject Coordinators all addressed the the parents as to what is required of their children in their subjects areas including the importance of textbooks.

Pastor Roland McIntosh of Friendship Mission Church in Cooper's Town told the parents of the establishment of a North Abaco Scholarship to assist students of Sherlin Bootle who needed help with expenses for college and who met the necessary criteria. Parents were all given an article Parents can help their children succeed in school published by The Abaconian which gives tips and ideas that parents can use to help their children with study habits while in school. Mr. Moss concluded by admonishing parents to play an integral part in their children's education and in the life of the school. S.C. Bootle High is making tremendous strides in moving to the next level. The school hopes to use more technology in their instructional programs, the establishment of a media center, a beautification program to get more stakeholders in the community involved in the school.

Treasure Cay Primary's first PTA meeting

By Vernique Russell

Parents of students who attend the Treasure Cay Primary School learned from the principal and teachers plans for their children for the school year 2007-2008. The meeting was scheduled to be held at the school. However, due to overwhelming number of parents, the meeting venue had to relocate to the St. Simon by the Sea Fellowship Hall. Parents, however, were still given the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their children's teachers and discuss their children's progress at the school grounds prior to the meeting.

Principal Myrtis Russell in her address advised them to come together and work together with the teachers to make it better for the children. She addressed concerns including the presence of police on campus and the completion of the beautification of the school grounds. Mrs. Russell does not support the idea of police officers on school grounds as "children are afraid of police." She agrees that security officers will be more welcoming and paint a better picture in the minds of children, especially those in the primary school category.

A beautification program has began at the school. The school is now looking for sponsors to complete the work. Parents were informed that by November the play area for grades one, two and three will be completed. Playground equipment is being donated by a group from Orlando, Florida.

The school's PTA Board has been inactive for quite sometime but is now active once again. PTA elections will be held at

the next meeting and PTA meetings will now be held monthly. Parents are encouraged to get permission from the the administrative block before entering the premise. Book fees must be paid and Mrs. Russell encouraged parents who haven't yet done so to please do so. Mrs. Russell encouraged parents to dress students in full uniforms.

Among the concerns of parents were insurance and bussing. Parents were satisfied with the outcome of the meeting and are looking forward to a great school year. Parents were all given handbooks that contains the school policies and guidelines and important dates to remember. The school enrollment is 171 students. Three new teachers were added to the staff and they include Mrs. Bootle who is responsible for music, Mr. Brown for Spanish and Ms. Roberts, Grade 5.

Spanish Classes

By Vernique Russell

If you are interested in learning a second language, the perfect opportunity is here. A six-week course in Spanish will be offered at Treasure Cay Primary school by Mr. Brown. The cost of the class is \$100. Classes will be held in the evening. Interested person can contact the Treasure Cay Primary School office for further information at 242-365-8273. Registration is now going on. North Abaco-

conians, this is one opportunity you can't afford to miss. With all the development that is now going on, we must seize every opportunity to upgrade ourselves to move with the times.

Cooper's Town Primary Award Celebration

By Vernique Russell

The principal, teachers and parents of students of Cooper's Town Primary School gathered at Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town to celebrate the achievement of the students who excelled during the academic school year 2006-2007. Students were recognized for achievement in academics and athletics. Special recognition was given those students who made the Principal List and Honour Roll. All of the students present were encouraged to work hard and strive for excellence, knowing that success comes only through hard work and dedication.

The students that made the Principal's List were Jaquay Sands, Gardel Parker, DeAngelo McIntosh, Antonia Nixon, Jaarona Stuart, Keishon Daziel, Lazaria McIntosh, Chelsea Bowe and Jayden McIntosh. These students obtained grade point averages between 3.5 and 4.0. The

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students that made the Honour Roll included Eulander Clough, Felicity Cooper, Santino Cornish, Kennedy Curry, Mickey Loudor, Eulian Degregory, Arlington Knowles, Fayonte Rolle, Jewel Rolle, Tashar Rolle, Willteasha Saunders, Nathalia Sawyer, Hartley Bootle, Trajan Bootle, Hiram McIntosh, Javoun Saunders, Malika Cooper, Verniqua Johnson, Brinika McKenzie, Jonae Sands, Jonalee McIntosh, Keeon Daziel, O'Desha Cox, Ka'Andra Sawyer, John Williams, Shaquille Bootle, Walter McIntosh, Britany Clarke, Brie McKenzie and Johnnesha Edgcombe. These students obtained grade point averages of 3.0 and 3.49.

The communities of North Abaco join the parents and teachers and congratulate all of the students who excelled during the past school year. We encourage you to keep up the good work. We are proud of you.

Church News Bahamas Against Crime

By Vernique Russell

Rev. C.B. Moss, Executive Director for the Bahamas Against Crime committee, was on Abaco on October 9th to promote an initiative to combat the alarming increases in our crime rates. This was the first meeting held outside Nassau in the Family Islands. The meeting was held at Sherlin Bootle High School and was organized by Administrator Theophilus Cox.

The Bahamas Against Crime Project is a national project sponsored by the Council for Social and Economic Develop-

ment, the Bahamas Christian Council and the Civil Society. It is not a government project but a private sector project that is seeking to work in conjunction with the government to fight crime. It is similar to the Hands Across The Bahamas Project that was launched in 1988 headed by Rev C. B. Moss. Like the Hands Across the Bahamas Project, the Bahamas Against Crime is seeking to united citizens all over The Bahamas to get involved in the fight against crime.

In his address Rev. Moss declared that the solution to crime lies within us as individuals and collectively. He stated that the goal of this project is to effect a change of mind set and attitude in Bahamians as it relates to crime. All of us have contributed to the state we are in as a perpetrator, facilitator or just condoning it, he charged. Crime is not the problem but the results of the problem. Rev. Moss revealed facts and behavior that clearly show their contribution to the alarming increase in crime. He informed those in attendance that the Bahamas is number one in the Caribbean for sexual violence and number three for the imprisonment rate. However, despite these facts, The Bahamas is not filled with criminals, he said, and this project will clearly show that.

The committee is hoping to raise \$1 million to be used in the fight against crime. This project will be an international one. The committee is hoping to assemble 100,000 persons to joins hands and declare that crime will not be tolerated. An essay competition and art contest will be launched to get the children involved. The first phrase of the project will last

for six months and will end in April. A special assembly will be held across The Bahamas and people will join hands. That assembly will be a very special one as it will also commemorate the 20th year anniversary of Hands Across The Bahamas. This project is open to all regardless of race, gender and sex. For more information visit the committee website at www.bahamasagainstcrime.com.

End Time Harvest District Convention

The Pastor and members of End Time Harvest in Crown Haven invite the public to celebrate their annual district convention on November 12th-18th at the church in Crown Haven as the give thanks to God.

Non Denominational Conference Held

Revival Time Ministries in Crown Haven held another successful non-denominational conference on October 8th through the 12th. The purpose of this conference was to unite God's children as one and remove the barriers of religious denomination to allow God to pour out His blessings

on all. Pastors from various ministries fellowshiped together as Christians from all denominations.

The goal of this conference was accomplished, and it reminded all that attended that before they are Baptist, Pentecostal, Church of God, Anglican or Catholic that they are first and foremost God's children and to declare that there may be different belief amongst the believers but only one God. Senior Pastor of Revival Time is Bishop Burnell Parker.

Open Door Ministry celebrates 41 years

Congratulations to Open Door Ministry in Fox Town on its 41st Anniversary! Open Door began ministry in Abaco in 1966 and has been under the leadership of Pastor George Russell for most of that time. This year's celebration was very significant because for the first time it observed this occasion under the leadership of another pastor, Pastor Lynden McIntosh. Truly the Lord has been good to the congregation and His blessings are evident. The communities of North Abaco congratulate you on your anniversary.

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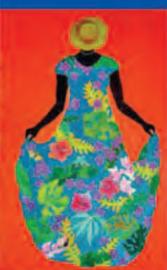
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Dr. John Durban tells of dolphin research

By Jennifer Hudson

Dr. John Durban presented an interesting illustrated talk entitled Abaco Dolphins: Sentinels of the Sea in the new Friends of the Environment's lecture room on the evening of October 11. Dr. Durban is a research biologist who now works for the National Marine Fisheries Service in the U.S. and is based in Alaska studying the population of killer whales. He received his PhD from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, for which he wrote his dissertation on a study of bottlenose dolphins on Abaco. He has been in a long term collaboration since 1994 with Diane Claridge of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey based in Sandy Point.



Dolphins enjoy leaping out of the water.

Dr. Durban described the dolphin as being "the lab rat of the sea as it is found basically in all tropical and temperate waters and is a useful species to monitor as it shows us the health of the environment." He described his work with dolphins around Abaco and his findings. "There is a marked variation among dolphins which range from large to small. I am especially interested in the Little Bahama Bank as bottlenose dolphins are not found in deep water. In the late 1980s lots of dolphins were removed from the waters around Treasure Cay and taken into captivity for aquariums. Since 1992 annual surveys have been carried out on the dolphins with research taking place on the Sea of Abaco, then later at Sandy Point. Sporadic surveys have been carried out elsewhere but the main work is done in east and south Abaco. The bottlenose dolphins have never been seen in deep water and are isolated to the bank system.

from 1992 to the present, 770 sightings have been made from Baker's Bay to Little Harbour with the Fowl Cays being the prime hotspot. Dr. Durban is interested in individuals. Each dolphin has its own scars and has a series of nicks which it acquires throughout its life as a result of bites from other dolphins and sharks. He does photo identification which becomes a stock tool like the human fingerprint. Regular surveys are needed to keep track but no tags are necessary as the dolphins are naturally marked. There are about 1,000 dolphins on Little Bahama Bank.

Though group size can range from one to 34 and can even be as many as 100, the average group size is four. In East Abaco

Dr. Durban, along with his assistant, looks at genetic diversity and ascertains health by collecting dolphin faeces and also analyses dolphin DNA from cells in the gut tract. There is very little similarity between Grand Bahama and east and south Abaco dolphins; they are very different genetically and this big population is very healthy genetically.

The dolphin eat lots of ballyhoo and jacks. The Man-O-War or frigate bird is an

opportunistic that tries to grab the fish from surface feeding dolphins. It is a very interesting dynamic to see how individual birds associate with individual dolphins and follow them.

The dolphin habitat is under threat from dredging which is taking place every day. Mangrove systems are destroyed and replaced with concrete which is not a good fish habitat!

Size and growth of the dolphins are measured with the use of laser pointers on the camera which are 10 cm apart. These are used on killer whales and Dr. Durban

has experimented with using them on dolphins.

Causes of death for the dolphins are capture for aquariums and attacks by bull and tiger sharks. In East Abaco the dolphins travel in small groups as there are few predators but in South Abaco the dolphins travel in larger groups as they are in exposed waters with a threat of sharks. Hurricanes also affect the survival of dolphins as there is nowhere safe for them to

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Dr. John Durban, third from left, discussed his research on bottle nose dolphins in Abaco waters to an interested group on October 11. He has been studying them for more than 10 years and has accumulated much information about their habits, group sizes, health, movement, food and general well being. He is shown here with Jim Richard, Cha Boyce, Tim Higgs and his daughter after the talk at the Friends of the Environment lecture room.

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go; whether they go into creeks or stay in offshore waters, either way they risk mortality.

After 1999 there was not much financial support for research so it was difficult to come to track the dolphins. However, this year, with support from Friends of the Environment, Dr. Durban has started a new research effort. Each October he plans to build on the legacy of the past and he also wants to involve students.

This October, within a period of nine days, 12 sightings of 27 individuals were made within an area of 384 square miles and this was in bad weather. They saw some long lost friends they had not seen since 1996 and saw some very exciting evidence of dolphins growing up and producing calves of their own, thus making a contribution to the population. This is a pristine environment with lots of healthy dolphins.

Dr. Durban concluded his talk by speaking on environmental education saying how important it is to transfer the information to kids. "They should feel a sense of ownership of the marine environment to protect it for years to come." He thanked the Friends of the Environment, Bahamas Ministry of

Agriculture and Fisheries and Earthwatch for their support. He then answered some interesting questions put to him by marine enthusiasts in the audience.

Dr. Durban and his research assistant worked for two weeks out of Marsh Harbour and then for two weeks out of Hope Town. In both places they involved schools and the community. Olivia Patterson, who is now Programme Coordinator for The Friends of the Environment, was the first intern to work with Dr. Durban and Diane Claridge at the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey in 1995 and 1996 on Tilloo Cay. Dr. Durban said that he is now trying to touch some of the kids in the same way as the programme touched Olivia, who now herself goes out a couple of times a month into schools to involve the kids. He wants to share his findings with the local people.

Heat press will benefit ECC



Tom and Linda Leffler of the Marsh Harbour Marina and Jib Room Restaurant generously donated funds to the Wild Horses of Abaco Preservation Society to buy a heat press. WHOA, in turn, placed the press at the Every Child Counts School. Students in an art class recently printed the first T shirts for WHOA. The students will now be able to design and print their own T shirts as fund-raisers for ECC. The successful printers are Carlos Pinder, Lesley Roker, Jeremy Sawyer, Kelvin Hunt and Terrence Davis.

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Pirates' Ball Is Rescheduled



The Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club would like to inform the public that its annual costume Pirates' Ball will be held in March. Last year's ball was held in October, but the Club felt that a March date would be more appropriate and would not fall back to back with Halloween. As soon as the date is set, the public will be informed.

On September 7th members of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to hold a monthly meeting with President Emeritus "Skeet" LaChance. Skeet, an accomplished diver and motorcyclist, now suffers with emphysema and is forced to live in Florida where he can receive medical care for his illness. Skeet is a founding member of the local motorcycle club which is best known for its annual

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Minister Assesses Green Turtle Cay Utility Needs

Bahamas Information Services

On October 24 Minister of State for Public Utilities, the Hon. Phenton Neymour, led a delegation of senior Ministry officials and officials of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation and the Water and Sewerage Corporation to see firsthand the water and electrical needs of Green Turtle Cay residents.

Senior Deputy Administrator for North Abaco, Mr. Theophilus Cox, said that Green Turtle Cay residents were looking forward to Minister Neymour's visit because of their concerns with utilities, es-

pecially water. "They depend on the water tanks and whenever there is a drought or no rain, they have a problem with potable water," he said. "In some cases they had to barge water from the mainland, and they are very concerned because they really need water. It is number one for them at this time."

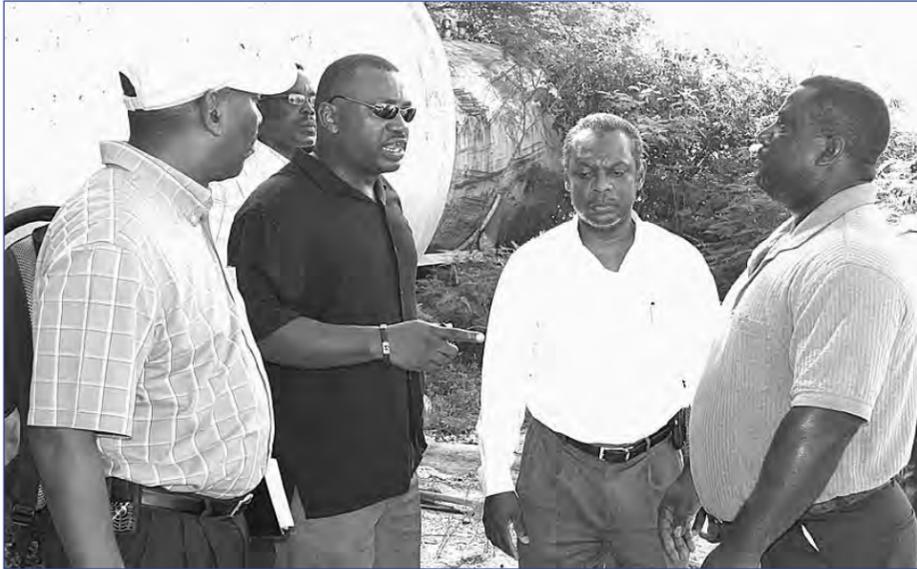
According to Min. Neymour, the water being barged from mainland Abaco is not as reliable as it should be for the residents, and other plans must be put in place. "We have initiated a plan to install water facilities here," Mr. Neymour said. "We are

looking at alternatives of either reverse osmosis or an underwater pipeline. In the short term," he continued, "reverse osmosis seems to be better; but in the long term for the true benefits to the Water and Sewerage Corporation and Green Turtle Cay, it would appear that an underwater pipeline is better." Mr. Neymour pointed out that an underwater pipeline would require significant capital investment.

As far as BEC is concerned, he said a new site was being sought to run fuel pipelines for the generator on the island. "The fuel line to the BEC facility here is extremely corroded and is longer in use.

Fuel is also being ferried across to the island," Min. Neymour explained. "We consider that at this particular time, that is not the most cost effective and reliable way to bring fuel here. We are challenged in putting in a new fuel line because of the narrow streets - the concrete streets, which significantly increases the cost of replacing the line and will create significant disruptions, if we do so," he added.

The Minister said the BEC facility is crucial on the island and they suffered interruptions due to inefficient fuel supply. "It is crucial that we improve the efficiency of BEC on this island also," Minister Neymour stressed.



Minister of State for Public Utilities the Hon. Phenton Neymour (second left) speaks with Bahamas Electricity Corporation employee and Green Turtle Cay Town Council member Floyd Johnson (right) during a tour of the BEC facility on the island on October 24. Also pictured, from left, are Undersecretary at the Ministry of Public Works and Utilities Calvin Balfour and BEC Chairman Kevin Basden. Partially hidden in the background is Senior Deputy Administrator for North Abaco Theophilus Cox. Min. Neymour led a delegation to the island to see firsthand the electrical and water needs of the island. (BIS photo)





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By Samantha V. Evans

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He is survived by his wife Zula; children Mark, Peter, Gary and Kathryn; brothers Rexwood, Curtis and Harry; sister-in-law Enid; daughters-in-law Shirley, Jasmine, Francoise and Sybil; grandchildren Ian, Kesha, Diaudonne, Vanessaca, Vanessa, Maya, Shanaka, Sharika, Joshua, Nelson, Shamsi, Carlton, Carl, and Christyn; great-grandchildren Taryn and Marcus; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Lamercie Joseph Ferguson**, 65, of Charlie Boo, Marsh Harbour, was held on October 13 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour. Father Roger Madrazo officiated and interment was in the public cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

She is survived by her fiancée Dextra Dorleans; step-children Daphenie and Camila Jorinaica; brother Leoneil Joseph; sister Marie Joseph; grandson Claude Joseph; and many other relatives and friends.

Naomi Ruth Dames, 55, formerly of Sandy Point died at the Princess Margaret Hospital on October 6. She is survived by her sons Ralph Dames and Newrin Green; daughters Eleanor and Rochelle Stuart; sisters Aladice Culmer, Roselda Clarke and Victoria Butler; brothers Hilton, Leon, Anthony and Edward Bain; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Prince Alvin Gartland Strachan**, 44, of Marsh Harbour was held on October 27 in Nassau. Cremation followed.

He is survived by his wife Janet Strachan; children Matthew, Hanna, Rebecca, Lashanda and Jonathan; mother Marinell Strachan; grandson Chelsen; brothers Dale Strachan, Kenneth and Eric Strachan; grandmother Norah Rolle; aunts Elma Jones, Nurse Marilyn Rolle, Nurse Thelma Thompson, Catherine Nairn, Maxine Rolle and Maedom Bullard; uncles John, Norman, Lawrence and Nolan Rolle; sister-in-law Lanita Strachan; granduncles Rev. Harry Davis, Rev. Eugene Bastian and Darville Bastian; cousins Lesia Sands, Vanrea Gardiner, Venice McPhee, Erica Petpall, Ethlyn Glen, Lynden, Patrice, Andre, Dennis and Lethera Nairn, Daphne Russell, Janice McKenzie, Dr. Indira Hamilton, Sherelee Thompson, Melonie Williams, Whitney Thompson, Dr. Edison Thompson, Fay, Fritzie, Fran, Jonathan Jr., Surrell Dixon, Kevin Bullard, Nikki, Veronique, Jamal, Latoya, Ryan and Sophia Rolle, Angela Morley, Rosemary and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Harold Smith**, 90, of Dundas Town was held on October 27 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Rev William Higgs officiated assisted by Dr. Reginald Eldon. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his sister Cleola Sawyer; nieces Michelle Brennen, Genevieve Smith, Gelita and Felamease Sawyer, Margaret Moore, Sharon Lloyd, Marguerita Cornish and Rosalee Cornish-Jones; nephews Cyril Archer, Robert, Walter, Emalin, Floyd, Randy, Dennis and Angelo Sawyer, Livingstone, Alfredo, George and Pastor Samuel Cornish and Randy Smith; sister-in-law Valderine Smith; brothers-in-law Wilfred Cornish and Abraham Sawyer; nieces-in-law Salvera Archer, Centina, Betty and Christine Sawyer, Renee, Carmen, Patricia

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The funeral service for **Mervin Alphonso Rolle**, 62, of Spring City was held on October 27 at Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. Pastor Silbert Mills officiated. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughter Beauthelyn; son-in-law Emory Curry; grandchildren Courno Rolle and Lauryn Curry;

brothers Joseph and Rudolph Rolle; sister, Esthermae Mortimer, Elizabeth Roache and Patricia Rolle; aunts Selena Burrows, Evelyn Rollle, Lydia Green, Diana Rolle and Rosebell Rolle; uncle Henry Rolle; sister-in-law Sylvia Rolle; brother-in-law Japheth Roache; nieces Sandra, Ruby, Patrice, Melva., D'eshea, Deanne, Dianae, Braneile, Joanne, Sandra Mortimer and Sophia; nephews Dominick Sr., Marvin, Rudolph, Wendell, Kevin, Wilbert, Kenneth, Donovan, Brian, Quinton, Solomon, Clinton, Rickie, Marco and Latico; grandnieces; grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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Baker's Bay Prepares for its November Opening

By Mirella Santillo

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tober 15th to 19th was geared to the managers and potential leaders. Both training sessions took place at the Faith Convention Center in Marsh Harbour and were organized by Mrs. Cleola Pinder of B & P Consultant Agency.

Approximately 60 people attended each

session of the first training which dealt in *Getting financially fit for the future*, presented by Mrs. Pinder, by Mr. Ricky Johnson and *Success Strategy* by Mr. Felix Sawyer. At the end of the financial session, some local banks and financial institutions did a one-on-one presentation with the attendants. Royal Bank of Canada, Scotia Bank, First Caribbean, British American and B& P Consultant participated.

The second training lasted four days and was attended by 15 to 20 people. It dealt with vision, company policies, my culture, my work, leadership and management, personality and team work. Facilitators were recruited from Nassau and include Mrs. Arlene Ferguson, who talked about culture and brought with her drummers from a Junkanoo group. Mr. Michael Diggiss, a business consultant and project manager, covered leadership and project management and planning. Ms. Kaylus Horton, also from Nassau, talked on how

to achieve results by recognizing one's personality and understanding the people one works with.

Local presenters included Ms. Simone Bowe, Director of Human Resources and Training for Baker's Bay, who talked about leadership development for managers and potential managers, Mr. Don Cornish, Director of the Tourism office on Abaco, who discussed delegation and organizational culture, and Mrs. Cleola Pinder, whose topic was budgeting.

All the staff is scheduled to participate in a final pre-opening preparation meeting incorporating all the training on November 2nd.



Baker's Bay offered training courses to its employees preparatory to its November opening. The sessions were held at Faith Convention Center in Marsh Harbour and included several motivational speakers. Some of the sessions were for the general staff while other sessions were for managers and supervisory staff.

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Abaco Chamber of Commerce elected new Directors

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce has elected a new board of Directors and is off to a great start. Chamber Directors have met with the President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dionisio D'Aguilar, and have made exciting plans for the upcoming year.

The first general meeting was held on October 24 when Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper and DEO Mrs. Lenora Black were the guest speakers.

A new program called "Chamber After Hours" will be launched in November.

School Reform *From Page 4*

rather they are utilizing the school plans submitted by both schools to bring their plans to fruition. The presentation took two hours after which time the guests asked questions.

The stakeholders wanted to know how they will motivate parents who may not be able to read and/or write to get more involved in their child's education or to pursue higher education themselves. They further expressed concern about cost to them as stakeholders and to the wider community. Dr. Boykin explained that they have a component in their program that will address all of the needs of parents.

He further explained that this program will not cost Abaco anything because they receive Federal funding from the US government. After the meeting with the community leaders, a meeting was held for all leaders of Central Abaco Primary School followed with a final meeting for the rest of the teachers. The next training meeting will be held November 14-16, 2007.

This will allow members an opportunity to display their goods and services exclusively to fellow Chamber members. The first event will be held on November 8th at Fidelity Bahamas in Abaco Shopping Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for members of the Chamber.

Membership renewals and new applications are being accepted at the office (D&S Plaza above Doug's Place) The office phone/fax is 367-6279 or abacochamber@gmail.com

Viewpoint *From Page 8*

Abaconians will be first in position to gain employment. If there are any leftover jobs, then these resorts can look elsewhere for employment.

Maybe the Abaco Tourist Office needs to get involved in teaching individuals how to interview, what they should wear and how to develop a resume or CV. This way they can ensure that only the cream of the crop is working in the tourism sector and those that are there are properly trained and qualified.

Shell Show *From Page 12*

were hits as always.

"Funds raised from the Sea Shell Show and Exhibition will benefit the Cherokee Primary School. But while it is our desire to assist the school, the primary function of the event is to get the people of Cherokee together and to bring the old timers back for a time of fun and fellowship for all," stated organizer Lee Pinder.

Anybody who has never attended one of these shell shows should definitely try to do so next year as it is a great day out and one's eyes are opened to the beautiful gifts of nature from the sea. The show this year

has certainly inspired me to participate as an entrant next year. After the show I walked along the beach looking at things I found with a whole new perspective.

Letters *From Page 9*

requires that, without even being asked for ID, I pull out my licence or passport to present to the merchant.

And to you, the credit card thief, justice will prevail. You can run but you can't hide.

Thank you kindly,
Dianne

The Mud *From Page 7*

crowd that just as Bahamians cannot go to Haiti and randomly build houses, neither can the Haitians do this in The Bahamas.

The issue of rooms being rented was briefly mentioned as being illegal and immoral. Residents were told of the house found with 17 individual rental rooms served by one toilet and a minimal kitchen.

As a final note it was stated that those who manage to move out of the Mud must not take advantage of others and rent their buildings. Those leaving the Mud should see that their old house is taken down.

The nearly two-hour meeting broke up with a feeling that those present want to live within the law. They gave the impression that they are not happy with new people coming into the area and adding to their burdens.

AA and AI Anon Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at noon at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AIAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. each month at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Hope Town Library.

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

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Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065
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Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals + 8 hse 365-6048
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Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
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Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

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

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500
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Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villa 365-2222

Web Sites with Abaco Information

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

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

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

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Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
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Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	954-359-0292
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Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

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

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach
 Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes

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

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay	8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16

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T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT

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Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
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Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
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Man-O-War	
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Hope Town	
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Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
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J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
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Fuel barge pump causes fire

Hope Town Fire and Rescue quickly extinguished fire



The tractor trailer on a barge belonging to Abaco Petroleum was quickly engulfed in flames when a fitting on its portable diesel pump came loose. The Hope Town Fire and Rescue response time of six minutes kept a potential major fire from causing a great deal of damage. The only damage included several fuel pumps on the dock, some decking on the dock, and minor damage to the barge and tractor trailer.

The Hope Town Fire and Rescue acted quickly to put out a fire on a trailer tanker on a barge in White Sound, Elbow Cay. The tanker was taking 6200 gallons of gas to supply Sea Spray Resort on Elbow Cay. On October 11 the Abaco Petroleum Company barge was engulfed in flames when a fitting broke on the portable diesel pump pumping fuel to tanks ashore. The Hope Town Fire and Rescue response time was about six minutes before it had a fire truck and a BASRA rescue boat on the scene. Within minutes the fire was extinguished, leaving only the work of cooling the equipment down.

The barge with a tank on deck normally delivered fuel to Sea Spray using a diesel-powered portable pump. But this time, after pumping only 1900 gallons, a fitting on the pump gave way disconnecting the hose from the pump. The area burst into flame, creating a plume of smoke easily visible for several miles. The fire department first pumped water on the tank to cool it down before a second truck arrived with foam that extinguished the fire.

When the fire first started, the captain of the tug pulling the barge, Randy Al-

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Foreign Language Cadets graduate

By Jennifer Hudson

Four justifiably proud young ladies were honored at the Abaco Foreign Language Cadet Graduation Ceremony October 6 in the St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. This marked the successful completion of a foreign language programme for Kristina Albury of Forest Heights Academy, Beatrice Altidor and Shanna-Lee Paul of Abaco Central High School and Nekhira Saunders of St. Francis de Sales School. The programme began in November 2006 when these four students became the successful entrants following a qualifying examination.

After following a three-phase programme which consisted of Phase 1: Language in Action in which the students participated in a variety of activities such as cooking

class, grammar clinic and dance workshop all conducted in Spanish during February and March. Phase 2: The Internship in which the students worked each Saturday for five weeks in April and May in a tourism-related establishment. Phase 3: Study Abroad which culminated the programme with a month's study in Costa Rica. The students were enrolled in a Spanish language school, Centro Pan-Americano e Idiomas in Heredia, and accommodated by host families there. In addition to Spanish classes, they experienced excursions and sporting and cultural activities resulting in an unforgettable experience.

Mrs. Dushinka Roberts of the Abaco Ministry of Tourism, who was local coordinator.

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Pilots host international leaders



Members of the Pilot Club of Central Abaco, the Pilot Club of Sandy Point and members of an Anchor Club of St. Francis de Sales School met with the international leaders of the Pilot Club who instructed them in protocol and motivated them to be better Pilots. Among the group who visited Abaco was Debbie Archer, who is the Pilot Club International President Elect for this year and who will be President for 2008-09. This is the first time that a Bahamian will be President. The group met at the Central Abaco Primary School. See story on page 24.

Road Traffic met with taxi drivers



Road Traffic officials met with taxi drivers in Marsh Harbour on October 15. Shown above are Chief Councillor Cubel Davis; Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper; Mrs. Belinda McIntosh, Road Traffic for Abaco; Ms. Kendy Anderson of Tourism; and Mr. Rudy Smith, President of the Taxi Cab Association of Abaco. See story on page 19.

Craft association is formed



A group of crafters have formed the All Abaco Bahamas Craft Association to develop local crafts that will supply a local demand for craft items. The group above includes Marisa Allen, Susan Sawyer, Veronica Rahming, Lovely Reckley, Lavern Maynard, Nadine Rolle and Andrea Newbold. They meet monthly and are planning a craft show on November 16. See story on page 24.

Tourism program immersed students in Spanish

Ceremony

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dinator of the programme, welcomed the graduates with pride and thanked Mrs. Jessica Hidalgo for her involvement in the programme. Mrs Hidalgo, who hails from Costa Rica, teaches Spanish at St. Frances de Sales School.

Mr. Don Cornish, Director of the Abaco Tourist Office, addressed the students saying, "A foreign language programme is critical to our success, and we need a foreign language desk on Abaco along with a foreign language hot-line." He praised the work of Mrs. Dushinka Roberts of the Abaco Office and thanked Mr. Tommy

Thompson, Deputy Director General of Tourism for helping find the money for the students to participate in the study abroad.

Special guest, Mr. Tommy Thompson, Deputy Director General of Tourism, stated that Abaco is the first Family Island in this foreign-language programme. "Over the past four years more than 53 students have participated and out of the 21 students this year four were from Abaco."

The audience was able to gain a fuller picture of the students' experiences in Costa Rica through a multimedia presentation compiled from photographs taken by the students during their trip showing them with their host families and highlighting various activities. Each student introduced herself and gave a short talk about her visit

Keynote speaker for the evening was Mrs. Elaine Martinborough of Urban Renewal. After delivering a portion of her speech in Spanish, she stated, "Four-fifths of the world's population do not speak English. The attitude that English alone is enough, in fact, creates self-imposed limitations." Mrs. Martinborough elaborated on several reasons why one should learn a foreign language well. She stated the fact that 52.7 percent of Euro-

peans are fluent in both their native tongue and at least one other language in contrast to 9.3 percent of Americans being fluent in English and another language. The upward trend in language learning must accelerate if the Bahamas is to continue to be a participant on the international stage.

The programme included a dance performance by students of Mrs. Elaine Pilon's Dance Academy and a skit by the graduates. However, barely a few minutes into the dance presentation the hall was plunged into darkness by a BEC power outage. Though these two performances had to be

abandoned much to the disappointment of the performance and the audience, the organizers went ahead with the presentation of certificates of completion to the graduates by candlelight.

The qualifying examination for entry into the 2008 Foreign Language Cadet programme is scheduled to take place on November 10th. The competition is open to Grade 11 students of Spanish. For further information on the Foreign Language Cadet programme contact Mrs. Dushinka Roberts at the Abaco Ministry of Tourism, tel. 367-3067 or email droberts@bahamas.com.



Despite a BEC power outage that shortened the ceremony, the four students of the Foreign Language Cadet Program graduated, receiving certificates commemorating their diligence at learning Spanish. The four, in front from the left, are Kristina Albury, Beatrice Altidor, Nekhira Saunders and Shanna-Lee Paul. Standing behind them is Mr. Tommy Thompson, Deputy Director General of Tourism, who came for the occasion.

Christmas Festival is planned

By Michelle Mikula

The season where we find joy in giving and sharing is just shy of two months away and to help us get into that frame of mind is the well anticipated Christmas Festival that is scheduled for December 8th in Marsh Harbour.

For the past three years the Christmas Festival Committee has served up a family fun-filled event that has satisfied the appetites of the young and not so young. The event incorporates many of the same sentiments and behavior that are habitual during the Yuletide holiday in The Bahamas that has made it such a joy to attend by both locals and visitors. Laughter, shopping, sampling of various dishes and a kaleidoscope of sound and colour through the Junkanoo street parade are just a few things that you are guaranteed to experience.

A glimpse into this year's event will include the Royal Bahamas Police Marching and Pop Bands, a headpiece, drumming and

bellling competition, singing and dance performances, local bands, Scurvy Few Toys for Tots, a dog show, the Abaco Youth Marching Band, Christmas tree lighting, a Junkanoo parade, local arts and crafts, games, Abaco's finest cuisines and a free photo with Santa that will be available for the first time. Locals and visitors can once again flock to the park opposite Memorial Plaza from 12 noon until 11 p.m. and engage in many activities with their families and friends.

Partnering with the committee once again is the Abaco Tourist Office, Scurvy Few and the Christmas Bazaar committee. Support has been gained from other local business houses that are contributing to the growth and success of this year's event. Persons who are interested in reserving a food, game or local arts and crafts booth can contact the Abaco Tourist Office at 367-3067.

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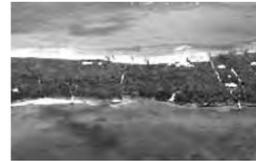
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These students are studying abroad

Once again The Abaconian is pleased to present a listing of the Abaco students who are away at colleges and technical schools. Many more scholarships are available helping several of these students to accomplish their goals for a higher education. Most of these help with expenses but do not pay all expenses.

We salute the families who support these young people in acquiring the knowledge and skills they need to make their lives more productive and fulfilling.

We realize there are more students away and we want to list them in the next issue. We would appreciate family members or friends calling us at 367-2677 with the pertinent information.

Aniqua Adderly is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is majoring in primary education.

Aniqua is the daughter of Anthony and Valderine Adderly of Fire Road and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School

Bradley Albury is in his first year at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia where he is majoring in business.

Bradley is the son of Ruth Albury of Marsh Harbour and his late father, Monty Albury. He was salutatorian when he graduated from Forest Heights Academy in June 2007. He was awarded the Monty Albury Award for Excellence by the Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation.



Bradley Albury

Mitchell Albury is in his third year at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida, where he is majoring in business administration. He is maintaining a 4.0 GPA which puts him on the President's Honour Roll.

Mitchell is the son of Molly Albury of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.



Mitchell Albury

Natasha Arthur is in her fourth year at Nova Southwestern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is in a pre-med course and hopes to do an internship when she graduates in the spring of 2008.

Natasha is the daughter of Siliane Arthur of Marsh Harbour. She attended high school in West Palm Beach where she graduated with honours. She is a recipient of a Pathfinders scholarship and a Nova Honors Award.

Samantha Bailliou in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in education.

Samantha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baillou of Black Wood and is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School.

Brittany Benjamin is in her second year at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is majoring in its biology/ pre/med course and is on the Dean's List.

Brittany is the daughter of Derek and Terry Benjamin of Turtle Rocks. She graduated Valedictorian from Forest Heights Academy in 2006. She has a partial scholarship from Florida Southern.

Bianca Bethel is now pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy at Boston University in Massachusetts. She is in her final semester of classes and will complete six months of clinical work from January to June of 2008 prior to graduating with a doctorate degree in June.

Bianca is the daughter of Will and Kim Bethel of Marsh Harbour. She graduated with honours from Florida Southern College in 2005. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy in 2002.



Bianca Bethel

Erica Bethel is in her first year at Brevard Community College in Cocoa Beach, Florida. She is majoring in business.

Erica is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is the daughter of Michael and Maria Bethel of Cherokee Sound.



Erica Bethel

Phylicia Bootle is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying business and accounting.

Phylicia is the daughter of Ernestine Parker and Hartley Bootle of Treasure Cay.



Phylicia Bootle

Patrelle Carey received her bachelor's degree in special education in April 2007. She is now pursuing a master's degree in human resources.

Patrelle is the daughter of Gwen Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Patrelle Carey

Sherelle Carey is in her final year at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. She will graduate in April 2008 with a degree in computer



Sherelle Carey

Diabetes?

The Abaco Diabetic Association invites the public to a meeting on November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. This is for everyone interested in learning more about diabetes.

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Hope Town 1374 - Best priced sandy beach lot on island. Beautifully landscaped and ready for building.

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The Abaco Club 1363 - Two adjacent beach lots with unobstructed views of Winding Bay.

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Guana beachfront home 1256 - 3/2 on high dune, endless views. Great rental history.

Marsh Harbour home 1364 - 2/2 on lovely landscaped lot. Centrally located. \$206,000

Sea Glass 1337 - 3/2 home on Guana Cay with beach access just steps away. \$439,000

Watching Bay 1392 - Fabulous hill top lot with great views. Short walk to beach.

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay - 4 cottages and 3 lots in bankruptcy sale. Great potential for the right buyer. Call for details.

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

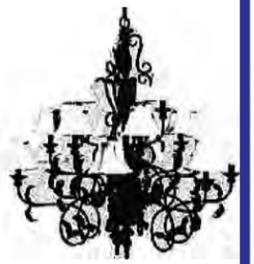
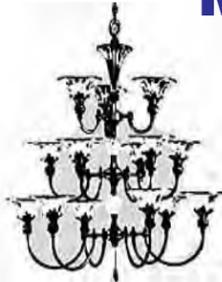
Bahama Palm Shores - A large selection of interior and beach lots starting at \$25,000

The Great Abaco Club 1189 - Jaffa is a 3/3 home on a double lot positioned to capture views from every room.

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Students *From Page 4*

engineering and computer science.

Sherelle is the daughter of Gwen Carey of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Shane Cash is in his fourth year and last year at Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey, studying history and education. His is on the honour roll and received an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.



Shane Cash

Shane is the son of Don and Carrie Cash of Hope Town. He is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He plans to return to Abaco to teach when he completes his studies.

Dashineak Charlton is in her third year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau studying primary education.

Dashineak is maintaining a 3.59 GPA and receives a scholarship from the Ministry of Education. She is the daughter of Michael and Glenda Bethel of Marsh Harbour.



Dashineak Charlton

She is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.

Kieno Clarke is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying communications.

Kieno is the son of Jacqueline Clarke (deceased) of Marsh Harbour. He is a graduate of Wesley College.

Charlotte Collins is in her first year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is studying applied finance and accounting.

Charlotte is the daughter of Jeff and Jane Collins of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. Her academic record keeps her on the Provost's List.



Charlotte Collins

Deandia Cooper is in her first year at Lincoln Tech (formerly New England Tech) in West Palm Beach, Florida, where she is studying business administration with a focus on accounting.

Deandia is the daughter of Curtis and Audrey Cooper of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School.

Marco Cooper is in his first year at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, where he is studying architecture and business.

Marco is the son of Joeand Yvette Cooper of Cedar Harbour and graduated from Sagemont High School in Florida. He was on a basketball scholarship while in high school.

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Sedia Cornish has started her college career at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying culinary arts.



Sedia Cornish

Sedia is the daughter of Eusias and Mary Cornish of Blackwood. She graduated from S.C. Bootle High School in 2007.

Sharran Cornish is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying nursing.



Sharran Cornish

Sharran is the daughter of Edison and Arlene Cornish of Black Wood and she is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales

School.

Dominic Dawkins is in his first year at the National Aviation Academy in Clearwater, Florida, where he is studying aviation.

Dominic is the son of Cleveland and Judy Dawkins of Murphy Town. He is a graduate of Wesley College.

Shikia Deveaux is in her first year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying business.



Shikia Deveaux

Shikia is the daughter of Louis Deveaux of Nassau and Sindy Lowe of Dundas Town. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

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- Lot 5: 1.1 acre golf course estate lot. \$2,350,000. Ref. AS10817
- Lot 51: 1.072 acre golf course estate lot. \$2,100,000. Ref. AS10698
- Lot 47: 4 bed/4.5 bath golf course luxury home. \$4,495,000. Ref. AS10701

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Students

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Shikita Deveaux is in her first year at the Collge of the Bahamas in Nassau. She is in their pre-med course.

Shikita is the daughter of Louis Deveaux of Nassau and Sindy Lowe of Dundas Town and graduated from Forest Heights Academy in 2007.

Tajah Deveaux is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying accounting.

Tajah is the daughter of Adamae Deveaux of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She received an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship

Semaj C.K. Dorsette II is in his third year at Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida, majoring in ar-



Shikita Deveaux



Tajah Deveaux



Semaj Dorsette

chitectural engineering. He is maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Semaj is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Carlton K. Dorsette of Dundas Town.

Matthew Duggan is in his second year at Orlando Culinary Academy. He will graduate with an associate degree in the spring. He is majoring in culinary arts.

Matthew is the son of Timothy and Linda Duggan of Marsh Harbour and he is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Kettyne Durosc is in her first year at the Antillean Adventist University in Puer-to Rico where she is studying medicine.

Kettyne is the daughter of Tini and Rose Durosc of Fire Road and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School. She received an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Reniece Edgecombe is in her third year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is majoring in primary educa-tion.

Reniece is the daughter of Gersil and Maria Edgecombe of Cooper's Town and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School.



Matthew Duggan



Kettyne Durosc

Shaquerra Edgecombe is in her third year at the College of The Bahamas in Nas-sau. She is majoring in communica-tions.

Shaquerra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geron Edgecombe of Sandy Point and is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School. She maintains good grades and continues to be on the Dean's List.

Elizabeth Eldon is in her fourth year of college, now attending Warner South-ern College, a Christian school in Deland, Florida. She is studying pre law.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Stephen and Jackie Eldon of Bahama Palm Shores. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She received her associate's degree from Hillsborough Community



Shaquerra Edgecombe



Elizabeth Eldon

College with high honours and is on the Dean's List at Warner Southern.

Dominica Evans is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying business and ac-counting.

Domi-nica is the daughter of Douglas and Frankie Evans of Cooper's Town and she is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School.

Christine Feurimond is in her first year at Ba-hamas Baptist Training College in Nassau. She is in their nursing program.

Christine is the daugh-



Dominica Evans



Christine Feurimond

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Turtle Rocks



House in Turtle Rocks

"Casa Jewel" 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bathroom, swimming pool, deck, right-of-way to private beach, 2 car garage, fish pond, beautiful view of Sea-of-Abaco, over 2,000 sq.ft. of living space, den, formal dining room. Sits on just under one acre of elevated & landscaped property, \$752,000 gross

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Treasure Cay Lots

NEW LISTING! #3339 **\$45,000**
This large lot is situated in a very nice neighbour-hood and is very reasonably priced with much to offer. Approx. 9,000 sq. ft. this ideal family lot backs onto the golf course. Perfect for the single family home. All utilities are already in place. Must see to appreciate value!

Treasure Cay Lot 8,500 sq ft.
One block from Beach **\$59,500.00**

Lubbers Quarters Vacant Lots

Marsh Harbour and Elbow Cay, there are two 80' x 125' choice lots available. Identical in size and price, both lots can boast picturesque sunsets and views of the Sea of Abaco. There is soon to be dockage close by. Roads are in great condition and this desirable location is walking distance from the local restaurant. Tahiti Beach

Lot 104 in Casaurina on canal, 55 ft ± on the water, **\$75,000 gross**

3456 **Abaco Ocean Club**
Magnificent lot of 20,040 sq. ft. in an upcoming subdivision of Lubbers. Down the lane you can sit to watch the magical Bahamian sunset.
\$180,000

#3390 **Abaco Ocean Club**
Beautifully located vacant lot with a magnificent view of the Sea of Abaco and only steps away from the community dock
\$100,000

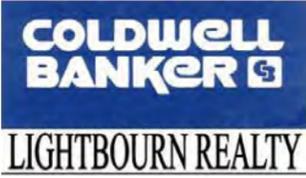
Lot in Bahama Palm Shores, 1 block back from beach, Section 2, **\$47,000 gross**



Southern Breeze Cottage / This quaint cottage is located in the Abaco Ocean Club Subdivision, Lubber Quarters. Overlooking the Sea of Abaco and walking distance from Restaurants and Bakery. Included is a private Dock Slip in the protected Marina only steps from your door step. Property is 10,010 sq ft great location in a quiet and friendly environment. \$625,000.00 Must see

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GREEN TURTLE CAY-A community of 23 3-bedroom Colonial-style homes under development. The homes front scenic Black Sound, parks and common areas. Dockage is available. Leeward is modeled after Abaco's historic New Plymouth, a white-picket-fence village of New England-style cottages, quaint restaurants and bars. Homes starting at \$1,050,000. - Call Chris



Green Turtle - #6023-Perched on a spectacular sea view lot, this 2,300 sq. ft. 3 bed/3 bath house is tastefully furnished & has a dock, swimming pool & large deck. Built in 2006, the front of the island-style home is graced with a veranda and framed in shade trees. It is equipped with high speed internet, an integrated sound system and a 1,000 gal per day water maker. The home is located near beaches & charming resorts. Offered at \$1,265,000 - Call Chris



Yellowwood Creek

Lot 1- Hilltop Lot with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, the world class Abaco Club Resort and the gorgeous three mile Winding Bay Beach. Comprises approx. 0.75 acres.- Offered at US\$195,000.00
Lot 3- Waterfront Located on the rocky shoreline, this lot comprises just over an acre with approx. 175' of waterfront & has unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. It adjoins lot 4, which is also available. Electricity is near both lots. Offered at US\$312,000.00
Lot 4- Waterfront This lot is just over an acre & covers approx. 175' of rocky shoreline. Unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. Offered at US\$300,000.00
 Call Mailin



Leisure Lee- #5366 - This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is tucked away in Leisure Lee and offers privacy and tranquility. Features about 1,600 sq.ft of living space. Also features his and hers closets and a spacious en suite master bath. Open floor plan makes it easy and fun for entertaining family and friends. The large wrap around screened in porch adds charm and makes outdoor entertaining easy as you enjoy the gentle island breezes. Community beach access is only minutes away. Why rent when you can own your own home?! - Call Mailin

NEW LISTING

GTC #6076- 3bed/2.5 bath house overlooking an ornamental pond. Near beaches, town & public docks. The house is offered unfurnished, ceramic tiles
 Throughout, ceiling fans, central AC.
 Offered at \$645,000.00 - Call Chris

NEW LISTING

GTC #6077 2bed /2.5 bath house in Harbour View Estates. Nearby docking is available at Little Harbour. Tastefully furnished, beautifully landscaped grounds. Excellent rental history
 Offered at \$490,000.00 Call Chris

LOT 115

Long Beach- #5520- Vacant interior lot in growing subdivision. This corner lot is approx 1/4 acre and would be an ideal spot for building your home. Long Beach features community beach access to a magnificent powder white beach. Call today. -\$50,000- OWNER MOTIVATED! - Call Mailin

LOT 4C- YELLOWWOOD

NEW LISTING
 Yellowwood # 6123 - Lot 4C in Yellowwood now available. 27,260 sq ft. Great elevations looking over Cherokee and creeks. SELLER MOTIVATED
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NEW LISTING

Marsh Harbour # 6085 - Newly renovated 2 bedroom 1 bath home comprising 1,230 sq.ft. This home is in immaculate condition, features a laundry and storage area and it's yard is completely fenced in. Call today for an appointment to view. - \$250,000

Man-O-War Cay # 5509 - 3bed/3bath, two story home near Atlantic Ocean. Upstairs loft, 17.5 KW generator, outdoor patios, basement, manicured lawn
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REDUCED

Leisure Lee-#5739 A lovely 3 bed, 2 bath canal front home. Features 57' dock and over 17,000 sq.ft of property. Common Beach Access \$790,000.00- Call Mailin

Treasure Cay- #5740 Beachfront 2 bed/2bath villa with a "Lagoon" style swimming pool. Offered at \$636,000 Call Chris.

Turtle Rocks- Multi family lot, 27,507 sq.ft., power & cable to boundary, beach access, \$85,000.00

Green Turtle Cay, Big Bluff- #5878 1/2 acre + waterfront lot, ideal lot for house & dock- Offered at \$476,000.00- Call Chris

Bahama Palm Shores-
 Two side by side vacant lots, perfect for building. minutes away from Cherokee Sound and Winding Bay \$30,000.00 each- Call Mailin

Green Turtle Cay- 1.6 acre beachfront lot located on the most beautiful beach on the island. Approx. 130' on the beach and 560' deep.
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•Bahama Palm Shores - #5742- Beachfront lot 200 x 416 Offered at US\$550,000.00
 •Or split lot in half 100 x 416 Offered at US\$300,000.00 - Call Mailin

Yellowwood- 2H- # 5484- 37,368 sq.ft., featuring 184' on the Atlantic rocky shoreline, minutes away from Cherokee Sound and Winding Bay.
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Bahama Palm Shores - #5670 - 3 bed, 4,876 sq ft island home on 2 acre lot with 220' of beachfront, generator and pool. \$995,000.00- Call Mailin

•Murphy Town - Vacant Lots near Great Cistern - across from waterfront. Corner Lot (104 x 120) \$ 45,000.00 (101 x208) \$ 65,000.00 (NEW LISTING) Call Lee
 •Green Turtle Cay, Coco Bay- 1/4 acre vacant lot, ocean views- \$150,000.00 (NEW LISTING)
 •Green Turtle Cay, Coco Bay- vacant lot, beach access, 9000 sq.ft. - \$89,000.00 (UNDER CONTRACT)
 •Green Turtle Cay, Island Reach- vacant lot, 16,390 sq.ft., 106' on Sea of Abaco, Beautiful views & sunsets. \$450,000.00 (NEW LISTING)
 * Green Turtle Cay Estates - Vacant lot , 1/4 acre - \$ 75,000.00 (NEW LISTING) Call Chris
 *Casuarina Point- vacant lot in quiet community, 10,000 sq.ft and situated across from the canal. -\$80,000

More students away

Students

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ter of Rodlin and Lacieuse Timothee of Treasure Cay. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy in 2007. She is the recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders scholarship.

Paulette Forbes is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is in their nursing program.



Paulette Forbes

Paulette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph McKinney of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School.

Jessica Higgs is in her second year at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, where she is majoring in biology/pre-med.



Jessica Higgs

Jessica is the daughter of Monica and Lawrence Higgs of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy and is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship. She has just been given an International Student Award by the school.

Dwayne Jones is in his third year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying secondary education.

Dwayne is the son of Patrice Rolle of Mount Hope and Ayan-dell Jones of Dundas Town. He is a graduate of Abaco Central High School.



Dwayne Jones

Nickesia Jones is in her second year at York College in New York where she is studying biology.



Nickesia Jones

Mickesia is the daughter of Ingrid Gray of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Justin Kelly is in his first year at National Aviation Academy in Clearwater, Florida. He is also attending Clearwater Aviation Academy in Clearwater. He is studying aircraft engineering and aircraft avionics.



Justin Kelly

Justin is the son of Andrew and Denise Kelly of Leisure Lee. He received his GED in the States.

Krista Kelly is in her third year at Lee's McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where she is majoring in business administration.

Krista is the daughter of Andrew and Denise Kelly of Leisure Lee and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She was Head Prefect when she graduated in 2005. She went on a missions trip to Guatemala for two weeks in May 2007 and found it very rewarding.



Krista Kelly

Akrisza Kemp is in her second year at Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona Beach, Florida. She is in a pre-med course as she hopes to become a pediatrician.



Akrisza Kemp

Akrisza is the daughter of Sherman and Wilma Kemp of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Latonia King is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying banking and finance.



Latonia King

Latonia is the daughter of Patrice Neely and Anthony King of Dundas Town. She graduated co-valedictorian from Abaco Central High School. She is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Aaron Knowles is in his third year at Wingate University in Wingate, North Carolina. He is majoring in business and sports management.

Aaron is the son of Craig and Linda Knowles of Hope Town. He was a student at Forest Heights Academy before he transferred to Miami Springs Senior High School where he graduated. He is receiving a partial scholarship from the university. He is a starter on the Wingate Bulldogs baseball team.



Aaron Knowles

Ashley Knowles has begun her college work at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She is majoring in business management.



Ashley Knowles

Ashley is the daughter of Craig and Linda Knowles of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She is receiving an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Nquania Knowles is in her fourth year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying secondary education.



Nquania Knowles

Nquania is the daughter of Brenda Russell of Treasure Cay and Joe Knowles. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

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right investors can make this property a unique and very upscale location. Priced to sell at \$2,156,500 gross. Call or come in

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building is located in Marsh Harbour and is on three lots that are 100' x 120', bringing the total land space to 36,000 sq. ft. This building is priced to sell at \$1,500,000 gross

Fourplex for sale 3 two-bedroom, one bathroom, fully furnished apt, also one split-level three bedroom, two and half bathroom. Property 80' x 100'. Oleander Drive across from Friendship Tabernacle Church, Dundas Town Appraised at \$500,000

Selling price \$475,000

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Agape Villa Murphy Town Two free standing structures containing four one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment units that are fully furnished with central air conditioning. Sits on 15,000 sq. ft. Landscaped. All units are rented. \$300,000 Person purchasing this

will have an instant business.

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Duplex for sale off Forest Drive two, two bedroom / one bath apartment units, fully furnished. One unit has central A/C and washer & dryer. The other unit has window A/C unit in the bedroom. Building sits on lot 131 x 90 property, landscaped. Appraisal value this year at \$242,356. This is priced to sell at \$190,000 net. Purchaser pays legal fee and govt tax. Persons interested should call or come in, We will find a way to work something out for you.

Fourplex 2 two bedroom one bathroom apts, 2 one bedroom, one bathroom apts. Total 3150 sq. ft. All units furnished, All units have central A/C units, 3 units have washer/dryer units. 1200 sq. ft. wooden building that houses washer and dryer for apt. one. Property 150' x 88' All units are rented. Off Forest Dr., Dundas Town. Appraised value

\$430,000 Asking price \$375,000

Nine lots for sale in new gated community in Great Cistern, Abaco. Residential only



Lot #12 8,491 sf \$29,803 gross	Lot #17 11,741 sf \$41,210 gross
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Lot #15 8,676 sf \$30,452 gross	Lot #20 10,474 sf \$36,763 gross
Lot #16 12,010 sf \$42,155 gross	

For sale three lots located on South Lubbers Quarters in the Abaco Ocean Club Estate. Lots number 11, 44, 112. These lots are priced individually.

Lot #11 consists of 11,022 sq. ft. and is priced at \$85,000 gross. Lot #44 consists of 13,307 sq. ft. and is priced at \$98,000 gross. Lot #112 consists of 20,485 sq. ft. and is priced at \$175,000 gross

One lot in Murphy Town Subdivision on Shell Road Lot size 131 x 110 (14,410 sf) \$32,760 gross

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

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 Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view
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Marina view, 2 bed/ 2 bath and unit - fully furnished- storm shutters- good rental potential \$351,000 FGS

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Canal Front Condos with on-site Tennis and Pool
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TREASURE HOUSE

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

Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.
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Students

From Page 8

Stephen Jerron Knowles, Jr., is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. He is studying architecture.



Stephen Knowles

Stephen is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Knowles of Dundas Town. He is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School.

Tia Knowles is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she is in her third year studying secondary education and biology.



Tia Knowles

Tia is on a full scholarship from Prime Time and is on the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Knowles of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Sabrina Laing is in her final year in the nursing program at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau.



Sabrina Laing

Sabrina is the daughter of Esther Laing of Black Wood and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School. She is receiving an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship and a government scholarship.

Daron Lightbourne is in his third year at Essex Community College in New Jersey where he is majoring in accounting.



Daron Lightbourne

Daron is the son of Valencia Sargent and Donald Brennen of Cooper's Town. He finished high school at Temple Christian High School in Nassau. He maintains good grades and is on the honour roll.

Raenell Lowe is a third year student at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing.



Raenell Lowe

Raenell is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy where she was valedictorian when she graduated. She is on the Provost's List. She is the daughter of Ray and Bessie Lowe of Green Turtle Cay. She received an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship and funding from the Treasure Cay Community Foundation as well as an academic award from the college.

Samantha Major is in her fourth year at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. She is majoring in biology which is a pre-med course.



Samantha Major

Samantha is the daughter of Wanda Mackey of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She remains on the Dean's List and does volunteer work at a nursing home. She is also tutoring students in biology and anatomy at the school. She has an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship and scholarships from the school.

Dawson Malone is in his first year at the University of the West Indies in Nassau where he is working toward a bachelor's degree in pre-law. He graduated from the College of The Bahamas with an associate's



Dawson Malone

degree with distinction.

Dawson is the son of William and Charlotte Malone of Marsh Harbour. He graduated from Agape Christian School. He is receiving scholarships from Abaco Pathfinders and Family Guardian.

Joshua Malone is in his fourth year at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is majoring in computer information systems and business administration.



Joshua Malone

Joshua is the son of George and Debbie Malone of Man-O-War and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Chantelle McIntosh is in her second year at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona, Florida, where she is majoring in business administration.

Chantelle is the daughter of Omri and Linda McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School.

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Ava Murray is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in business.

Ava is the daughter of Gordon and Theresa Murray of Treasure Cay and she is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School where she was the head girl in her last year.

Brittany Murray is in her last year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying primary education.



Brittany Murray

Brittany is the daughter of Gordon and Theresa Murray of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Ava Parker is in her first year at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying business administration.

Ava is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs.

Burnell Parker of Fox Town and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Jillian Parotti is in her fourth year at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she is majoring in culinary arts. She will be graduating in May 2008 with a degree in food and beverage management. She plans to return to Abaco on completion of her studies.



Jillian Parotti

Jillian Parotti is the daughter of Mike and Susan Parotti of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She maintains good grades that has kept her on the honor roll at Forest Heights

and at Johnson and Wales. She is on a full scholarship given her by the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

Kristen Pearce is in her final semester at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, and will be graduating in December. She majored in English language and English literature.



Kristen Pearce

Kristen is the daughter of Ted and Rhonda Pearce of Marsh Harbour. Kristen is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

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Notice

Mrs. Elaine Martinborough wants the public to know that she spoke for the residents of Bustic Bight, Bahama Coral Isles and Great Cistern at the Murphy Town meeting on October 4.



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TREASURE CAY

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Brigantine Beach Condo # 369 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath furnished townhouse, ocean views, close to beach, furnished, excellent rental history. **\$458,000.**

Beach Villa # 506 # 636 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,250 s/f garden view villa, fully renovated & refurbished in 2005. Private garden patios. (Owner Financing Available) **Reduced \$405,000.**

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Beachfront Parcel # 870 - Exceptional 1.58 acres on Ocean Blvd. 147' beach frontage. Cleared, all utilities available. Breath-taking beach & sea views. **\$1,600,000.**

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. **\$1,510,000.**

Beach Lot # 654 - Prime elevated 12,800 s/f parcel, 118' of pristine beach frontage in protected cove. Fully cleared, all utilities available, superior sea views. **\$1,480,000.**

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Brigantine Bay # 841 - 11,200 s/f cleared canal lot. 80' water bulkhead. All utilities available. Dock pilings. **\$458,000.**

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

Rock Point Waterfront Parcel # 783 - 12,200 s/f lot near entrance to Treasure Cay Marina. 90' newly installed sea wall. Cleared, all utilities available. **\$289,000.**

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

ABACO CLUB AT WINDING BAY

Oceanview Lot # 2 # 727 - Spectacular 1.1 acre elevated parcel overlooking 18th hole. Magnificent views. **\$3,015,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

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LEISURE LEE

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"So-Be-It" # 861 - Furnished 2 bed, 2 bath canalfront home on 12,100 s/f parcel, 110' bulkheaded frontage, 2-25' docks. Close to beach. Option available for two adjoining canal lots. **\$656,000.**

Canal Front Home # 124 - Furnished 2 bed, 2 bath home, open living/kitchen. 50' bulkhead & dock on deep water protected canal, close to beach, sea view. **Reduced Price \$348,000.**

Residential Parcels

823 - 10,708 s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & dock **\$392,000.**
602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall **\$334,000.**
886 - 12,828 s/f canal lot, 100' sea wall, 50' dock **\$329,000.**
704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**
597 - 11,242 s/f canal lot w/171' seawall, sea view **\$265,000.**
904 - 16,345 s/f w/ 108' water frontage, sea view **\$119,950.**
811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot, near beach **\$107,000.**
567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee **\$149,700.**

GUANA CAY

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

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"Beau Soleil", White Sound # 662 - Beautiful 4 bed 5 bath Beachfront Estate - Main House, Apt & Guest House - furnished 3,634 s/f on 0.878 acres, 120' dock, pool, 173' beach. (Main & Guest Houses also available separately) **\$2,300,000.**

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Terrinque Pennerman is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in economics and finance.



Terrinque Pennerman

Erica Pinder is attending Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, where she is in her first year studying graphic design.



Erica Pinder

Erica is the daughter of Wellington Pinder of Lubbers Quarters and Patti Love of Hope Town. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy in 2007.

Joan Pinder is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in culinary arts.



Joan Pinder

Intosh of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School. She has a partial scholarship from Abaco Pathfinders.

James Rees graduated from the University of Florida last year with a BA in English and BS in microbiology and cell science. He spent the past year working for the University of Florida as a biological scientist focusing on aquatic toxicology. He is now enrolled in the California Institute of the Arts in its Masters of Fine Arts Program in film and video. He continues to study the viola and hope to focus on song writing and film score composition.



James Rees

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees of Casuarina Point.

Michelle Rees is in her first year of her master degree. She continues attending the Florida Institute of Technology where she is studying ocean engineering.



Michelle Rees

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees of Casuarina Point. She graduated with a bachelor degree summa cum laude in the spring of 2007.

Rebecca Risberg is in her third year at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, where she is majoring in business.



Rebecca Risberg

Rebecca is the daughter of Carl and Elizabeth Risberg of Lubbers Quarters and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Tiffany Roberts is in her fourth year at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where she is studying biochemistry, cell development and biology.



Tiffany Roberts

Tiffany is the daughter of Bert and Martha Roberts of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy

Sherise Latoya Rolle is in her fourth year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is in their nursing program.



Sherise Latoya Rolle

Sherise is the daughter of Freeland and Sharon Rolle of Cooper's Town. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Teon Rolle has begun his first year at the Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute in Freeport, Grand Bahama, where he is learning about welding.

Teon is the son of Cetal Curry and Stanley Rolle of Mount Hope and is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School.

Alexis Russell is in her third year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She will be studying nursing.

Alexis graduated from Sherlin Bootle High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Russell.

Devonnya Russell is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is studying biology and chemistry as she hopes to go into the medical field.



Devonnya Russell

Devonnya is the daughter of Grovener and Laverne Russell of Fox Town and she graduated as salutatorian from Sherlin Bootle High School. She is receiving an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Giovanni Russell is in his second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying architecture.

Giovanni is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle School where he graduated as one of the top five students. He is the son of Governor and Yvonne Russell of Fox Town.

Mashanna Russell is in her fourth year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in computer information systems.

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PARROT POINT

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Mashanna is the daughter of Patricia Bootle and Marshall Russell of Fire Road. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She maintains good grades that keep her on the Dean's List.



Mashanna Russell

Misty Russell is completing her fourth year at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She will receive a degree in sociology with courses in both mathematics and business administration. She plans to attend a teachers' college in September 2008.



Misty Russell

Misty is the daughter of Jack and Lana Russell of Hope Town. She attended high school at Appleby College in Oakville, Ontario.

Shantara Russell is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying primary education.

Shantara is the daughter of Jeffery and Refaletta Russell of Crown Haven and she is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales School.



Shantara Russell

Christopher Rutledge will obtain his associate degree in December from Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona, Florida and will transfer in January to the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He is taking general courses.



Chris Rutledge

Christopher is the son of Ami and Tom Rutledge of Green Turtle Cay and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. Last year he earned his U.S. Coast Guard's captain's licence.

Naason Sands is in his first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying culinary arts.

Naason is the son of Donna Burrows and Robert Sands of Dundas Town. He graduated from Abaco Central High School. He is receiving an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.



Naason Sands

Amanda Sawyer received a bachelor's degree from Florida Southern University with a major in psychology and religion. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She was also named for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, an honour that recognizes individuals who show outstanding



Amanda Sawyer

academic excellence. She will be a lifetime member of this elite group. She is now attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is in the Master of Divinity program.

Amanda is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer of Cherokee Sound. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. She has received a scholarship provided by the settlement of Cherokee Sound.

Kerri Sawyer is in her first year at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida. She is studying pre/law.



Kerri Sawyer

Kerri is the daughter of Marty and Kimberly Sawyer of Marsh Harbour. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

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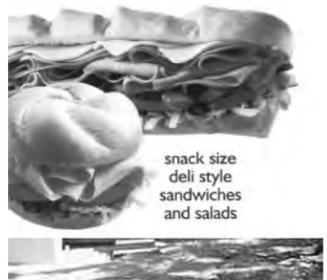
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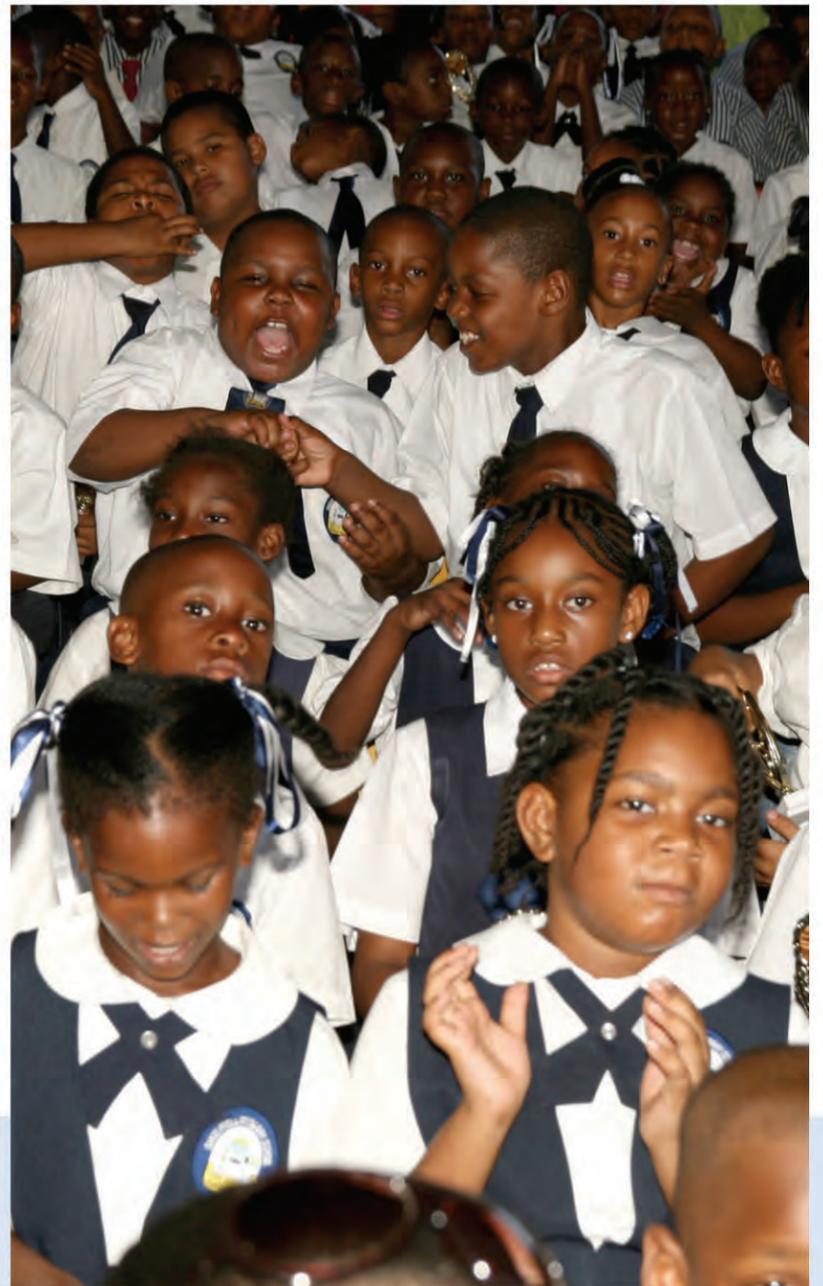
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“BTC ADOPTED SCHOOL AWARDS 340 OVERACHIEVERS”

Oakes Field Primary one of BTC’s adopted schools held a special awards assembly to honour three hundred and forty of the school’s over-achievers. BTC President & CEO Mr. Leon Williams was the guest speaker at the special assembly. Mr. Williams challenged the parents and teachers to instill excellence in their children and students. He told the parents and teachers that they are “preparing the children to work and survive in a competitive environment.” He continued on to say that “how we develop these individuals is up to us”. Mr. Williams congratulated the students and left them with the phrase, “your best has to be better everyday of your life.”

The awards included the Principal’s List which was given to each student with a grade point average of 3.51 – 4.00; the Honour Roll for students with a GPA of 3.0 – 3.5 and special awards for Most Improved Students.

The Oakes Field students prepared a special poetic tribute to BTC for its loyal support over the years. Mr. Williams was introduced in a unique manner with a musical jingle written by the students called “Oh Yeah!” Also in attendance at the event was Mr. Edvarado Humes. Mr. Humes, a twelfth grade student at Cherub Christian Academy understudied Mr. Williams in his task as “President for the Day” at BTC, an initiative of the Ministry of Education. Mr. Humes encouraged the students to “find their goal, and stick to achieving it.” Following the special assembly Mr. Williams and Mr. Harold Newbold (District Superintendent in the Ministry of Education) were taken on a tour of the school. They were shown the advances of technology in the classroom with the school’s electronic form of learning, The Active Boards. Oakes Field Primary is one of five adopted schools in New Providence. The other schools are H.O Nash Junior High School, Thelma Gibson Primary School and Stapledon School. BTC also supports schools in Grand Bahama and the other Family Islands.



Students of the Oaksfield primary School cheer in support of their classmates who received awards.



BTC President and CEO Mr. Leon Williams addresses the Special Assembly at OaksField Primary School for Overachievers and Honour Role Students. He also personally presented the awards and was given a tour of the school’s facilities



More students away

Students

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Felicity Simms is in her third year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is studying to be a high school mathematics teacher.



Felicity Simms

Felicity is the daughter of Jonathan and Agatha Simms of Murphy Town and is a graduate of Agape Christian School. She received an Abaco Pathfinders' Scholarship. She received an outstanding student award in Bahamian schools.

Jonathan Simms has begun his college years at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau where he is studying architecture.



Jonathan Simms

Jonathan is the son of Jonathan and Agatha Simms. He graduated from Abaco Central School as salutatorian in June 2007.

Andre Singh is in his first year at City College in New York where he is studying architecture.



Andre Singh

Andre

is the son of Partop and Gualty Singh of Marsh harbour. He graduated co -valedictorian of his class at Abaco Central High School. He is receiving an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Malisa Singh is in her third year at City College in New York where she is majoring in accounting.



Malisa Singh

Malisa is the daughter of Partop and Gualty Singh of Marsh Harbour and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is a recipient of an Abaco Pathfinders' scholarship.

Kyle Stevens is in his first year at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida, where he is studying for a general associate degree.



Kyle Stevens

Kyle is the son of Brenda and Mary Stevens of Green Turtle Cay. He graduated from Forest Heights Academy in June 2007.

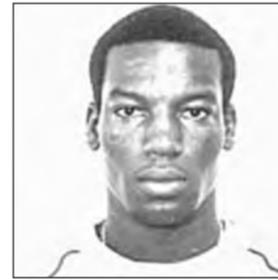
Phylicia Stuart is in her third year at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida, where she is majoring in biology.

Phylicia is the daughter of Katherine Jones of Dundas Town and is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She has a partial scholarship from the school where she is on the honour roll. She is hoping to become a doctor.



Phylcia Stuart

Colin Swain is attending Seneca College in King City, Ontario, where he is in his third year. He is studying environmental landscaping.



Colin Swain

Colin is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. He is the son of Cathy and Colley Swain of Dundas Town.

Javoughn Toote is in his last year at Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, where he is studying accounting. He is in a CPA program. He is maintaining a 3.67 GPA.



Javoughn Toote

Javoughn is the son of Nelrose Parker and Ricardo Toote of Treasure Cay and is a graduate of Agape Christian School.

Cheynea Turnquest is in her first year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau. She is majoring in accounting and photography.



Cheynea Turnquest

Cheynea is the daughter of Lamille Lowe of Casuarina Point. She graduated from Forest Heights Academy in June 2007.

Heather Weatherford is in her third year of college and is attending Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is in its nursing program.



Heather Weatherford

Heather is the daughter of Ray and Pam Weatherford of Man-O-War Cay. She is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

Matthew Wedgewood has begun studying at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. He is studying computer information services.



Matthew Wedgewood

Matthew is the son of Prince Strachan and Janet Wedgewood

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More students away

Students

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of Bahama Palm Shores. He is a graduate of Bahama Palm Shore. He was awarded a President's scholarship through the college.

Andrew Wilhoyte is currently in New Zealand for three months working with an architectural firm as part of the work co-op program with the University of Waterloo's School of Architecture. His previous job was with an architectural firm in Victoria, British Columbia. He will return to the university in Cambridge, Ontario, in January to continue his third year.

Andrew is the son of Clay and Lisa Wilhoyte of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He spent one year on the S/V Concordia.



Andrew Wilhoyte

Christian Wilhoyte is studying economics through Acadia University, Lunenburg, Canada. His campus is a 180-foot ship operated by Class Afloat. He boarded the S/V Concordia in Copenhagen, Denmark, in September and has sailed the Baltic Sea, stopping in St. Petersburg, Russia, Sweden, Finland, and continued into Germany, England, France and Ireland. The ship will then sail the Mediterranean, continue to Senegal West Africa and then cross the Atlantic to Brazil in January.



Christian Wilhoyte

Christian graduated from Forest Heights as Valedictorian in June 2007. He is the son of Clay and Lisa Wilhoyte of Hope Town and is a graduate of Forest Heights Academy. He was the valedictorian when he graduated in June 2007.

Emmise Williams is in her second year at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau where she is in their nursing program.

Emmise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morya Williams of Treasure Cay. She is a graduate of Sherlin Bootle High School.



Emmise Williams

More students are away that we would like to highlight in the November 15 issue of The Abaconian. We ask that you call 367-2677 to supply the necessary information.

Student away in high school

Kurt Key is attending Florida Air Academy in Melbourne, Florida, and is currently in the 12th grade. He was promoted to Lt. Col and is a commander of a squad.

Kurt is the son of Henry and Lynne Key of Marsh Harbour. He attended Forest Heights Academy before transferring to Florida Air Academy.



Kurt Key

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Marsh H. Open Town Meeting

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee held an open Town Meeting on October 22. Although it was poorly attended, many important topics were discussed. Committee Chairman Yvonne Key chaired the meeting.

Senor Administrator Cephus Cooper

Local Government at work

reviewed the budget figures for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The funding for Local Government was increased greatly for the 2007-2008 period. The Central Abaco District Council received \$450,000 to be shared between the Council and the three towns. Marsh Harbour which includes Spring City received an increase of \$107,000 while Dundas Town and Murphy Town each had an increase of \$95,000.

The larger amounts for Marsh Harbour

are the street cleaning figure, \$96,000, that includes maintaining two trucks, two riding mowers, four or five push mowers and all other equipment as well as the cost of fuel along with the salaries of three full time men and other workers as necessary. The crew averages two trips a day to the dump with garbage picked up along the roads. Street cleaning in Spring City costs \$24,000.

The other large item in the budget is garbage collection which costs \$84,000 for Marsh Harbour and \$24,000 for Spring City. The recurrent expenses for Marsh Harbour and Spring City totaled \$282,000 for the year.

Money for capital projects is usually controlled by central government. These projects would include docks, road paving, constructing new government buildings such as airport terminals, schools, clinics, police stations. However, this year it appears that Central Government may give each District capital money to be spent on smaller capital items. If this comes about, Central Abaco could be given \$250,000 in two payments. Committee members would like paving to be done and more sidewalks

put in.

Mrs. Key announced that the Abaco Club on Winding Bay will undertake improving the landscaping on the Airport Roundabout which is named for Capt. Sherwin Archer. The parrot at the round-about will be painted as part of the upgrade.

The Central Abaco District Council has contracted with Three D's signs to have Mr. Desmond Bootle make signs for each of the towns in Central Abaco, town name signs, street name signs, stop, speed limit and other traffic signs. A total of 440 signs will be installed over the next four months. Some of the capital funds allocated to the Central Abaco District will pay for these signs.

Nine years ago Mrs. Key opened a library in the building formerly used by Dr. Gottlieb as a clinic. The metal building is now about 45 years old, is deteriorating and has a leaky roof. Mrs. Key has raised \$40,000 privately toward a new building. Early next year work will begin on a wooden building probably about 20 feet by 40 feet.

Swimming coach discovers local talent

By Mirella Santillo

Mr. Ben Scheppard, a swimming coach from Oakland, California, was sent to The Bahamas by the Federation Internationale de Natation to assess various swimming teams and give advice regarding coaching. He first visited New Providence and Grand Bahama, then came to Abaco on October 17th for two days, dividing his time between Marsh Harbour and Hope Town while on the island.

He assisted during practice and congratulated Coach Lawrence Higgs for coaching the Swift team single handedly. He was impressed with the performance of some of the local swimmers, especially 14-year-old Brian Higgs, who, he thought, could make the 2012 Olympics if he dedicated himself to practice for the next four years.

A member of Brian Higgs' family said, "We do not have to push him. He is really motivated and wants to participate in all the competitions taking place in The Bahamas."

Brian was pleased when he realized recently that he could swim 50 meters in 29 seconds after only one year of training.

The next swimming competition is scheduled for the weekend of November 2nd in Nassau; the members of Swift Abaco and Hope Town will participate.



A swimming coach from California observed the student swimmers in Hope Town and at Long Bay School in Dundas Town. He was impressed with the talent that he saw.



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Taxi drivers meet with Road Traffic

Twenty taxi drivers met with Road Traffic Supervisor Belinda McIntosh and Administrator Cephas Cooper to discuss issues affecting their profession.

Mr. Cooper emphasized how important they were to creating a positive image of The Bahamas with our visitors. The cab drivers are the first and last persons having contact with our visitors. Good or bad, their contact makes an impression on their passengers which reflects on cab drivers in general and The Bahamas as a whole.

It is this importance that gives taxi drivers the zero duty on a new vehicle to encourage their use and a reduced rate on vehicles up to three years old.

The taxi drivers are annoyed that the Andros airport has a supervisor but the country's second busiest airport, Marsh Harbour, is not assigned this position. Mrs. McIntosh is expecting an additional staff member, and this person will be able to stand duty at peak times at the airport as a supervisor.

Mr. Cooper spoke on various rules, regulations and policies governing their trade. Their request for a fare increase is now in Cabinet, and a reply is expected any day. He suggested that the rate chart

should be posted at the airport for clarity to avoid misunderstandings. It was claimed that the taxi fares have not changed in 15 years.

The dress code was reviewed with the drivers, with the winter dress code being in effect from December 15 through April 15. Mrs. McIntosh noted that she sees more dress code infractions among women drivers than the men.

The larger issue related to prearranged fares where a specific taxi is requested ahead of the passenger's arrival. This request should be by fax to the Road Traffic office in Marsh Harbour on the day before the person arrives. That cab driver can then get out of line and pick up his passenger.

This often conflicts with the next-cab rule at the airport where cabs line up in sequence and take the next fare. However, it was stated that arriving guests may choose or reject the cab they are presented with.

There seems to be some confusion with this next-cab rule at the Marsh Harbour airport which has three fixed-base operators, each with arriving and departing traffic.

Complaints were made about cabs that get out of line and pick up fares at these other airport locations. However, other

drivers were just as critical of those who stay in line and do not make the effort to look for fare opportunities.

Complaints were also made against resorts that circumvent the system and use specific cabs regularly. The Abaco Club at Winding Bay was specifically mentioned in this regard. This fare is presently \$80 from the airport and is considered a lucrative trip.

Drivers asked why they cannot be paid promptly by the resorts when they take passengers to resorts that pay the fare. Apparently the accounting system at some resorts has a two-week delay in processing payment to the taxi drivers. It was said that drivers can reject those trips if they choose.

Mr. Rudy Smith, President of the Abaco Taxi Association, wants to ensure that the

next cab in line gets the fare to Winding Bay as appropriate.

Administrator Cooper expects that results on an improved call-up system at the airport will be visible shortly.

Another complaint centered on rental cars at the airport. It was felt that these should not be on the airport property and that patrons should be taken by taxi to car rental locations off the airport premises.

Ms. Kendy Anderson of the Abaco Tourism office said at the conclusion of the meeting that her office conducts exit surveys with departing visitors to get an idea of problems in the industry. She suggested that any drivers who are interested may stop at her office and review those questionnaires to get a better idea of the various complaints.

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South Abaco News

Sandy Point Hosts Bahamian Entertainers

By Tonia Ferguson

Despite the bleak weather, hundreds of Bahamian music lovers and “good times lovers” made their way to Sandy Point’s Regatta Site to attend the Bahamian Music Festival held on October 6. Activities began early in the afternoon and included entertainment for the kids. As the night progressed, the crowd grew consistently even though it rained more frequently. Police and security presence were visible to ensure all of a safe evening. Just before 9 p.m. Backyard Entertainment Enterprise tuned the speakers and the microphones as they “rocked” the crowd. Later, they

passed the baton on to popular disc jockeys Dion the Butcher and Sly Fox, to “pump up” the crowd, further preparing them for the night’s performers. They included Blooming Sensation Stiletto, rising star and Great Inagua native, Avvy, and Moore’s Island native, Geno D, who all performed.

It was evident that the crowd enjoyed the entertainment as they danced the night away to Bahamian music. At times, entertainers performed in the rain as spectators fled for shelter. After the intermittent rain, crowds reassembled - wet, but seemingly enjoying themselves. The entertainment lasted until the early morning hours.

When questioned on what inspired the event, organizer Zelma Bain stated that she

felt the need to promote our own Bahamian music. She stated that this will now be an annual event and expects next year to draw an even greater crowd. She confessed that considering the rain, the size of the crowd was beyond her expectations.

New Superintendent Visits South Abaco

By Tonia Ferguson

On the eve of the return of staff and students of James A. Pinder Primary to their school building which is still under construction, newly appointed District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, held a meeting with the parents of the South Abaco District. The meeting was held on September 23 at the school. A little over 50 parents from Cherokee Sound, Crossing Rocks, and Sandy Point attended. Along with Mrs. Black were other officials from Abaco’s Department of Education.

Mrs. Black expressed her passion and vision for the Abaco school district - one that she deems personal as she is an Abaconian. She has returned to Abaco after serving a considerable number of years in New Providence where her most recent post there was a District Superintendent. She informed the gathering of the Abaco Department of Education’s vision: “. . . pursuit of excellence on the part of every administrator, teacher, parent, student and stakeholder of the educational enterprise.” She assured the parents that to accomplish excellence she began by holding a two-day seminar with Abaco’s administrators on August 22nd and 23rd, shortly after she

took office.

Mrs. Black informed the parents of the department’s “one” goal - “Excellence for each student in each classroom in each school.” She encouraged parents and other concerned community members to assist in achieving the goals to improve the island’s examination average and to enable the island to progressively move forward. She admitted that she was not pleased with the present status and would work on making the necessary improvements.

Mrs. Black provided parents with this year’s overall examinations performances. The Grade Level Assessment Test (GLAT) average for grade 3 in the entire Abaco District in Language Arts is E and in Mathematics is E; for grade 6 the GLAT average in Language Arts is B, Mathematics E+, Science C and Social Studies D-. For the Bahamas Junior Certificate (BJC) taken in grade nine of the 881 students who registered for the exams 33 percent obtained grades A - C. Of the twelfth grade, the 508 students who registered for the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) 35 percent obtained grades A - C. She showed these results to parents to enlighten them of where we are as a district in order to help the students achieve excellence.

The Superintendent advised parents on ways to help propel their students in attaining better grades. To further assist the parents with helpful tips on assisting the

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Newly appointed Education Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, met with parents of Sandy Point students. Some of the students performed for her and the other officials accompanying her. On the left are Mr. Benjamin Pinder, Administrator for South Abaco; Ms. Felamese Sawyer, Primary Curriculum Officer; and Mrs. Black. Mrs. Black’s visit was just prior to the school returning to its newly renovated school.

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A Christmas showcase of song and dance is coming to town

By Jennifer Hudson

"If you saw the presentation of The Nutcracker last November at the Abaco Beach Resort and thought it was good, then you will be blown away by this year's show which will be much better," stated an excited Mrs. Elaine Pilon, dance teacher.

Mrs. Pilon is now working with all of her dance groups along with some very talented singers, actors and musicians, both adults and children for this Christmas show and says that she is amazed at how much excellent talent she has been able to discover within the Abaco community, far greater, in fact, than she was able to find in the Cayman Islands where she previously worked.

A Christmas Showcase will feature a potpourri of some of the most beloved stories ever written featuring the performers in scenes from the Broadway productions of Fiddler on the Roof, Annie and The Nutcracker ballet and will involve a cast of approximately 75 children and adults. Whereas last year all of the young performers were from Mrs. Pilon's Marsh Harbour Academy of Dance, this year children will also be coming all the way from Green Turtle Cay and Hope Town to participate as Mrs. Pilon has now begun outreach programmes on some of the cays.

Mrs. Pilon's husband, Andre, who is a very talented builder, will not only be constructing all of the scenery but will be helping his wife with a multitude of

organizational tasks. The backdrops will be constructed and painted in the former Wood You shop next to K&S Auto which has been donated for use by Percy Albury. Lowe's Pharmacy offered the use of a room on their premises. Local artists are donating their services to paint the scenery while other persons are assisting with sewing and other tasks. Mrs. Pilon is very pleased with the assistance she is receiving from several local businesses, parents and members of the community. "This is a real community affair," she says.

The show will be presented twice on November 24 in the Pavilion of the Abaco Beach Resort in an afternoon performance at 3 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m. Mrs. Pilon advises everyone to purchase their tickets early as last year all tickets sold out. Tickets, priced at \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under, are available from Molly Roberts at Bahamas Realty, Priscilla Pinder at the Sign Shop above the Post Office and Elaine Pilon at 551-5883.

The Abaco Beach Resort will be offering a special theme dinner for parents and anyone attending the show at a special price so if you would like to come and enjoy. Anyone interested in booking for the dinner should call Kevi at the hotel 367-2158.

"This is a family show which nobody should miss," says Ms. Pilon.

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students Mrs. Felemease Sawyer, Primary School Curriculum Officer, and Mr. Rolle, with responsibility for the high schools, addressed the audience.

In closing, Mrs. Black opened the floor to parents who may have questions or comments. With no parent acknowledging a question or comment, the meeting was closed.

Development Association Donates Funds for Books

By Tonia Ferguson

Ms. Della Kelly and the Sandy Point Development Association came through again for the James A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point. Just this week, Ms. Kelly presented a check to the school for much needed reading books for grade three. During a visit by Department of Education officials to the James A. Pinder Primary, parents were informed that the school was without grade three reading text books. It was then that Mrs. Felamease Sawyer, Primary Education Curriculum Officer, encouraged parents to make donations in an effort to purchase the material. Learning of the students' plight, Ms. Kelly offered to make a monetary donation to purchase all the reading material needed for the grade

three students.

This is the second time Ms. Kelly and the association have assisted in financing reading material for the school. Earlier this year, Ms. Kelly solicited funds for the school. As a result, Mr. Peter Johnson and his family donated a substantial amount to the school for the purchase of books. The Rotary Club of Abaco also answered the call and made a substantial contribution to the school. Making a personal donation for the same purpose was Mr. Frederik Gottlieb. The funds provided were used to purchase reading material for grades 4, 5, and 6. In addition, the school also purchased math books for grade six.

Ms. Kelly, speaking in reference to assisting the school stated, "Anything that I can do to help out, just ask. I am quite willing and happy to lend a helping hand."

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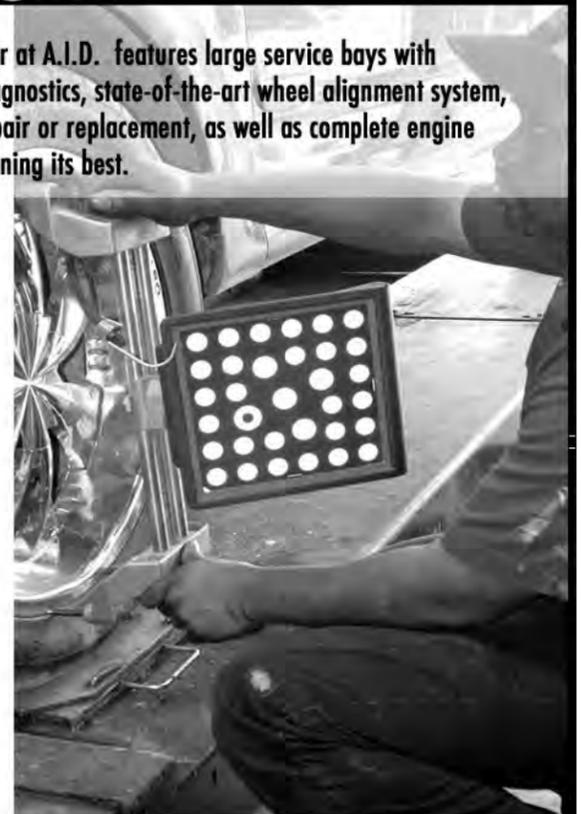
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MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

Abaco Properties

Dundas Town Crown Allotment Appraisal \$265,225.00



ceiling is sheet rock and the floors of vinyl tiles.

One two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, triplex. Approximately 9,000 sq. ft. lot no. 18B with an area for a small shop. Age-12 years the land is a portion of one of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment parcels stretching from Forest Drive to Front Street, being just under a quarter acre in size and on the lowside. A concrete block structure, with asphalt shingle roof and L-shape in design with a total length of 70 x 26 ft. Plus 50 x 22 ft. 2,920 sq. Ft. the interior walls are concrete blocks;

Murphy Town Crown Allotment 77 Appraisal: \$167,580.00



All that lot of land having an area of 6,790 sq. ft. being Crown allotment No. 77, of Murphy Town, Abaco, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a single storey single family concrete building. This house is less than 5 years old and is in good condition with approximately 1,750 sq. ft. of living space and contains 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining, kitchen, laundry and utility spaces. There are no significant improvements or deterioration evident. The property is very well drained and not susceptible to flooding. Landscaping efforts are still in remedial stages. All major public and private utilities are situate within 100 ft of the subject site. Property boundaries are clearly delineated. The subject property is situate off the Front Street, Murphy Town, Abaco, and is painted light yellow trimmed dark yellow.

Portion of Murphy Town Crown Allotment, Murphy Town, Abaco. Appraisal: \$108,000



The property is 890 x 100 ft and rectangular in shape. The land is elevated approximately 15 ft above road level and approximately 25 ft above sea level. Located on this property is a 20 yr old three bedroom, two bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and laundry room house. The structure requires much attention.

Eleuthera Properties

Lot No. 62, Lower Bogue Eleuthera Appraisal: \$235,638



is approximately 85% completed. The property is well landscaped with crab grass and some fruit trees.

All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements in the settlement of Lower Bogue, North Eleuthera, being No. 62, comprising of about 34,210 sq. ft. This site encompasses a 12-year-old single storey home comprising of 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, front room, dining, breakfast room, kitchen and laundry room with a total living area of approximately 2,342.06. Property also includes a double car garage and front entrance with a total sq. ft. of approximately 655.75. This home

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



This property is situated on the western side of Eleuthera Highway in the settlement of Lower Bogue. All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements situated on the Island of Eleuthera, North of Governor's Harbour, comprising of Lot No. 7 in the Boiling Hole Subdivision and comprising of approximately 10,000 sq. ft., this site encompasses a 17-year old duplex with each unit consisting of 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, front room, dining room and kitchen with a gross floor area of approximately 1,474.20 sq. ft. and covered porch area of approximately 164.70 sq. ft. This duplex was built in accordance with the plan and specification as approved, and at a standard that was acceptable to the Ministry of Public Works. This structure is in good condition. Each apartment could be rented at \$800.00 per month. The land is landscaped and planted with ficus trees but needs some manicuring.

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



All that place parcel or lot of land having an area of 9,644 sq. ft. being lot #1 In block 45, Section E in the subdivision called and known as Eleuthera Island Shores Subdivision, situated in the vicinity of Hatchet Bay Harbour, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. This site encompasses a two-storey building which is approximately 14 yrs. old and is abandoned. There is a wooden landing approximately 7'-4" wide by 20'-0" on the upper level, approximately 1,610 sq. ft. of enclosed living space, with 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, front room, dining room, den, kitchen, and utility room. The wooden porch on the upper level approximately 148 sq. ft. There is also a water cistern under the dining room floor area. All utilities and services available. This property is situated in Eleuthera Island Shores.

Long Island Properties

Hamilton's, Long Island Appraisal: \$112,000.00.



the property such as electricity, water, cable and telephone. The property is accessed by the main Queen's Highway.

All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvements situated in the settlement of Hamilton's on the Island of Long Island and comprising of approximately 13,547 sq. ft. and is elevated approximately 7-8 ft above sea level. This site encompasses a 35 yr. structure. A simple style home consisting of two bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen, living and dining room. The home, however, is consisted of 2 separate constructions; 360 sq. ft. of concrete construction and 624 sq. ft. of wooden construction. All amenities are to

VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

North Eleuthera Heights, Eleuthera Appraisal \$41,275.00

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

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

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

New Providence Properties

Kennedy Subdivision Nassau Appraisal: \$188,406.00



Lot no. 21 all utilities available 10 year old single story house, 3 bedroom 2 bathroom, living dining area, family room, kitchen, study, laundry and an entry porch. Heading west along Soldier Road take main entrance to Kennedy Subdivision on the left, then take the 1st corner on the left, then 1st right. House is second on your right with garage.

Lot No. 1490 Appraisal: \$162,400.00



Golden Gates Section 2 All that lot of land having an area of 6,000 sq. ft. Being lot no. 1490 of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates, the said subdivision situated in the southwestern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 25-yr-old single family residence consisting of approximately 2,480 sq. ft. of enclosed living with three bedrooms three bathrooms, living room and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept with improvements including driveway, walkway and low shrubs. Yard is enclosed on one side with 5-foot chain link fencing and a low cement block wall to the front. Traveling west on Carmichael Road turn left, then right onto the service road opposite Bahamas Faith Ministries Complex, then first left again after passing clico and pre-school. The subject house is the 6th house left painted green trimmed white.

Lot No. 130, St. Andrews Beach Estates Appraisal: \$245,237.00



All that lot of land having an area of 8,100 sq. ft. being lot no. 130 of the subdivision known and designated as St. Andrews Beach Estates, the said subdivision situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a structure comprising of an approximately 12 yr. old duplex apartment consisting of approximately 2,072 sq. ft. of enclosed living space which includes one 3-bedroom 1-bath, living, dining rooms, kitchen and utility room, and one bedroom, 1-bath, living /dining rooms and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept; the yard is enclosed with chain link fencing at the sides and back with gated access on both sides of the property. The front lawn section is not enclosed. Traveling east on Yamacraw Hill Road take the third corner right with sign for St. Andrews Beach Estates, then take first left, then first right, the subject property is the 2nd property on the left side painted beige trimmed orange.

New Providence No. 21B Fraser Allotment off Soldier Road Appraisal \$303,000



The subject property consisting of 8,400 sq ft is developed with a split level home with 1925 sq ft of floor area on the ground floor, a porch area of 437 square feet and second floor area of 735 square feet. The building is of sound construction and completed in its entirety. The ground floor comprises 2 bedrooms, one bath, a kitchen, dining and family room. The second floor comprises two bedrooms, one bath, living and dining areas. Directions to property: Heading East on Soldier, turn

Grand Bahama Properties

Apartment 703 Lucayan Towers North Appraisal: \$78,000



Tracts A, B-1 and B-2, Albacore Drive, Unit 2, Greening Glade Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama. Situated thereon is a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment.

VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

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

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

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

All that piece, parcel or tract of land containing one acre situated about 2 miles northwest of the settlement of Gregory Town on the island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is bounded and abutting as follows; Northwesterly by the main Queens Highway and is running thereon for a distance of 125.462 feet northwesterly by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited, and running thereon for a distance of 390.274 ft; southwestwardly by a 30' wide road reservation and running thereon for a distance of 128,128 ft; Southeastwardly by the land now or formerly the property of the Vendor and running thereon for a distance of 322.955 ft. This property having area of approximately 44,847.76 sq ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial development and is quiet and peaceful with a topography of approximately 2 ft, with all utilities and services available This lot is vacant land and is located in the area known as "Mutton Fish Point."

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

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

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School News

Outstanding Students Honored at CAP

By Samantha V. Evans

The word "excellence" echoed from speakers at the Awards Day ceremony

held at Central Abaco Primary School on October 22nd to honor students who were in grades 1-5 last school year. Parents, teachers and students gathered as outstanding students from the 2006-07 school year received the trophies and certificates they

worked so hard to receive.

The speaker for this event was Ms. Felemease Sawyer, Education Officer in charge of curriculum for Abaco elementary schools. Ms. Sawyer, who is an educator extraordinaire in her own right, encouraged the students to always be at their best. They have many gifts and talents that they can shine at so they must not limit themselves. She knows that education is important for them to succeed but Mrs. Sawyer also believes that they must not forget good manners, respect, determination, and dedication. She reminded the students that dedication and determination with discipline brings success.

Mrs. Sawyer told the students that even if they did not receive an award that day, it is not too late for them to focus on their education and to always be in "Pursuit of

Excellence." She congratulated all of the honor students and told them that she looks forward to being invited to the next prize giving ceremony when she expects that all students will be rewarded for a job well done.

The PTA president Mrs. Vashti Johnson told them that education is a gift so it should be cherished. She told them to be committed to excellence. They must take pride in their work, projects, and assignments because all of their work represents them.

Mrs. Beatrice Moxey, Vice Principal, and the Awards Day committee members presented awards to 110 honor roll students who made a GPA from 3 to 3.49, one outstanding boy and girl from each class, one

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Awards Day at the Central Abaco Primary School honoured students who did well last year. These students were on the Principal's List.

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VACANT PROPERTIES

Exuma Vacant Property

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

VACANT PROPERTIES

Abaco Vacant Property

Blackwood, Abaco Appraisal: \$219, 354.40
All that lot of land having an area of approximately 258,064 sq. ft. This property is yet to reach its highest and best use. It is ideally suited to single or multi-family development as is the nature of surrounding properties within the community. The site may also serve well as a commercial site as the area remains un-zoned the property remains largely in its original state. It is covered with low brush and broad leaf coppice vegetation interspersed with broad strands of mature yellow pine indigenous to the area. The property is well drained and represents no immediate flooding danger under normal conditions. The subject property is vacant and is situated at the southeastern entrance of the community of Blackwood, Abaco. The property is undivided and comprises approximately 6 acres of a larger tract of land of approximately 26 acres.

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Pilot Club Members Receive Training

By Samantha V. Evans

Catch the Pilot Spirit is the 2007/08 theme for Pilot Club International. On September 29th top officials for this region hosted a training session for the local Pilot Club members on the island which was held at Central Abaco Primary School. The presenters were Governor of the Bahamas District, Ms. Antoinette Carroll; Past Governor, Mrs. Elyne Morley, who spoke on the benefits of being a Pilot; Ms. Retha Spriggs, Past Governor who spoke on protocol and procedures; Treasurer of the District, Caroline Roberts, who spoke on the role of the treasurer; and Debbie Archer, Pilot Club International President Elect for this year and President for the 2008-09 year in whose honor this shared meeting was held.

Ms. Morley gave a brief history of the Pilot Club stating that it was formed in 1921 in Macon, Georgia, as a volunteer service organization, opened to executives and professional leaders who serve communities around the world. To date, there are over 25,000 youth and adult members. She stated that the Nassau Club is the mother club of those in The Bahamas because they were all formed from the Nassau Club.

Ms. Spriggs told the members that protocol and parliamentary procedure help meetings run more smoothly, allowing everyone to be heard and preventing chaos. She encouraged them to start their club meetings on time and not to reiterate information shared or discussed for late comers. She explained how meetings are to be conducted and how motions are to be made so that a matter can be discussed. Member Roberts encouraged the Anchors present to set their standards high which includes their bringing their GPA up and getting more involved in community activities.

Ms. Archer is the first Bahamian and the first woman outside of the United States to hold the position as International President Elect. Next year she will be installed as the 2008/2009 president in Phoenix, Arizona. Currently, there are eight clubs in The Bahamas with a total membership of approximately 200. She stated that Pilot Club benefits communities and presented the first Freeport scholarship to Minister Zhivargo Laing, who is an author, businessman and Minister of State. Clubs in The Bahamas also support Special Olympics, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

Handicraft association is formed

A small group of core persons met on October 18 with Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper to form the All Abaco Bahamas Handicraft Association. The group is working with BAIC Chairman Edison Key to locate a suitable location where their crafts can be displayed for sale.

The group meets monthly and offers instruction to crafters on a variety of craft topics. Their goal is to see a variety of local crafts made to high standards and offered for sale.

Two of the organizers, Lovely Reckley and Suzie Sawyer, have recently returned from a Caribbean-wide craft exposition in Curacao and were enthusiastic with the possibilities the craft trade offers. The key word "quality" was mentioned often as the

key requirement for successful sales.

An initial craft display will be held on November 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Goombay Park. Ideas were discussed on making a craft evening part of a broader evening with entertainment, food and other items to interest visitors and natives.

BAIC and the Ministry of Tourism have held several week-long craft sessions featuring crafts made from straw, coconut shells, sea shells, sand and other native materials to make purses, hats, jewelry and other items.

During the day interested persons may contact Mrs. Reckley at Trinity Customs Brokerage, 367-4297, or Ms. Sawyer at Marsh Harbour Medical Centre, Memorial Plaza, 367-0049 for more information.

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Quick response controlled fire



The BASRA boat in the foreground got water pumps operational quickly. Then other Hope Town Fire and Rescue men came by truck and got additional water on the fire as well as foam. It all quickly put out a fire on a fuel barge that was discharging gas at Sea Spray in White Sound, Elbow Cay.

Fire From Page 1

bury, quickly untied the tug and moved it to safety. Sea Spray Resort was evacuated quickly to high ground where the group watched as the fire department worked efficiently to get the fire under control within a couple of minutes. The only damage sustained on the dock was some decking and

several fuel pumps. The tank on the barge is enclosed in a steel frame so it is handled as a pallet.

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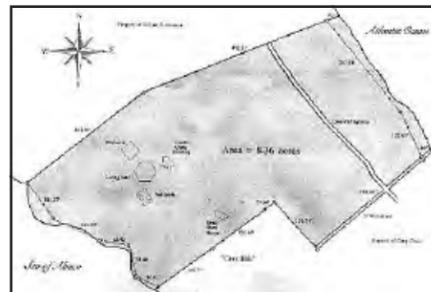


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All land-based quarry operators were advised to cease operations at a hastily meeting called on October 22 in the Marsh Harbour Court Room.

Government, through its Physical Planning Department in Nassau, is concerned with the quarrying of the hills near the Marsh Harbour airport. Legislation prohibits the quarrying of hills without specific instructions and licenses. Furthermore, licensed operators are to pay a royalty of \$.50 for each cubic yard of quarry removed. Apparently no royalties have been paid on Abaco for years.

Mining sand from the sea bed is similarly regulated, but those mining sand from

the sea were not given orders to cease at this time.

Instructions were expected by October 25 on how and where to resume, but none was received. All construction projects on Abaco which require quarry fill have been hampered by no deliveries.

On October 26 Administrator Cooper authorized the temporary resumption of mining operations for quarry operators in order to maintain construction schedules pending further word from Nassau.

Mining royalties are still due and are expected to be collected on mining operations to date.

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most improved student from each class, 45 students who made the vice principal's list with a 3.50-3.79 GPA and 12 students who made the principal's list with a 3.80 - 4 GPA. The twelve students to make the honor roll were Twanasha Lightbourne, Amelia Gomez, Antonyah Mackey, Lisa Yu, Paige Stubbs, Jacoby Miller, Ronikea Hanna, Jordan Vilma, Troy Paul, Rebecca Strachan, Conrad Cornish, Jr., and Britney McHardy.

Ms. Moxey told the students that they must continue to strive for excellence so that they can receive one of those awards at the next prize giving. This Awards Day was planned by the hard working Awards Day committee members.

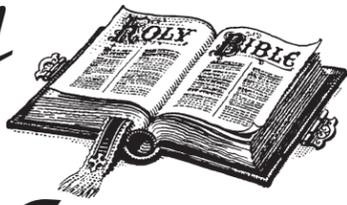
Veteran Educator Enza Gibson Retires

By Samantha V. Evans

After more than 30 years as a teacher with the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Enza Gibson said good-bye to the classroom and her colleagues at Central Abaco Primary School in September 2007. Mrs. Gibson was due to retire three years ago but was asked to stay on longer. The graceful, humble Mrs. Gibson agreed. On October 22nd Mrs. Gibson was presented with a beautiful plaque by Mr. Leroy Thompson, senior master, on behalf of principal Eunice Mills and her team. Mr. Thompson stated that the plaque is just a small

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School *From Page 26*



Leroy Thompson presented Mrs. Enza Gibson with a plaque commemorating her many years of teaching at Central Abaco Primary School

token for her to remember Central Abaco Primary School by as she moves on to the next assignment in her life. The humble yet energetic Mrs. Gibson was touched by the gesture and thanked her colleagues for thinking of her.

Student named as finalist in Tourism Competition

By Samantha V. Evans

Tenth grade student, Marcus Sands of St. Francis de Sales School was named as a finalist in the Junior Minister of Tourism Competition.



Marcus Sands

Marcus is one of 29 students who made it this far in the competition. He will have the awesome task of representing Abaco in the final few legs of the competition to be held over the weekend of November 4th in Nassau. His coach, Mrs. Samantha Duverny, stated that he has done very well so far with the essay portion of

the competition; now he has to convert his essay into a speech. The two topics for the essay were Health and Wellness Tourism and The Caribbean Intra-Regional Travel Market. This competition was open only to students in high school ranging in age from 15-17 years. Once Mr. Sands makes it through as one of the six finalists in the competition, he will have to write a speech on the topic The Next Generation: Learning from the Past Preparing for the Future. This event will take place on November 6th which is Caribbean Tourism Day. Mrs. Duverny is confident that Marcus will win and she told him that she is ready for him to bring the trophy home.

Business class' Students on training in businesses related to their field of studies

By Mirella Santillo

On October 22nd nine 12th grade students from Abaco Central High School were placed for one week in various businesses in Marsh Harbour to gather "on the job" experience. During their week of training, the students will utilize the knowledge and skills they have learnt in grades 10 and 11. Students graduating in business are required to complete 10 hours of work experience while other 12th graders only have to complete five hours.

While in training, the students' focus will be on office skills such as reception and filing, record keeping, office machinery, key-boarding, accounting and commerce. They will carry assessment forms that will be filled by their supervisors at work, and their teachers, Ms. Shantell Miller and Mr. Partap Singh, will visit them and assess them on their performance.

The students will complete the second session of job training in January. Ms. Miller hopes they return to the same institutions to re-enforce the skills previously learnt.

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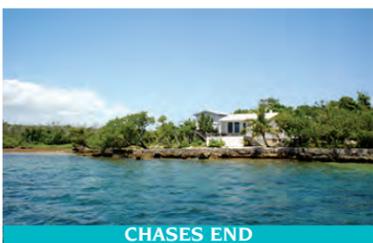


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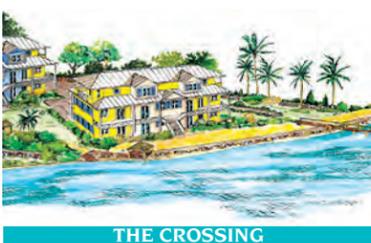


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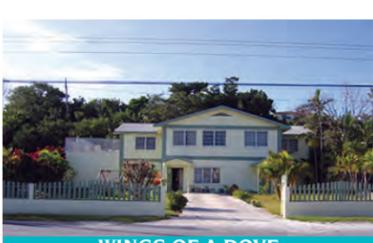
GREAT CISTERN
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