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Minister of Security Tours Abaco

Hon. Tommy Turnquest gave breakfast talk, inspected police stations



The Hon. O.A.T. Turnquest viewed two possible sites for a new main police station in Central Abaco. He is shown here, right of center, talking with Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco. right. Behind them are, left to right, Mr. Cephas Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco; Supt. Wayne Miller, Police Chief on Abaco; Assistant Commissioner of Police for the Northern Bahamas Eugene Cartwright; and Commissioner of Police Paul Farquharson. They are looking at a site on Don MacKay Boulevard between the government clinic and Aldersgate Methodist Church. The other site is on the new road from the freight dock between Crockett Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway.

Minister of National Security, the Hon. O.A.T. Tommy Turnquest, made a one-day whirlwind tour of Abaco police facilities on September 5. Police facilities were reviewed in Dundas Town, Fox Town, Treasure Cay, Cooper's Town and Crown Haven. Police at each location were urged to give their assessment of police needs.

While in Marsh Harbour, he was the keynote speaker at a gathering of police officers. Addressing police staff at the Central Abaco headquarters, Min. Turnquest said, "My mission, broadly speaking, is to gain a better understanding of the state of policing on Abaco through the inspection of a number of police facilities and through interaction with police officers serving here." In Mr. Turnquest's address he urged all law enforcement officers on Abaco to remain vigilant to maintain the high level of stability and security on that island.

He said that throughout the islands lifestyles are varied and different, resulting in crime and criminality manifesting themselves differently from island to island. He said Abaco does not have the same crime rate and trends as New Providence, especially violent crime. Still Abaco has its own law enforcement challenges," Minister Turnquest said. "Like other islands in the Northern Bahamas, its close proximity to the United States makes it susceptible

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Minister tours farms and holds meetings



The Hon. Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, toured farms and held meetings with fishermen and farmers during his three-day visit on September 5-7. He is shown here at Emerald Organics Ltd., a farm belonging to Mrs. Liann Key Kaighin. She is producing eggs that are from organically-fed hens. The group here is Mr. Cartwright; Mr. David Knowles, Agriculture officer for Abaco; Mrs. Kaighin, Mrs. Colleen Nottage, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry; and Mr. Cephas Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco.

About 40 farmers gathered at Central Abaco Primary School September 5 to meet with Agriculture Minister, the Hon. Larry Cartwright and his technical advisors.

It was said that The Bahamas imports over \$500 million of agricultural food products annually and agricultural

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Immigration Audit Drew 250



The line was long before the Anglican Hall opened to allow people bringing documents to discuss with Immigration officials their application status. The government is making an effort to clear up the back-log of applications for citizenship and permanent residency. Most of the group were Haitians, many of whom qualify under Bahamian law to become citizens. Other issues the immigrations officers were wanting to clarify were spousal problems and children of one Bahamian parent.

By Jennifer Hudson

Immigrants anxious to get their status Please see **Immigration** Page 7

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to illegal international trafficking and related criminal activities.”

Minister Turnquest expressed his support for the recruitment of reserve police officers from the various Family Islands. He said having reserve officers serve in the islands in which they live enhance the efficiency of their service and is cost effective. “Essential working tools, including technology, communications and transportation are required for more effective policing on Abaco and the government will respond to those requests.”

Minister Turnquest said just as citi-

zens and those legally in the country can move freely through the archipelago, The Bahamas faces the problem of policing persons moving from island to island for “malevolent reasons. Criminals may also move freely through our islands, as do people involved in international criminal activities, including migrant smuggling operations and trafficking of contraband, including illegal drugs and guns,” he said.

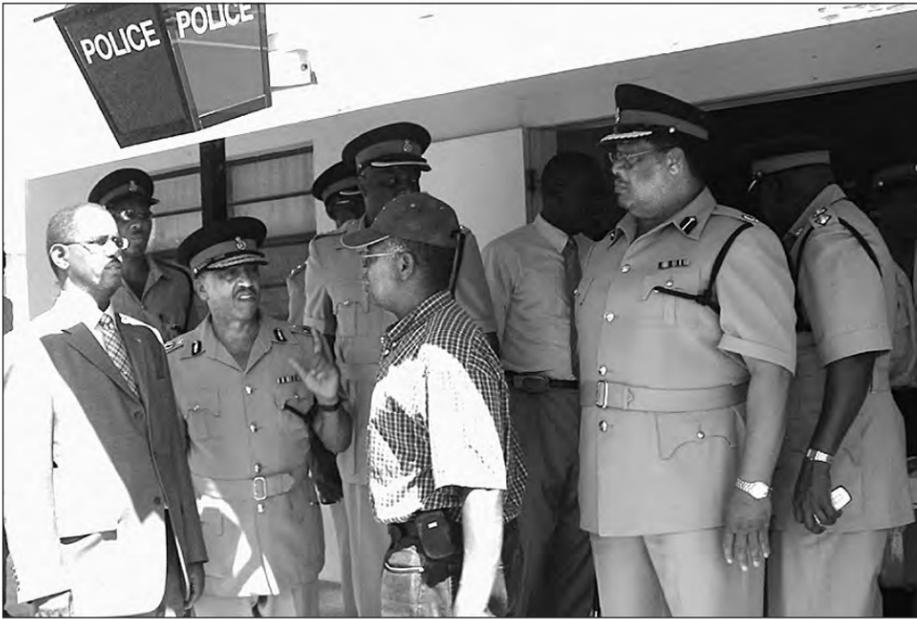
After speaking at the breakfast meeting in Dundas Town, Mr. Turnquest and his group visited two sites in Marsh Harbour as the site for a new police station. Plans were drawn about eight years ago

for a complex on the hill top beside the new port highway between Crockett Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway in Marsh Harbour and this was one of the sites reviewed. The other site being considered is a 15 to 20 acre block on Don MacKay Boulevard between the government clinic and Aldersgate Methodist church. Police requirements have outgrown the capacity of the present building in Dundas Town.

One of the stations that Mr. Turnquest visited was the Crown Haven station which was a special case as it has been out of service when the building was badly damaged several years ago by a hurricane. The old school building where

it was housed is not worth the extensive repairs that would be needed to make it functional. A policeman is stationed in Crown Haven and resides there in a renovated schoolteachers’ residence. Crown Haven is the northern terminal connecting Abaco to Grand Bahama by ferry and it is considered important to have a police presence there.

Accompanying the Minister were Permanent Secretary Mrs. Missouri Sherman-Peter, Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson and Assistant Commissioner of Police for Grand Bahama and the Northern Bahamas, .



The Hon. O.A.T. Tommy Turnquest, Min. of National Security, visited the police station at Fox Town. He is shown here, left, with the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson talking with the Little Abaco officers . On the right is Mr. Eugene Cartwright, Assistant Commissioner for the Northern Bahamas.

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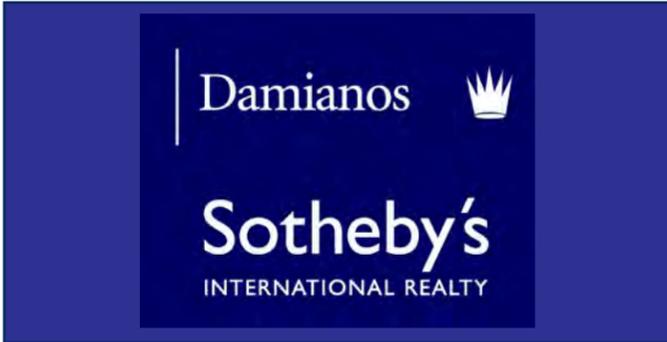
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Fishermen ask for a closed conch season

A three-day visit, September 6 to 8, brought the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Larry Cartwright, to Abaco for discussions with fishermen and farmers. The presentations brought out interesting facts on these two industries and presented information on initiatives and opportunities being devised by the Ministry. Much of the minister's time with the audiences was spent listening to their ideas, suggestions and complaints. Meetings were held in Central, North and South Abaco.

A surprising solidarity was expressed by fishermen of the need for other species besides crawfish and grouper to have closed seasons to foster and encourage reproduction. The need for a closed season on conch, possibly July through October, was expressed by many of the fishermen. Mut-

tonfish was another species suggested for a closed season. Overall, fishing harvests throughout The Bahamas are in decline.

Strong feelings were expressed that during a closed season, all trade in protected species should cease, with all sales prohibited and those protected species being unavailable on restaurant menus.

On the fisheries' front, it was said that The Bahamas has 140,000 square miles of ocean which we are not taking advantage of in terms of commercial fishing. Recognized boundaries extend 200 miles to sea, but the proximity of neighbouring countries requires negotiations to accurately determine the economic boundaries of the fishing zone. These negotiations are not underway.

Our vast economic fishing zone is difficult to police as our limited resources are

also directed at immigrants trying to enter the Bahamas from the south and drug shipments passing through.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations lists The Bahamas as having the richest fishing banks worldwide. However, we are not taking advantage of this resource. An example was given of a Dominican fishing boat recently confiscated in southern Bahamian waters which had 100,000 pounds of fish on board.

Marine stocks are under stress country-wide as nearly all commercial effort is focused on three species, grouper, conch and crawfish.

Abaco is highly thought of by the Ministry in terms of fishing potential, revenue and resources to be protected and has assigned

four fisheries officers to the mainland and a fifth officer stationed at Moore's Island. Two Defense Force Marines are assigned to work with fisheries' patrols.

Mr. Cartwright brought out four main fishing issues confronting his Ministry:

- Overfishing of some resources
- Poaching and illegal commercial fishing by non-Bahamians
- Uncaring Bahamians not respecting closed seasons or size restrictions
- Fishermen not respecting other fishermen's traps or condos

Condos and traps are often left on the sea bottom and over time create a dead zone. Condos should be moved from season to

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After a meeting with fishermen in Marsh Harbour, the Hon. Larry Cartwright, right, discussed problems with Mr. Carroll Laing, Fisheries officer for North Abaco, Defense Force Officer Greene and Mr. Edison Delaveaux, Deputy Director of Fisheries.

Min. Cartwright visits North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

The Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Larry Cartwright, made good on a promise to return to Abaco to address the concerns of local fishermen. On September 6th a meeting was held at the Sherlin Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. A great number of local fishermen came out and the local authorities for the Department of Fisheries in North Abaco were very pleased.

The major topics of discussion concerned a) the possibility of a closed season for conching and b) a shortened lobster season. All of the fishermen in attendance agreed that we have reached the point in The Bahamas when we must have a closed season on conching to preserve the popular seafood that is fast becoming scarce. They agreed that after the opening of the much anticipated

crawfish season, there was great concern that crawfish are becoming less prevalent as every year the catch seems to decrease. Fishermen are ready to back the Minister one hundred percent should these two efforts be implemented.

On a positive note major buyers in attendance reported that undersize crawfish have barely surfaced so far for the season and they attribute this to the fact the everyone is now using the proper measuring instruments and are cooperating with the law. Once again the minister pledged to the fishermen that he will look into the matter and will return once again to Abaco for a follow-up meeting. The local fishermen here are grateful that the minister fulfilled his promise and they look forward to working with the him whenever an opportunity presents itself.

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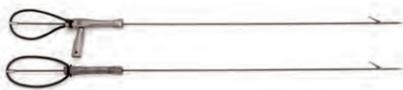
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Farmers hear from Minister Cartwright

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exports are essentially zero. This spread between imports and exports vividly demonstrates the opportunities in domestic agriculture.

Mr. Cartwright said that his Ministry is looking for incentives to make farming attractive. He believes that we have the capacity to feed the Bahamas.

The four "pine" islands, Abaco, Andros, Grand Bahama and New Providence are well suited to raising root crops while other islands must be more careful in their crop selection. Conditions on the pine islands lend themselves to large cultivated fields whereas many southern islands must practice less intensive pot-hole farming.

Young people are loathe to enter farming and this attitude must change. Methods are being investigated to make farming more attractive, greenhouses for one.

It was brought out that Abaco has 10,000 acres of prepared agricultural land available now for farm use. Applicants can lease this land for \$40 per acre annually. Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, would like to see this reduced to \$1 annually with duties and stamp taxes reduced to

zero on farm supplies and materials.

Mr. Simeon Pinder, Director of Agriculture, brought out the fact that numerous small scale farmers makes it difficult to guarantee a long term supply. Farmers must organize into larger scale cooperatives to stabilize the supply. Quality must be guaranteed and be consistent. Attention must be paid to the sizes purchasers want to buy.

The Ministry is preparing to offer artificial insemination methods to goat and sheep farmers. An imported goat may end up costing between \$5,000 and \$7,000 whereas a similar quality goat produced by artificial insemination costs between \$300 and \$500.

Shade houses are another innovation being promoted by the Ministry for many crops, such as ornamentals, flowers and many vegetables. Mr. Pinder gave the example of a greenhouse producer in Nassau selling a specialty lettuce for \$25 per pound.

The Agriculture Department is making a basic 15-foot by 45-foot greenhouse available to anyone for \$1200 and hopes to have some of these in place this year at major high schools on the Family Islands.

Greenhouses give a high yield in a small space and eliminate many of the problems encountered with open-field farming. It is hoped that this agriculture method may entice more people into growing crops.

An agricultural insurance coupon is un-

der consideration. To assist on determining when insurance benefits should kick-in, six automatic weather recording stations are being installed in The Bahamas. These will

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The Hon. Larry Cartwright, center, toured several farms in Central Abaco. Here he being shown Rocky Farm by Michael Parotti, manager of the farm that supplies decorative plants and trees to the Abaco Club at Winding Bay. On the right is David Knowles, agriculture officer for Abaco



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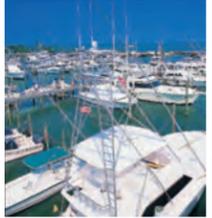


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13 Abaco Police Recruits Graduate

By Samantha V. Evans

Thirteen new police reserves from Abaco made up the graduation class of over 800 Royal Bahamas Police Reserves under the theme *The Way Forward*. Chief Supt. Richard Gardiner, Commandant of the Police Reserves, stated that the officers under his charge must enrich self to provide quality service to the public. They have a mandate as police officers to respect mankind, to be committed, devoted, disciplined and loyal. He embarked on training for recruits and reserves and is committed to sharing the true spirit of the way forward.

The Police Reserves are very involved in the work of the country and they need to be recognized. However, they must be ready to fulfill the mandate because by law, they are entitled to do so. Gardiner is responsible to ensure that they are recognized for what they do presently and work fervently toward tomorrow.

In spite of all the changes, they have always been disciplined and respected citizens. In 1998 the revolution of the Family Islands began and Abaco was at the forefront of it, he stated. On August 24th, 2007, these new reserves can proudly say that every island will be joined in partnership in sharing the message of peace, hope, and love. These three islands to bring about this completion are Rum Cay, San Salvador, and Acklins and Crooked Island. Not only will these individual islands benefit from these new reserves but the entire country. Reserves from all of the islands of The Bahamas were represented at this graduation. It was the largest ever to be held in the history of law enforcement in The Bahamas. After 16 weeks of training, the entire class of reserves came together beginning August 20th to undergo rehearsal for graduation

and to gain some onsite experience in various sections of the Police Force.

The reserves assist the police force and the country so they must be prepared to face the many challenges with vigor and courage. This recruitment drive has increased on the Family Islands and will encompass a lot including extending neighborhood policing beyond simply walking the beat. Two reserves, Deborah Deveaux and Beatrice Moxey, have been doing this for a long time, and they make sure that the schools are safe for students, pedestrians and teachers alike. They do not do it for money but for the love of their country. Their exemplary service should be followed by their peers. The Royal Bahamas Police Force has provided the resources for all officers to succeed so they must now follow the mandate given. Once they do this, they will earn respect.

The police reserves to graduate from Abaco "A" Squad were W/R Martha Smith of Dundas Town, R Terrence Sweeting of Hope Town, W/R Sheran Johnson of Marsh Harbour, W/R Pauline Cox of Blackwood, R William Pinder of Crown Haven, R Andrew Johnson of Murphy Town, R George Philpot of Man-O-War Cay, W/R Oleta Thomas of Crown Haven, R Jude Hart of Dundas Town, R Phillip Strachan of Murphy Town, R Nicholas Roberts of Sandy Point, W/R Patricia Lightbourne of Dundas Town, and W/R Ruthamae Rolle of Moore's Island.

The 42nd Anniversary and Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening on the Police Grounds, East Hill Street. The most outstanding male reserve award for Abaco was given to R859 Phillip Strachan, and W/R 511 Deborah Deveaux received a special award for her outstanding contribution to the development of the Conference Center.

The guest speaker for the evening was

the Hon. Tommy Turnquest, Minister of Security, who stated that the police reserves offer a pure and unselfish service to their country. In order to create a safe and tranquil Bahamas will take everyone doing their part at all times to create a firm partnership. He congratulated the graduates on a job well done and reminded them that

they represent "law and order" every time they put on their uniform. They must keep themselves safe while on duty and be officers of integrity at all times. With this recent graduation, he stated, that the country now has over 1000 police reserves which is a great accomplishment for Chief Supt. Gardiner and his team.



Thirteen recruits to serve as police reserves came from 10 communities on Abaco, from Moore's Island in the south to Crown Haven in the north. Six of the recruits were women. Most of their training was on Abaco but they spent the final week in Nassau, training with recruits there. They graduated in an elaborate ceremony at an awards banquet on August 24. Shown here are Ms. Deveaux, Ms. Lolita Thomas, Mr. William Pinder, Mr. George Phillpot, Mr. Marcellus Roberts and Mr. Barry Bascom.



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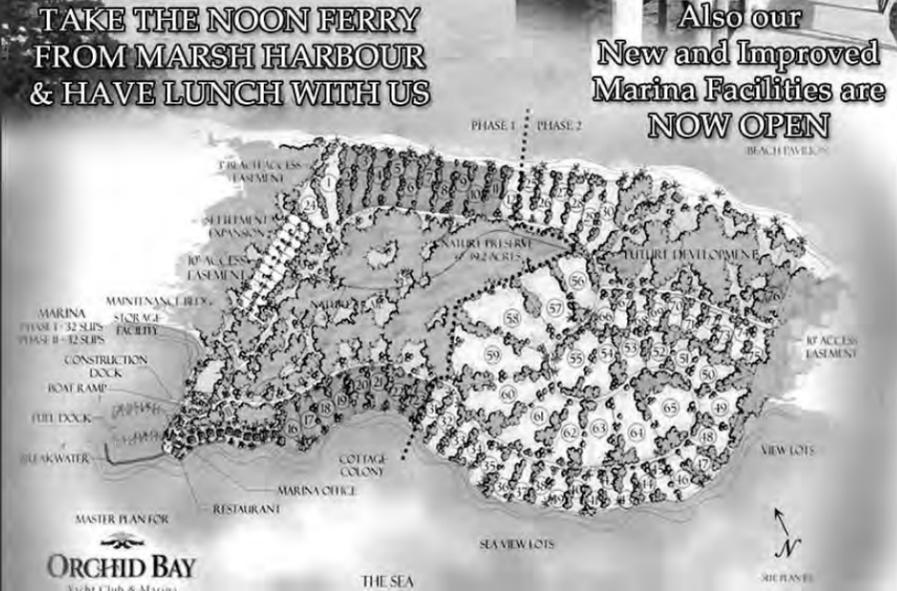
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Immigration hopes to eliminate backlog

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in the Bahamas regularized gathered early outside the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour on August 31. By the time the doors opened at 8.30 a.m. a line of approximately 100 people had formed.

For quite some time there has been a disgruntlement among persons who have applied for permanent status in The Bahamas because, although they had submitted papers, they had not received a letter or any other type of response. In order to rectify this situation and bring it to closure, the present Government carried out an Immigration Department Audit in order to expedite matters.

Audit day for Abaco was August 31 and seven officials from the Naturalisation Unit of the Immigration Department in Nassau along with two from Marsh Harbour were on hand to assist the applicants. Sen. the Hon. Elma Campbell, Minister of State for Immigration, Ministry of National Security, visited to view the response among the Abaco immigrants.

The Minister stated that when she joined the Department in May of this year she realised that many persons had applied for permanent status such as citizenship, permanent residence or spousal permit and had not yet had any word on the outcome.

"Word on these applications was long outstanding so I not only studied the situation in my office but listened to general complaints from persons on the street," she explained. "In consultation with the officers I discovered that there had been some problems in expediting applications. Not only were some files incomplete, but we could not find some of the people. We decided that it would be easier to go to the public and ask them to come in and re-register to make it easier to pull their files.

Today here on Abaco marks the final day of



A team of Immigration staff from Nassau was on Abaco for the Immigration Audit headed by Mr. Vernon Burrows, Director of Immigration. While the audit was in progress, Sen. the Hon. Elma Campbell, Minister of State for Immigration, viewed the process.

the audit, and we hope to be able to answer the majority of people by the end of September. Some have already heard but some need to bring in more information. Some do not hear from us because of incomplete files so we have urged everyone to make sure that they bring in files containing all the information necessary. Results can be fairly timely if all the papers are in order. However, we want people to understand that just because they come in today the answer they receive may not be positive, but we can assure people that we will make a decision one way or another."

Mr. Mills asked Mr. Vernon Burrows, Director of Immigration, who was also on hand to oversee that the operation ran smoothly, if he felt that 250 people was a low turnout for Abaco since there are so many thousands of Haitian immigrants here. His reply was that he did not feel that it was a low turnout, and he was pleased with the number who showed up.

Ms. Campbell stated that she was especially pleased with the reaction she had seen.

In Nassau the audit was held on August 8-9 at which 1139 persons re-registered, on Grand Bahama on 29 August 473 persons re-registered and on Abaco up until lunch-time 250 persons had re-registered. A few more persons turned up during the afternoon.

The officers from the Immigration Department took requisite information including file numbers if available from persons who had applied for citizenship, residence

permits or spousal permits but who had not received any response. They stated that most had the required documents and their pass-

ports with them. Although there were a few persons of other nationalities re-registering, it was noted that the majority were Haitians. Also present from Abaco to oversee the smooth running of the audit was Mr. Spence Dorsett, Superintendent of Immigration and Officer in Charge of Abaco.

"When the audit first began in Nassau, the number of persons registering was low; people were slow to come out because they were worried that this was an apprehension exercise. But once they realized that this is not what it was, then everything went well," continued Ms. Campbell. "The Department will, however, continue exercises against illegals, and will continue to take the necessary steps in future. This audit is a one-time exercise. We are still reviewing the systems, and in future we should be able to process in a timely fashion once fully completed applications have been submitted."



Seven Immigration staff from Nassau, assisted by two from Marsh Harbour, processed information brought by those waiting to have their status in The Bahamas regularized. The staff accepted information and reviewed documents that the applicants brought in. This information will be cross referenced with their records in Nassau.

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The Editor Says . . . Abaco's agricultural evolution



Agriculture on Abaco has had spectacular highs and depressing lows. Following is a brief summary of Abaco's agriculture efforts.

Historical evidence suggests there were no settlements on Abaco prior to the arrival of the Loyalists in 1775, although there may have been seasonal farming by settlers from North Eleuthera.

1830s Pineapples were exported in small quantities.

1840s Sisal was introduced to the Bahamas.

1854 Fruit and orange exports totaled 322,800 pounds from Abaco.

1880 Pineapples were the major export for Abaco.

1888 Due to produce exports, Hope Town is made a Port of Entry.

1889 Sisal legislation is introduced to encourage production.

1889 A sisal plantation is established south of Marsh Harbour. Several large plantations were founded on Little Abaco Island. Sisal processing mills were located at Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Guana Cay, Coco Plum Creek and maybe Sandy Point.

1895± Many sisal operations shut down as prices tumbled.

1897 Green Turtle Cay exported 350 dozen pineapples, down from 125,000 - 130,000 dozen several years earlier. Hope Town pineapple production was similar to Green Turtle Cay's. Crops were not grown commercially on these two cays. Residents commuted to the mainland where they tended their fields.

1897 Orange exports from Abaco totaled 480,000 pounds with most being produced in the Hope Town district.

1899 Sisal production rebounded and was a major industry for Green Turtle Cay and a lesser industry for Hope Town. A sisal mill was located south of Marsh Harbour. It is now the present elevated St. Francis pre-school building.

1910 The sisal mill on Guana Cay stopped operation.

1918 Cedar Harbour was still producing some sisal.

1920s Tomatoes were grown for export and were ranked 2nd behind sponges.

1930s Sisal production came to a halt as

prices tumbled.

1950+ James B Crockett arrived and began Heveatex Plantation southwest of the Marsh Harbour airport.

1958 S & M Farms bought the 3000-acre Crockett farm. It produced tomatoes, cucumbers, pineapples and opened a tomato cannery.

1959 Moxie Williams opens an ornamental plant nursery at Sand Banks to supply Treasure Cay. It is still operating 48 years later.

1962 S & M Farms opened a packing plant in Marsh Harbour for tomatoes.

1965 Gulf & Western bought the S & M Farm.

1966 20,000 acres of forest was cleared for sugar cane. The Owens-Illinois logging lease was exchanged for 20,000 acres suitable for cane fields.

1967 The Owens Illinois sugar operation began.

1969 The sugar mill produced 15,000 tons in its initial year.

1970 A final 19,000 tons of sugar was made and the mill closed.

1972 Gulf and Western begins farming in the Norman's Castle area with partners Edison Key and Morton Sawyer.

1977 Key and Sawyer farm was now totally owned by Edison Key & Morton Sawyer, eventually expanded to 3,000 acres.

1984 Bahama Palm Groves opened a citrus processing plant.

1986 Harry Profit grew ornamental plant slips near Joe's Creek.

1992 Bahama Palm Grove opened a tomato packing plant.

Our information is sketchy for subsequent years but can easily be researched. It can be seen that agriculture is not a new subject for Abaco. It has had a rich history, and it is a shame that more information is not known on these early ventures. Much of the early information given above is found in single line extracts from commissioner's annual reports and recorded by Steve Dodge in his book on Abaco history.

Some of Abaco's growth with pineapples and other crops was due to the proximity to Florida. As other countries expanded their agricultural offerings and shipping methods improved, Abaco lost its advantage.

After world War II, Florida was the winter supplier of vegetables for the U.S. east coast and Abaco augmented this source. In fact, some Abaco crops were merely insurance against a Florida freeze. If Florida had a good season, Abaco tomatoes were plowed under. If Florida suffered from a freeze, Abaco tomatoes left every hour around the clock by air freight.

The abandoned Owens-Illinois sugar fields have opened many opportunities for Abaco farmers as farm land is now readily available.

With the advent of greenhouses, gentlemen's farming may now be a reality for some crops. Greenhouse growth gives high yields in limited space with controlled growing conditions. Holding a hoe and weeding with a machete are no longer required although a genuine interest in the agricultural process is required to be successful.

Inexpensive greenhouses should start

being visible on Abaco this fall or winter. At 15 feet by 48 feet long, they are small enough to go in backyards and be tended by families as a serious hobby. The agriculture department is making these available at their cost of \$1,200. Half sizes are probably available, 15 feet by 24 feet.

Table crops from some of these future greenhouse producers could be available in the spring of 2008. Time will tell.

The introduction of a citrus canker several years ago dealt a death blow to Abaco's thousands of acres of citrus groves and the large shipments of grapefruit, lemons and limes to Florida. That industry will rebound, but it will be several years before the soil in the affected acreage is certified as canker free.

There appears to be a renewed interest in agriculture by farmers and a new approach by the ministry in bringing new methods to the forefront.

Conventional agriculture is not particularly appealing to our young people. However, new farming methods may coax some of them to give it try.

Farm labour remains a serious challenge and suggestions have been made that the Agriculture Department and Immigration must work more closely to achieve satisfactory results. When crops are ready to harvest, farmers do not have the luxury of waiting for immigration to decide on issuing permits.

Abaco's agriculture appears to be on an upswing again. Whether Abaconians will rise to the challenge or foreign farmers will seize the opportunities remains to be seen.

Letters to the Editor

Let's look at the "Hole" Story

Dear Editor,

We have holes in our roads. Everybody knows that. Just how and why does this happen.

I have good news this doesn't "Just Happen." It is a well orchestrated conspiracy. It keeps a number of otherwise unemployable people on the payroll.

First we have the "Hole Spotter." I believe he makes a map and passes this over to the hole outliner. The outliner goes about with his little spray cans and outlines the holes worthy of attention with red paint. Now comes the hole filler-uppers. They drive one of our trucks (you can tell by the red licenses). It is a pretty messy looking vehicle with two to three men aboard. One seems to guard the front, one guards the rear and the other puts some black stuff in the outlined holes and pounds it down.

This is generally done just before a good rain squall so that the motorist can't really tell whether it is a hole full of water

or a black spot covered in water and getting ready to become a new hole in a few weeks.

Now comes the deep and devious part. These holes are an integral part of the road building design. These are depressions placed in the road surface lower than any other part of the road or the verges so they will collect and hold even the smallest amount of rainfall. Along comes the motorist and, using his tire pressure aided by the non-compressible water, he constructs the "HOLE." Time for the hole spotter to swing into action.

These depressions are so well placed that the hole spotter and the hole painter aren't really necessary, but, after all, we must make work for the unemployable! Each hole is good for three to five fills a year. Now that's what I call making work!

All this is directed by those we elect to run our affairs. In addition to the generous salaries they pay themselves (out of our money), they actually employ others to pour our money down a rat hole.

Is this the whole hole story or is this the tip of the iceberg?

A local observer

Viewpoint . . . Everyone should take the Bahamahost course

By Julian Lockhart

The Abaco Tourism Office is hosting its final BahamaHost seminar for the year at the training office in the Memorial Plaza.

This is one of the most beneficial training processes the Ministry of Tourism has ever come up with, as it gives anyone who takes this course an opportunity to learn the basics in relations to others and how to deal with day-to-day occurrences on the job. The majority of the individuals who take the BahamaHost program are persons working in the tourism sector throughout the Bahamas.

However, I feel any person who has to deal with customers or people on a daily basis should take this course at least once because it will only enhance them as an individual. The course has helped individuals who work in the tourism sector to enhance their interactions with visitors and to be able to give the same service they would want to receive. Bahama Host doesn't teach you only how to interact with visitors but also the history of tourism in The Bahamas and how tourism affects the

Bahamas' economy.

Tourism directly or indirectly affects anywhere from 75 to 85 percent of The Bahamas' economy. There are new resorts coming on stream daily throughout The Bahamas and more Bahamians will be garnering jobs in tourism.

BahamaHost should be a mandatory course taught in every high school throughout the islands because of the importance of tourism to the country's bottom line and the number of individuals who will one day be working in the industry.

I am sure each of us has walked into a bank, a store or a restaurant and felt that the service was lacking or was down right horrible. We have all complained at some point about how impersonal the service was somewhere. BahamaHosts can help teach these individuals and everyone how not to treat customers and how to interact with others.

This is the last one for the year, but it

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Front Street Mess

By Jennifer Hudson

A messy situation began on Front Street, Marsh Harbour's oldest street, last April when it was dug up without any warning to residents or businesses along that thoroughfare. Since then the atrocious condition of the road has caused a pre-school located there to have to close for a couple of days. It then had to install air conditioners because of the dust. Other businesses have had their water supply interrupted and taxis and cars have found the road to be almost impassable; some even sustained damage.

It was later discovered that a contract had been given out by the Ministry of Works in Nassau to a contractor on Abaco to tear up the road and replace the old concrete road with a "black top." However, work was spasmodic and nothing progressed past the stage of tearing up the old concrete and putting in fill which was washed out in places whenever it rained heavily. A small retaining wall was built on the seaside in the vicinity of the former Commonwealth Bank house. The remainder of the road was dug up along its entire length as far as the freight dock but nothing progressed beyond that.

It was felt by the majority of people that the road should not be replaced with a "black top" since it is a historic road but should be re-concreted in order to retain its original character. When the contractor was told this, he returned to the site and dug out all the fill he had put in, leaving the street in a deplorable condition which traffic could not use. The side road had to be used instead which had the potential to cause huge back ups of traffic once the Angel's Academy School reopened at the beginning of

September. Julio Parotti, husband of April Parotti, owner of the school, decided that something had to be done before the re-opening of the school. "We have got to do something to make it work," they said.

Apparently, the road on the sea side is higher than the other side so all the fill washes into the front yards of the premises along there. A week before school started, Julio Parotti paid his own mason who is presently working at his house, to build a bulk head to prevent this from happening. Mrs. Molly Albury, owner of the building being used by Baker's Bay for their office, is also paying for a bulkhead there. It is expected that other business owners along Front Street will also donate. Mrs. Parotti has gotten a quote for fill which, she says, will be put in as soon as the road dries up from all the rain. "We will then have it graded to make the road smooth and driveable and hopefully it might push the government to assist if it sees the effort we are making," she stated.

When I contacted Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, regarding this matter, he stated that he had brought the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of Works, here a couple of weeks ago to survey the situation and his Ministry has obtained an estimate for repairing the road with concrete from the freight dock to Long's Landing. Mr. Key stated that right after the election he asked the Minister to stop the work being done and not to dig up the original concrete as a new layer could have been placed on top, but it was not stopped until too late. "The road should be completed by the end of the year," stated Mr. Key. "Once we take out the quarry, it should be pretty quick to put down the concrete."

Commonwealth Bank Donates School Supplies

By Samantha V. Evans

On August 28th Commonwealth Bank gave out 1500 school bags with school supplies at First Assembly of God in Dundas Town to students returning to school. This is the first time that any bank on the island has taken on such an initiative but the chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Timothy Donaldson and the president/

CEO Mr. William Sands, who is a native Abaconian, decided that since this bank was the first to acquired \$1 billion in assets that they wanted to give back to the communities that helped them to achieve this great milestone. This amount of assets was achieved from 1984-2007. A total of \$250,000 was donated to purchase 10,000 school bags with school supplies.

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On August 7 Commonwealth Bank had a fire drill. When the alarm was sounded, employees had to vacate the building while the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department personnel examined the building, finally delaring it safe to return.

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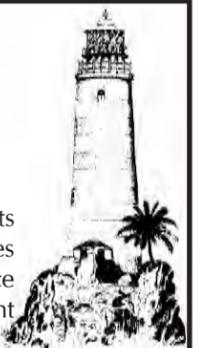
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Abaco's Commonwealth Bank manager, Ms. Jacquelyn Estevez, stated that it is a part of their mission statement of the bank to ensure that students are prepared for tomorrow. School supplies were distributed on New Providence, Grand Bahamas, Long Cay, Acklins, Crooked Island, Andros, and Abaco. Abaco was the last stop for Customer Service and Marketing Manager from the Nassau Office Gina Greene. Ms. Greene stated that her role was to ensure that all students are prepared. There were three different school bags given out and each bag had different items in them. In the high school bags were two six-pack composition books, pencils, pens, geometry, ruler, and a calculator. In the primary school and pre-school bags were six composition books, pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors and a ruler.

The church was packed with over 500 students. All government schools were invited to collect school supplies for their students. Representatives from Central Abaco Primary School, Fox Town Primary, Cooper's Town, James A. Pinder, and Moore's Island collected items. Mrs. Salomie Gibson and Mrs. Will-ann Mills from Social Services were given boxes of school supplies to distribute to those schools that were unable to send a representative. Assisting with the distribution were Commonwealth Bank employees Mr. Basil Been and Mr. Jude Hart.

Dorado Boat Rentals

By Mirella Santillo

A fleet of eight new 22-foot and 26-foot Dusky power boats available for rental has been docked at the Conch Inn since late spring. They belong to the Dorado Boat

Rental company that set up business there, adding one more service to the small resort that boasts of Curly Tail's Restaurant and Bar, Dive Abaco and the international bare boat charter company, the Moorings.

Located in the reception area of the Mooring's, the new rental company's office is managed by Mr. Javon Williams with the help of Mr. Ortnell Jones. The four 22-foot boats are powered by 225 HP engines while the four 26-footers have 250 HP engines. All the boats are well equipped for safety and include many extra features.

The boats are rented by the day or weekly. For detail on rental fees, call Dorado Boat Rentals at 367-1035. Note that starting September 1st, the company offers a slow season discount.

Gopher You

By Mirella Santillo

Gopher You opened the beginning of March as a delivery service company, pick-up and delivering for people on the cays. It offers lightweight trucking from the dock



Commonwealth Bank gave out 1500 school bags with school supplies on Abaco. Students from remote schools on Abaco were sent bags. Shown here are Mrs. Gounga and Ms. Lowe, teachers, Ms. Jacquelyn Estavez, bank manager, and Mr. Leroy Thompson, Senior Master. The teachers, all holding bags, are from Central Abaco Primary School.

the only service offered by the company.

How convenient would it be to shop on line, at leisure, without the expense of a plane ticket, of a car rental and the hustle of going from one shop to another in the Florida traffic? The concept is not new; Many people shop on line now, but Mr. Randy Pinder, owner of Gopher You, has improved on it offering shopping on line in his store should you not have internet at home and providing a Florida address for the goods to be delivered. From there the merchandise will be forwarded to a freight plane that flies to Marsh Harbour once a week, thus expediting the process of taking possession of the things you have ordered; larger items still have to go by sea freight.

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Hours of business are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Pinder manages the shop with the help of his wife, Mrs. Dawn Pinder.

Cafe La Froience will have poets' night

By Julian Lockhart

In an effort to allow local poets an opportunity to express themselves and a venue to do it in, Café La Florence has opened its doors for the first "Open Mike" on September 29 at the Rhonda Hull Building from 7 to 10 p.m. Café La Florence owner Tara Moss said they wanted to give Abaconians something else to do on weekends and to give them exposure to the arts.

Joining the local artists will be renowned playwright and poet Michael Pintard from

New Providence, who will bring his expressive ability of wowing a crowd with his story telling.

The event will run every month at Café La Florence. Organizer Amanda Sawyer said, "It is important to expose Bahamians to this type of culture because it shows and displays creativity and ownership of your creativity. I think this will lead to more Abaconians writing and reciting their poetry because it shows support in ones artistic expressions. Definitely it will be great to have Michael Pintard here. He is very innovative and encouraging," she added.

There are not a lot of artistic expressions through the spoken word on Abaco. Poet and musician Garnell Stuart said it is about time that someone offers a consistent venue for enlightened individuals to get together and express themselves. She said, "I am really excited about it because I think there is a lot of talent on this island but there are not a lot of venues for us all to get together to collaborate and express ourselves. It should be a good variety and I am looking forward to seeing what we have to offer," she concluded.

Abaco will host open water swim meet

By Michelle Mikula

Abaco is set to host its Annual Open Water Swim Meet on October 6 at the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour. Jointly coordinating this swimming event is the Abaco Tourist Office and SWIFT Swimming Club of Nassau which has been successful in attracting local and national swimmers. The coordinators have made great strides in the two years they have organized the event by having it sanctioned by the Bahamas Swimming Federation and FINA, the international governing body for swimming events.

The collaboration of the two organizations has made this an ideal sport tourism event for this location. As the host island, the event generates needed business to the destination during the traditional slow travel period. It is expected that in years

to come for this event to be categorized as world class, attracting not only national swimmers but international swimmers as well, said Melinda Williams of the Abaco Tourist Office.

Last year 60 swimmers including Olympian Jeremy Knowles competed in the meet that announced local and national winners at its awards ceremony. SWIFT's affiliation with swim clubs in the Bahamas, Caribbean and United States has once again heightened interest in swimmers to participate in the upcoming meet. The extensive interest has made organizers confident of another successful event.

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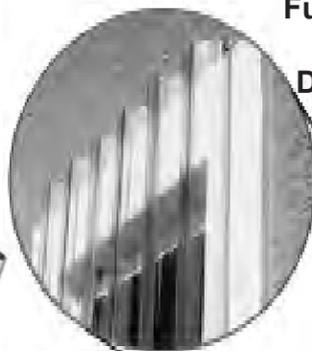


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Baker's Bay's fund will benefit Guana

Cartwright

From Page 4

By Julian Lockhart

Baker's Bay and its developer, Discovery Land, are continuing to give back to the community of Guana Cay through an endowed fund they formed when they first started their development. They are not only developing a state-of-the-art residential golf community but have started the Fig Tree Foundation, an endowed fund to benefit all the residents of Guana Cay. The foundation was started with \$500,000. When the project is complete in 2009, it is expected that there will be a minimum of \$2 million in the fund. An endowed fund is when the principal is never touched and only the interest is used to do the work of the fund. So as the fund grows, there will always be money for benefactors to reap.

Baker's Bay's General Manager, Carter Redd, said, "This is pretty typical of what we do in all the communities that we go into. Most communities you go into there is some degree of need, and our members tend not to stay within the walls of our community. They always tend to enjoy the local towns, activities and communities. This is our way of reaching out and making sure we are partnering with the community. We are obviously good neighbors and are not simply enjoying the land and taking advantage of the property!

"They already see we are part of the community between what we said we are going to do and what we have already done. We tend to follow up on everything we say we are going to do. We will follow through with all of our promises," he added.

Sales Director Geoffrey Jones said that

some people may feel that they are only throwing money around but it is typical of Discovery Land as being great neighbors to interface with the community and give back to the community around them.

All the owners of property on Baker's Bay will be affluent members of society where they come from and Mr. Jones said their members are very involved with the communities they live in and that will flow down to all of Guana Cay and Abaco at large.

The well-to-do are known for using charities as a way to gain tax right-offs. So if various charities on Abaco and specifically Guana Cay are able to get the proper status, they can take advantage of a large pool of potential donors. The Fig Tree Foundation will continue to grow over the years from donations from Baker's Bay itself and its members who will give consistently.

Also in an effort to help Guana Cay residents continue to afford to live on their own island, Baker's Bay is offering 20 lots on the golf course for purchase at \$50,000 per lot. The lots are to be used for family homes, cannot be resold for profit and a person can purchase only one lot. The \$1 million garnered from the sales of these lots will completely go into the Fig Tree Fund for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Jones said, "It has been a very big concern here on Guana Cay as well as some of the other cays that there is no available property that Bahamians can afford. We want to make sure that what is happening on Elbow Cay where generations of Bahamians can no longer afford

to live there doesn't happen on Guana. Sometimes the value of their Bahamian home is so great that they cannot afford not to sell and slowly but surely they are being squeezed out. This is going to be an opportunity for at least 20 families here on Guana Cay to be able to secure affordable housing for their family. "The lots are not available to be sold for investment purposes. They are being sold as primary homes, so it is not an opportunity for someone to purchase and flip to make money on it. It is for families who want to live on Guana Cay, to stay on Guana Cay," Mr. Jones concluded.

season to let the sea bed rejuvenate. Worn out condos and traps should be removed and disposed of ashore.

A minor discussion followed on the invasive lionfish. This highly toxic fish is becoming widespread in Bahamian waters and has a hearty appetite for other fish.

Accompanying the Minister during his visit were his management team of Ms. Colleen Nottage, Permanent Secretary; Mr. Edison Deleveaux, Deputy Director of Fisheries; and Mr. Simeon Pinder, Director of Agriculture.



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FREEPORT

Barge Remains Grounded

By Jennifer Hudson

"The barge is still sitting there looking like an island with a lighthouse on it," stated a resident of Elbow Cay just this week.

It is almost two years since Hurricane Wilma washed an exploratory oil drilling barge from Walker's Cay and brought it to rest on the reef two miles southeast of Man-O-War Cay. The owners abandoned it, and it has been an eyesore ever since as well as a danger to the reef. Several attempts were made by the Port Authority to have companies remove it but nothing happened.

Finally, a group of concerned residents on a nearby cay decided that in order to get

it moved they would have to do something about it. Mr. Kermit Waters of the United States, who was responsible for the rig, was finally persuaded to send a crew to work on the disposal of the barge. Work was scheduled to begin on June 27 of this year spearheaded by salvager Mr. James Pirtle of JPL Marine, a salvage company from Arkansas. Mr. Lorin Senn of Hope Town assisted JPL Marine by finding help locally and assisting with his crane and crew. An Abacays tug and barge has also been assisting with the process.

Despite much hard work and continuous attempts to remove the barge from the reef and sink it in deep water, efforts have so far

failed, much to the frustration of all concerned. Holes in the hull of the barge have been patched only to be taken back out by rough seas. Much of the abandoned material on the rig has been removed in order to lighten the barge so that it could be sunk. That material has been put overboard half a mile out in 90 feet of water.

The persons involved in the removal of the barge do not want to leave anything on the reef which has fallen overboard in the last two years. So there are several "in water lifts" to make sure everything is removed. The barge was lightened enough so that it could be floated off the reef, but each time an attempt was made something thwarted it.

The weather has not cooperated, and seas have been too rough for a successful operation. Mr. Senn stated that he hoped "The third time would be a charm." But unfortunately, the third time was not lucky and the barge remains firmly grounded which is a big disappointment for all concerned. But they are dedicated to continuing until they get the job done.

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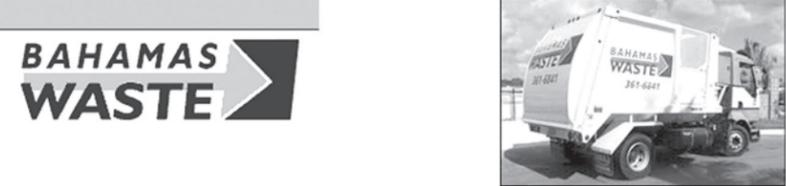


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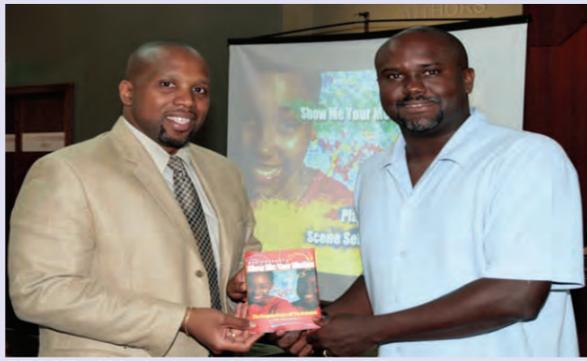
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BTC VP of Marketing and Sales Marlon Johnson accepts a copy of the film "Show me your Motion" from the director Dr. Ian Strachan

BTC presents "SHOW ME YOUR MOTION"

BTC proudly invested into Bahamian culture by sponsoring the "Show me your Motion" documentary by film director and producer, Dr. Ian Strachan.

Last week Thursday, Dr. Strachan presented the company with copies of the documentary at a special presentation at Chapter One Bookstore. "None of this would have been possible without the vision and commitment of BTC," said Dr. Strachan, the film's Director and Producer.

"They are making an important investment in cultural development. I thank them and I commend them. Where other companies balked at the idea of helping bring this film to the Bahamian public, they saw the merit of the project and backed it 110%" Mr. Marlon Johnson, Vice President for Marketing, Sales & Business Development represented the company at the special presentation.

The film showcases the music of Bahamian greats, Eddie Minnis, Pat Rahming, Funky D, Roots, Cleophas Adderley and Ronnie Butler, there is an also an original title track by Oohouii. The documentary also features live performances by children from Uriah McPhee, Carmichael Primary, H O. Nash, Oakes

Field Primary, North Andros High School, the National Children's Choir, St. Augustine's College, St. Anne's School and Maurice Moore Primary in Grand Bahama. "Show me your Motion" was the only accepted film from the Bahamas in the UNESCO Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase.

This documentary has been seen in several Caribbean countries including Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados and Cuba.



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North Abaco News

Volunteers 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. While we acknowledge that some work has been accomplished, 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 donations to the Treasure Cay Township to assist with the completion of the park. Once the park is completed, it will be the first playground that this area has had. To all of you who can make a donation, please contribute now so that we can have a playground for recreation.

Business News First dry cleaners in North Abaco opens

By Vernique Russell

Abaco Dry Cleaners opened in Treasure Cay in June and offers residents dry cleaning services. The business is located in E & P Service Station building in Treasure Cay. The opening of the dry cleaning service is significant as it is the second one to have been opened in the north and is currently the only dry cleaners throughout the entire island. Since opening, Abaco Dry Cleaners has been providing services that exceed the norm and brings a high standard of quality to dry cleaning. Its motto, "We are your clothes' best friend" can be seen when you collect your clothing and the fresh smell and the crisp look capture your eyes and nose. Abaco Dry Cleaners

is working to be the best dry cleaners that this island has ever seen. For all your dry cleaning needs stop by your neighborhood friendly dry cleaners in Treasure Cay and those of you in the Marsh Harbour area keep an open eyes for a location will be opening soon near you.

Taste D Rainbow Snack and Deli

By Vernique Russell

On August 11th Proprietress Yvette McIntosh opened Taste D Rainbow Snacks and Deli for the first time. The store is located in Cooper's Town and will offer snacks and other knickknacks at very affordable prices. The deli section serves fixed snacks such as sandwiches, salads and more. Mrs. McIntosh is inviting everyone to stop by Taste D Rainbow and see what's awaiting you. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

School News

Sherlin Bootle has embraced the new school year

By Vernique Russell

For many students throughout the Bahamas on September 3rd they returned to the schools responsible for educating them and setting them in the right pathway for their future careers. On Monday at Sherlin Bootle High School the seventh grade students took the campus by storm. By Tuesday when the entire student body had returned, students left the campus with homework as a sign that this year there will be no room for spectators and clowns, but only room for serious business. Both returning teachers and new teachers have come with one goal. This school is anticipated by Princi-

pal Huel Moss to be the best one that the school has seen, and he is committed to working hard to ensure that his anticipation goes from a hope to a record in the statistics book.

This school year has started with a bang at Sherlin Bootle as everything has fallen into place over the summer. Principal Huel Moss is extremely pleased that the repairs to the school were completed in a timely fashion and he is even more excited that, after losing a few great teachers, the school has received eight new teachers. Mr. Moss welcomes his additional staff members on board. They includes Mrs. Cynthia James, head of Language Arts Department; Ms. Andrea Teart also in the Language Arts Department; Ms. Kayla Hamilton, in charge of the Physical Education Department; Ms. Althames Cartwright, in the Mathematics Department, Mrs. Karen McKenzie, head of the Art Department, and Mr. Tyrone McKenzie, responsible for Business Studies. He is expecting two more teachers to arrive next week.

As a result, new programs such as a Reading Development Program for the junior high school and a Hospitality Program will be implemented at the school. Mr. Moss is excited that his plans to develop a Library Resources Media Center has already received great feed back from potential sponsors. Students may be able to utilize a state-of-the-art library and media center before the school year is completed. Mr. Moss is pleased that for the first time the school has a website that is interactive and allows both parents and students the opportunity to log in and check on assignments and student progress. Parents and

students can email both teachers and administrative faculty directly through the website. The website address is www.scbootlehigh.org.

For the first time at the school the registration fee rules were enforced, and Mr. Moss is well pleased with the cooperation of parents. The process went really well for its debut.

There is no doubt in Mr. Moss's mind that this school year will be the best that North Abaco has seen. He knows great things are in store for the student body this year.

A special invitation is extended to parents to jump on board as their children soar to another level in education. At Sherlin Bootle High today's work will guarantee tomorrow's success!

Welcome back

By Vernique Russell

A special welcome back greeting is extended to Mrs. Cynthia James, who has rejoined the Sherlin Bootle High School staff. Mrs. James is no stranger to Sherlin Bootle as she taught there before. We know that you are a very effective teacher and one who doesn't allow students to settle for failure or even average. It good to have you back at Sherlin Bootle.

Pitman Classes will be offered

By Vernique Russell

Sherlin Bootle High School Administrative team is offering classes for persons wishing to prepare to sit the Pitman Examination. With the addition of a business teacher that specializes in Commerce, Accounts and Economics, those of you wish-

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More North Abaco News

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A & A Compusec and Homework Center

By Vernique Russell

A & A Compusec is now open in Cooper's Town and is designed to offer customers full Internet access, homework assistance, secretarial services and printing services. The owner, Ms. Phillipa McIntosh, is hoping that this new service will give children in North Abaco who do not have a computer at home the opportunity to research projects, complete homework and even chat with friends in a safe and secure environment. Students can receive help with homework and projects at the center. Ms. McIntosh offers printing services for invitations, fliers and programs. The public is invited to explore the world with just one click at A & A Compusec.

Tutoring Services Offered

By Vernique Russell

V. Cares is announcing that tutoring services and homework assistance are available for the school year 2007-2008. The goal is to ensure that students receive

homework assistance in subject areas they are weak in. Tutoring is offered in mathematics, English language, religious studies, history, geography, biology and accounts. They specialize in assisting with BGCSE and BJC course work. For more information call 365-8720 or 475-7247.

**Church News
Cities of Refuge
Celebrates Anniversary**

By Vernique Russell

Under the theme *But God*, the members of Cities of Refuge Ministries in Treasure Cay celebrated the pastor that God has given them in the person of Pastor Bridgette Thurston-Mills. The celebration festivities began on August 22nd and climaxed on August 26th. Guest speakers for this event included Rev. Tyrone Mills of End Time Harvest in Crown Haven, Min. Terrance McDonald, Pastor Kenny Carrol and Pastor Charlene Duncombe, all of Nassau. The dynamic and powerful services were held at the Treasure Cay Community Center. On Saturday, a prayer and praise social was held at the Treasure Cay Primary School Park.

The Anniversary Committee thanks everyone that celebrated with us. Special thanks go to Mr. Jerry Roberts and the Treasure Cay Property Owners Association for allowing the church to use their facilities and to our sponsors who contributed donations. To Pastor Thurston-Mills we say thank you for being there for us and we encourage you to keep pressing on.

For the following three nights, Pastor Kenny Carrol conducted services at the church. There was healing, deliverance and lifting of burdens and Pastor Carrol proved

that God will accomplish what He says He will. Services were held from August 27th through 29th.

Cities of Refuge announces that mid-day prayer and counseling services are offered at the church weekly. On Tuesday and Fridays the church will be open from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for these services. Anyone who is hurting, depressed or just needs a listening ear is invited to stop. Cities of Refuge is located in the Brent Lowe Plaza on the Sherlin Bootle Highway in Treasure Cay.

Thank you

By Vernique Russell

A special thank you is extended to very kind police officers who helped two citizens stranded on the Ernest Dean Highway. It is officers like you who make the Royal Bahamas Police Force a creditable institution.

Revival

By Vernique Russell

The Voice that Calleth People to Repentance Ministries in Crossing Rocks recently held a week of revival services at the gospel tent. The guest speaker for the services was Pastor Wesley Van Johnson

from Virginia. He is overseer to over 160 churches and is a mighty man of God. The services were held nightly from August 26 thru September 1. Pastor James Williams expresses his gratitude to everyone who came to the services.

Congratulations

By Vernique Russell

Congratulations are extended to Pastor John and Enid McIntosh and the New Hope Baptist Church family who celebrated their pastoral anniversary on August 26th. A special service was held at the church in Mount Hope. The communities of North Abaco joins in with your members and followers and say congratulations.

Please Return

By Vernique Russell

A maroon study Bible was removed from the Treasure Cay airport. Anyone with information about the Bible, please contact me at 475-7247. The Bible went missing between August 18th - 30th and is of sentimental value to the owner. There is a reward for its safe return. If you have the bible, we ask that you return it.

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Abaco will to participate in coastal cleanup day

By Michelle Mikula

On September 15th volunteers from around the world including Abaco will set out to make a difference in their environment as they participate in International Coastal Cleanup Day organized by the Ocean Conservancy.

Ocean Conservancy is an organization based in the U.S. that promotes healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems and opposes practices that threaten ocean life and human life. Its objective brings global awareness year round to issues and events that play an effective role in the environment's sustainability.

Among its many organized events is the International Coastal Cleanup Day that has become one of the largest and most successful volunteer events of its kind. An important component to this global cleanup effort is its data collection which is used for compilation, educational and research purposes. Since its formation in 1986, volunteers have cleared over 100 million pounds of trash from 170,000 miles of shorelines, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

For the past two years Abaco has participated in this international crusade for the environment through the Abaco Tourist Office and Friends of the Environment. Abaco's compilation in 2006 covered 41 miles of land and underwater sites collecting some 3140 pounds of debris and

trash. This year support from the Abaco community has been tremendous with an increase in volunteers and sponsorships.

Bernadette Hall, Head of the Ecotourism Department at the Abaco Tourist Office, stated that Abaco's involvement in planned cleanups such as this is encouraging locals to take responsibility for their own areas and work towards a sustainable approach to keeping Abaco beautiful for our visitors and the future generation.

Participation in the International Coastal Cleanup Day has fueled the Abaco Tourist Office and Friends of the Environment to coordinate a few more environmental activities for the month of September. Coordinators will be educating the public through presentations, radio announcements, signage and a local cleanup campaign scheduled for September 29th.

To further sensitize the public towards the environment that is mainly responsible for the many visitors to this destination, Abaco is soon to become an affiliate of another environmental organization Keep America Beautiful program. On September 14th coordinators of the program will travel to Abaco to complete the certification process allowing the program's practices towards litter prevention, waste management and community beautification to be carried out by the Abaco Tourist Office and other local agencies.

Cartwright

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record weather data and send the information daily by satellite to Washington where it will be returned to The Bahamas.

Bananas plants all over the Bahamas were decimated by hurricanes. Farmers were reluctant to resume banana farming but after several calm years they are now beginning to show a renewed interest in banana production. Abaco was a major banana producer prior to Hurricane Floyd and is now seeing a renewed interest in growing bananas.

The ripening shed immediately south of the Big Bird Chicken farm is being completed with the addition of processing and grading facilities. This facility was installed by central government several years ago to assist the small farmer in preparing and marketing their produce. With these additions, it will be even more helpful.

The stray dog problem was brought up and may be addressed by the end of the year with a staffed dog pound in place. These stray dogs present serious problems on Abaco, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama and New Providence.

Abaco's few roaming cows have caused thousands of dollars in damage to crops and no solution is in sight. Legally, stray animals are a police matter. As a practical matter, this is not a high priority item for the police. The cows are the remnant of the herd originally imported by Sugarland Farms but let loose to roam when the farm closed down.

Examples were given of successful farming ventures and areas with potential.

Andros produced 15 million pounds of onions last year. This crop offers a growth potential for Abaco.

A Nassau farmer has 200 sheep and goats on Abaco. Additionally, he has 3500 coconut trees that he is growing to produce

coconut milk. Coconut trees sell for \$100 per foot of trunk, measured from the ground to the first fronds. Fresh coconuts are an impulse item bought by arriving cruise ship passengers as an instant tropical drink. A mature tree can produce 150 or more coconuts per year.

Emerald Organics is a new venture on Abaco begun by Mrs. Liann Key Kaighin. It has just started harvesting organically grown eggs with an initial stock of 200 layers giving over 120 eggs daily to local markets. She is already expanding.

An alfalfa farm here on Abaco supplies hay to the Abaco Club for its horses and ships hay to Nassau. Locally grown hay may only furnish five percent of Nassau's requirements. So this presents a huge growth area.

A recently established sod farm is supplying developers with local sod. That group is looking into expanding into specialty grasses.

The Rocky Farms ornamental nursery was purchased by the Abaco Club and grows decorative plants and trees for its Winding Bay development. It is only allowed to sell to the parent company. But note should be made that over \$1 million in landscape plants have been furnished to that one development by this farm.

Citrus was a major crop on Abaco but was decimated by a canker disease. It will be several years before citrus can again be grown here. Andros and other islands are disease free and grow citrus products.

Accompanying Mr. Cartwright during his visit of September 6 - 8 were Ms. Colleen Nottage, Permanent Secretary; Mr. Edison Deleveaux, Deputy Director of Fisheries; and Mr. Simeon Pinder, Director of Agriculture. Evening presentations and interaction took place in Central, North and South Abaco with farms and agricultural facilities being visited during the visit.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Capt. Alex "Tampa" Davis**, 48, of Moore's Island was held on September 8 at St. Matthew's Baptist Church on Moore's Island. Officiating were Pastors Nixon Simms, Preston Knowles, Geneva Knowles and Anthony Williams. Interment was in the Moore's Island Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his son Adrian Davis; daughters Veronique, Shandira, Shantika and Anissa Davis; brothers Samuel, Edison, Rodney, Anderson and Tyrone Davis; sisters Eucylene Hunt, Sandra Davis, Celestine Swain and Ethlyn Stuart; uncle Solomon McBride; aunts Althea and Emily McBride; nieces Paulette Hunt, Francis, Ernestine, Karen, Tiffany, Robin, Tia, Rosheika, Florinda, Shamine, Eleanor, Angela, Donnamae, Eldora, Fermina, Tina, Elma, Christerny, Shavanda, Lindsey, Ginger, Dina, Anastacia, Vashti, Reeshera and Ginger; nephews Sidney, Tyrone, Keith, Ezekiel, Argo, Gary, Chester II, Wesley, Matthew, Edgar, Pedro, Peron, Edwin, Ernie, Desmond, Roddy, Tristan, Elmanso, Rodney Jr., Rocky, Lavan, Wesley, Anson, Ancil, Daryano and Ephrum; grandnieces Chessy, Tishanda, Deidra, Donnesha, Nelly, Glenesha, Dendrika, Davante, Tamyia, Tamia,

Samera, Chelsea, Westernique, Sasha, Marsha, Christie Deshante, Dominique; grand-nephews Dwayne, Dwight, Julian Jr., Fedro, Tevin McKenzie, Tangelo, Arthur Jr., Dencil, Laphanso, Latrel, Makio, Khoey, RJ, Samson Jr., Fabien, Kelvin, Tevin, Dalon, Ciarro, Dreko, T'argo, Darrel, Chester III, Matthew Jr., Ellison, Reko, Vanno, Jay, Jerniah and Iverson; sisters-in-law Iva, Olga, Nathalie, Donnel and Francis Davis; brothers-in-law Franklyn Hunt, Robert Swain, Keith Stuart; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **George Bonaby**, 85, of Fire Road was held on September 8th at New St. Andrews Baptist Church in Fire Road. Officiating was Rev. John McIntosh assisted by Rev. Lennis Cornish. Interment followed in the Fire Road Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his sons George Jr. and Ivan Bonaby, Sterling McKenzie, Laverne and Leo Reckley; daughters Rosamae McIntosh and Geleta Elzera; sister Leatha Bonaby; nephew Clifford Lightbourne; god sons Prince Cornish and Samuel Lowe; grandchildren Irgentina Sargent, Tounia Knowles, Doral, Abigail, Oscar, Kirkland, Dwayne, Drexel, Troy, Beryl McIntosh, Carmel, Lorette, Vanessa, Tori, Lenvita,

Lonnie, Lenard Jr., Shanita Wallace, Sherry Reckley, Bridgett Butterfield, Terry, Peter, Tina, Geneva, Kizzy and Sherman Bonaby; step-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Lena and Cleotha Sawyer, Nethilie Bodie, Flora Lowe and Gertrude Dawkins; brothers-in-law Abraham and Estin Sawyer; sons-in-law O'Donald McIntosh, Jeffrey Elzera, Emmanuel Williams, Leo Cooper and Donald Cornish; daughters-in-law Louise Bonaby, Michelle, Sandra, Unita and Evamae Reckly; niece-in-law Sheila Lightbourne; grandsons-in-law Benedict Sargent, Sidney McIntosh and Shawn Knowles; granddaughters-in-law Bridgeann, Gretch, Malissa, Michelle and Unetha; great-grandchildren; great, great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **William "Uncle Robbie" Manessa Curry**, 79, of Green Turtle Cay was held on September 8 at St. Peter's Anglican Church on Green Turtle Cay. Offici-

ating was Fr. Dwight Rolle. Interment was in the Public Cemetery, Green Turtle Cay.

He is survived by his wife Berline Curry; sons Jonathan, Kenneth, Brent and Robert Craig Curry Jr; daughters Joycelyn Cooper, Kathryn Cooper, Theresa Humes, Jacqueline Wyllard, Branhilda and Genevieve Curry; brother Paul Curry; sister Marion Curry; grandchildren Kennedy, Nathan, Nadine, Nicole, Nadia, Nicholas, Rodney, Jason, Mason, Leandro, Santino, Deangelo, Michelle, Chad, Sasha, Sonia, Shavon, Jamal, Lamar, Leah, Fernando, Ramon, Lorenzo, Joniska, Kadera, Alyiah and Janadell; adopted grandchildren Shavarigo, Jotario, Renee, Decodray, Brad, Tamara and Marvette; great-grandchildren Tyran, Chasidy, Sean and Anthony; sons-in-law David Smith, Vernal Cooper, Marvin Humes and Gus Wyllard; daughters-in-law Karen, Deana and Ramona Curry; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Our sincere condolences to the family of Rafe Pomery, a second-home resident and frequent visitor to our shores. Rafe



Rafe Pomery

was an avid fisherman and knowledgeable about water safety, but succumbed to a diving accident on July 22nd in Moore's Island. A Memorial Service was held in Cherokee at Epworth Chapel which was well attended by many who knew him well. His body was cremated and his ashes spread over the ocean near Little Harbour.

Rafe is survived by his ailing father, Livingston, who resides in Spain; a sister, Julie; her husband, John; and their two children as well as his ex-wife, Biff, and the couple's 10-year-old-son, Eugene, who live in the U.K.

Having more or less grown up in Cherokee, Rafe knew everyone and everyone knew him. He has left behind many diving buddies and more than a few good friends who I'm sure will miss him a lot. May He Rest in Peace.

Good Luck

Good luck to Erica Bethel as she heads off to her first semester at Brevard Community College in Coco Beach, Florida. Erica will be majoring in business which we are confident she will handle with ease. She is a recent graduate of Forest Heights Academy in Marsh Harbour and is Epworth Chapel's

second scholarship recipient. Her parents are Michael and Maria Bethel, owners of Cherokee Food Store. Her father is also Captain on the Duke of Topsail, the local freight boat running between Marsh Harbour, Nassau and West Palm Beach.

Sea Shell Show and Exhibition

Cherokee Sound invites you to come to see our Sea Shell Show and Exhibition on October 12th and 13th in the W. W. Sands Community Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are calling together all conchologists and shell collectors to descend on Cherokee that day to display their shell collections and to see what prizes others have accumulated. There couldn't be a better place than right here on Abaco to exhibit our "gifts from the sea." Our Shell Show started back in 2000 with each year's specimens getting more exotic and more beautiful. You won't want to miss it.

For more information call Lee Pinder at 366-2053 or Peggy Albury at 366-2018.

Some very special people

First, we want to thank Commonwealth Bank for the new student back packs and exercise books that they gave out. The children all seem very proud of them, and they are something the children really need.

Next, our Long Dock has once again been replaced and repaired, and we have our second homeowners and our friends to thank for their never ending support. This time, however, we have received a gift of an impressive bronze plaque that outlines the history of the Long Dock, Cherokee's most notable land mark. At the same time we received an anonymous donation to be used to erect a monument at the water's edge to

hold the plaque. Work has not yet begun, but we are hopeful that it can be completed before Christmas 2007. We will, of course, keep you informed.

Also a special thank you to second homeowners Barbara and Elliot Leavett. The Cherokee Primary School has a new computer as well as 13 boxes filled with useful school supplies. These gifts came through the Tavares Rotary Club in Florida. The President of the club, Rebecca Sargent, and her husband, Dennis, came personally to deliver the supplies. This was the Sargents first trip to Cherokee, and they said it was love at first sight and that they would definitely be coming back.

Mr. Leavitt is not only a Rotarian, but also a Shriner. And this is the organization that arranged for a teenage Cherokee girl to receive life-saving back surgery just last year.

Over the years there have been so many donations and offers of help that it would be hard to list them all. These gifts were all received to assist and improve our community and in some cases, our way of life. Cherokee is definitely a unique little slice of paradise, and we are truly blessed to have so many generous and loving friends. Although sometimes it is difficult to put into words, the gifts are truly appreciated, and we humbly thank you all for caring.

School news

Ms. Michelle Lowe, Principal of the Cherokee Sound School, certainly has her hands full this school term with Ms. Seymour on pregnancy leave. But as usual, she is optimistic and as enthusiastic as the students always are when the new school year begins. This year there are 17 students over all and two new ones starting in January.

It is my understanding that the new District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, has suggested one of the teachers' first order of business is to find out what each community and school is known for. The children need to learn their own history. This is a great start for the school year.

Sandy Point Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources visits

By Tonia Ferguson

The Assemblies of God Church Hall was the location set by the majority of fishermen in Sandy Point on September 7. There the fishermen hosted Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Larry Cartwright.

Delivering the keynote address, Min. Cartwright's first order of business was to assure the audience of some 40 men and women that his purpose was to speak with them and hear concerns that they need the government to address. He insisted that he was not there to tell them what his ministry will be doing but, rather discuss with them and make plans with them as to what the ministry can do with their assistance. He cited areas that are already of concern to his ministry and, of course, the fishing industry at large. Some of these concerns included

- a) the challenge of patrolling our Bahamian waters
- b) poachers
- c) the invasive species - the lion fish
- d) a possible closed season for the queen conch.

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More South Abaco News

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According to the minister, efforts are ongoing concerning all matters addressed. He stated that a fleet of vessels was purchased to be used by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force in an effort to increase the patrol of our waters. In addition, there is ongoing recruitment of marines for the Defence Force. He said the government is also attempting to place at least one fisheries officer on each major Family Island. Such efforts would increase manpower on the seas and help increase the capture of poachers from neighbouring countries.

At this point, the minister accused Bahamian fishermen who work along with the foreign fishermen for greater profits

as "selling their birthright." He stated that once the foreigners know where to capitalize on the fishing grounds in our waters, they would no longer have a need for our Bahamian fishermen. Instead, they would convey these locations to their fellow countrymen - cutting the Bahamian fishermen out of what is theirs by right.

When the minister introduced the discussion on the marine species that is native to the Indo-Pacific region - the lion fish, the audience's response was that they were seeing great numbers daily. The response to the sightings was to kill them - spear them and allow them to sink to the bottom. It was emphasized that they not be touched as they are poisonous. The seriousness of this matter prompted the panel to distribute

a flyer which included a picture, origin, description, habitat and symptoms when contact is made with the species.

Finally, assisting the minister with the possibility of a closed season for the queen conch was Mr. Edison Deleveaux, Deputy Director of Marine Resources. He informed the attentive audience that The Bahamas along with 15 other countries have been warned that unless they take steps to harvesting the indigenous Caribbean species in a sustainable manner, they would be forced to do so. For The Bahamas, that means that they would no longer be able to export this product. The Food and Agriculture Organization, of which the Bahamas is a member, is supplied with annual reports of the quantity of our catch and export of this marine species. An increased decline would force a ban to be placed on the export of this product.

In response to these concerns, the con-

sensus from the resident fishermen was that they are willing to work with the government and assist the local fisheries officer, Mr. Jeremy Saunders, wherever possible.

When the tables were turned and the audience made their address their concerns included

- a) the abundance of sharks near Sandy Point
- b) the small percentage of local fishermen who do not adhere to fishing laws
- c) a regular sea plane that lands on the flats and deposit bonefishermen. The owner of one of the bonefishing lodges in Sandy Point stated that a regular occurrence is the sighting of a sea plane which seems to enter the flats from the east, land and drop off bonefishermen.

To these concerns, Mr. Deleveaux sug-

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The attendance was good in Sandy Point for a meeting with the Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. Larry Cartwright, who listened to the concerns of the fishermen in South Abaco. Mr. Cartwright will keep in mind the wishes of the fishermen when considering a closed season for conch. Those present seemed willing to work with the government.


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Viewpoint . . . Protecting Our Number One Industry

By Vernique Russell

Over the years The Bahamas has climbed to great heights in our number one industry with sun, sand and sea as our main product. We have done fairly well and made great achievements in this area. However, I believe that we are all responsible for ensuring that our number one industry is protected at all times no matter what the cost. We are all aware that tourism is our number one industry, and it is all of our business to treat our visitor with the uttermost respect and dignity. We depend on these people to feed our families, school our children and pay our bills.

But I am afraid that we sometime take these visitors for granted and often leave a sour rather than sweet taste in their mouths. Whether you're a maid, bartender, taxi driver, ticket agent, waitress, security officer or a member of the executive board at your organization, you have a role to play.

Besides friendliness and hospitality, this small yet unique country only can boast of the bright sun, the beautiful sand and the crystal clear water. These products have successfully brought millions of people to our shores. I am of the opinion that even though these people chose to visit our country out many other countries that boast the same product, we treat them like we are doing them a favour when reality is that they are doing us a favor. We can't afford to have our tourists leaving our shores disappointed and disgusted because of the attitude and service they receive while they are here. There are things that we can all do to help make our visitors' experience an unforgettable one that he or she will want to relive year after year.

Those of you who work directly in the tourism sector, always cater to these people with respect. If you had a bad night or day,

please don't wear it on your face. Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG different. Secondly, it seems as if we are losing our unique style of manners. Whatever happen to "Good morning, how are you," or "Good afternoon." We are straying away from the basic foundation that touches the tourists' hearts when they first come to our shores. Change is good, I agree, but we must be able to differentiate which changes are good and those that will do more damage than good.

We must be willing to go beyond the call of duty for our tourists. We must not develop a "that's not my job" attitude but always be willing to make it our job for guaranteed visitors' satisfaction. Finally, practice makes perfect! What we practice is what we will be comfortable doing. Many persons employed in the tourism sector can serve only tourists with a smile and treat natives extremely poorly. If we practice with our locals when tourists are not on the scene, our performance would be top notch.

We must realize that every person that walks through our restaurants, gift store or grocery store doors deserves to be treated fairly. If we as Bahamians can appreciate our locals and give them the same treatment that we would give our tourists, then we can position ourselves to always be on our "p's and "q's" to provide service with a smile that is sincere and genuine.

Tourism is everyone business; we are all in this together. We all rely on the tourists that come to our shores in one way or another. It our job, our duty and our responsibility to ensure that they receive the best treatment possible and returns to our shore. Together, let's protect our number one industry, our future. Our children's future depends on it.

Police Walk-about in Pigeon Peas



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gested that perhaps the bonefishing activity is attracting the sharks that are being sighted. He continued to explain that the catch-and-release done while bonefishing does not ensure the survival of all the fish. Once the weakened fish is released, it sends off a vibration that the shark responds to. Concerning the "apparent illegal bonefish charter," the locals were encouraged to contact either the fisheries officer or the police authorities. This was also the response to the small percentage of fishermen who disobey the law and harvest fish in their closed season.

Making a final address was Mr. Simeon Pinder, Director of Agriculture, on insurance for fishermen. The design of the insurance was patterned after one for farmers. It was designed to provide assistance to farmers in the event of a natural distur-

bance or disaster. The dynamics are that the fishermen would provide funds once per year. Their returns in the event of a natural disturbance or disaster would be ten times their input. The fishermen would also receive funds when there is no natural disturbance or disaster.

In closing, the minister reiterated what the concerns were and what information he obtained from the fishermen. Once agreed upon, the meeting was brought to an amicable close.

Also accompanying Mr. Cartwright were Mr. Edison Key, South Abaco's Member of Parliament; Mr. Cephas Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco; Mr. Rovel Roker, Chief Councillor for South Abaco; and Ms. Colleen Nottage, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources.

Congratulations Chelsea Sawyer

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Letter to the Residents of the Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay and the rest of the Abaco public from former Councillor Joe Albury

In the world of politics, when one is asked to resign or a bye-election is called to take one's place, usually it is because of the incumbent either being involved in a scandal or acting in contravention of the law. Due to this act of replacing myself, I felt the need to clear the air and make sure that the perpetrators who sought to replace myself give me a just reason as to why I was replaced and what act of wrongdoing or harm I caused our community.

I have strived all of my life to keep a good name and to help others in whatever way that I could. During this exercise, the only thing that has really bothered me is persons attempting to tarnish my good name; this is only because of their spitefulness. I am 62 years of age, and I have tried for 62 years to keep my good name. Because of the bye-election, I don't want anyone to think that I was breaking the law or involved in any misconduct of any kind.

I am sure by now, most of you on Abaco are aware of all of the unnecessary political strife that has been occurring on Man-O-War Cay.

I decided not to nominate for the elections to replace me, but after the elections, I was graciously invited by Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting to attend the following meeting to deliver a farewell address. At this meeting Mr.



Joe Albury, left, was presented with a plaque in appreciation for all the work he has done in Man-O-War, particularly on the library, during the two years that he served as Councillor. Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council, presented the plaque at a Council meeting on August 30.

Sweeting spoke kind words regarding my service on the Council and presented me with a plaque of honour.

Following this, so that my name could be cleared of any unlawful wrongdoings before the press and to the Abaco public, I took it upon myself to ask the newly sworn in Councillors, as they were cosigners of a petition to replace me, did they know of any ill-treatment or any unlawful behaviour that I committed while serving on Council. I told them that due to them signing the petition, to state a reason or give a just cause why I should be replaced. I further asked if they could tell me of "an unfortunate decision" Council had made (as stated in the petition). I wanted to know.

One of the new Councillors said his reason for signing the petition to have me replaced was because myself along with the Council had dismantled the Management Board.

My response is this: The Management Board was illegal and not registered under the Friendly Society Act. The Council assisted other residents in forming a legal Association under the Friendly Society Act. Everything is now done in the open. I do not feel that this was an "unfortunate decision." It certainly was not in contravention of the law; it is actually what the law required of us. Two Island Administrators along with the Central Government backed our decision and guided us on what steps to take.

The other new Councillor said his reason for signing the petition to have me replaced was because of the clause in the Act that states that appointed members be replaced in 90 days.

My response to that is this: Whilst this may or may not be so, as I have been told that the clause is so vague, even if so, many members were appointed over the years in Local Government across The Bahamas before myself, and this clause has never been put into practice until now, why? Only for political reasons.

Well, those were the only responses I got on that day. I proved that I had done nothing illegal or in any way was negligent in my duties, and I upheld the law at all times. My conscience is clear.

Below is the full text of my farewell address to Council:

Administrator Cephus Cooper, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting, Deputy Chief Councillor Roy Cash, Councillors Robert Malone, Harold Malone, Chris Albury, and Glenn Laing.

During the last two years while serving on the Hope Town District Council, I was asked several questions. I will try to answer two of the questions. The first question was, "Where did I come from?" I will give a short history of where I came from. History records that my fore parents left England, on to America and during the Revolutionary War fled to The Bahamas and settled in Marsh Harbour. They came out to Man-O-War Cay to farm and finally settled on Man-O-War Cay. I am a direct descendant of the first two settlers on Man-O-War, Papa Ben and Mama Nellie. I was born here on MOW on the 6th of October, 1944, and have lived here all my life.

The second question was, "Where have I been?" I attended the public school from age 5 until I was 15. When I left school, I went to work with my

father doing the construction of houses and the building of fishing dinghies. In the 70s we began building many speedboats and sailing dinghies. Sailing dinghy races became popular in the late 70s and early 80s. This is when we built the Sparrow, the Man-O-War Queen, Wind Rose, and Hesperus. I also began building dinghy boat models and made wooden bowls and picture frames which I sold to tourists at a stand under the cork trees. In 1980 I built Joe's Studio which has expanded during the years to cater to locals and tourists.

I have also represented my country. In 1994 I was asked to represent the Bahamas and the Abacos at the Festival of American Folklife at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. To demonstrate boat building, I constructed a 14-foot sailing dinghy with my brother Hartley and later sold The Smithsonian to a gentleman from Coconut Grove, Florida. It was an experience of a lifetime and one I will never forget. That is where I have been.

Two years ago when nominations were called for local government only one person on Man-O-War stood up for nominations ... that is Chief Councillor Mr. Jeremy Sweeting. I was then asked by the former Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Alfred Gray, under the leadership of the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, to serve on the Council and I thank them for giving me that privilege.

Since this Council's term began, much has been accomplished. I can say Man-O-War is in better shape today as I leave the Council than it was when I took the oath of office two short years ago.

Mr. Chief Councillor, with your indulgence and permission, permit me to run through briefly two of the greater accomplishments achieved in our first two years in office.

I was approached a few weeks ago by one of our senior citizens who has lived on Man-O-War Cay all of their life. They proceeded to thank the Council and myself for getting the Man-O-War dump site in the best shape it has ever been in. Comments of appreciation like that, especially from an older person who has lived through a lot, meant so

much to me as one can see and appreciate the positive changes brought on by our Council. As I stand here today, all burning has ceased at the dump. The dump grounds are cleaner than they have ever been. Additionally, the bushes along the streets are properly cut back and not just left there, but carried away to the dump site. The road sides are constantly mowed instead of using herbicides that are dangerous to humans and animals. These have been shown to cause cancer as in the case of agent orange in the Vietnam War. If you now go out on our Public Dock, it is almost spotless at any given time. No more pallets and trash are accumulated there anymore. The no burning at the dump is one of the greatest achievements that has ever been achieved in Man-O-War by any local government. Burning of hazardous materials, such as arsenic in pressure treated wood, fiberglass and asbestos, etc. is very harmful to the health of our Man-O-War residents. I have lived here all of my life and it has never been better. I am proud that I, along with the Council, brought this great accomplishment into being. Some have said that this system of No Burning is not affordable. You CAN afford not to burn ... we did it, we proved it, and it is being done.

I am also proud that this Council has sought to bring openness to the community by helping form a legal Association under the Friendly Society Act. The Association has raised funds and has assisted Local Government from time to time when help was needed. Residents can appreciate that they now can know where their money is going and where it is being spent. Our open door policy demonstrates that. The new Association also goes to show that no foreigner is needed when it comes to the running of community business and that there are intelligent Bahamians right in Man-O-War that are capable of handling and running an Association. Much work has been done for the benefit of the community since the Association has been formed and I am thankful that the Council assisted residents in forming this legal board and bringing full accountability to the people.

Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a fine leader for our Council and for our communities. I have enjoyed working with you and feel we have gotten much accomplished. I think you are one of the finest young people of your generation, and may you continue to serve our Bahamaland.

Deputy Chief Councillor Roy Cash, during my time on the Council, I have gotten to know you better personally, and it has been a rewarding experience.

You have shown dedication where you have not missed a Council meeting.

Councillor Robert Malone, we were friends before we got on the Council, but it has been a pleasure serving along with you. I would like to commend you and say you are a valuable asset to this Council. I watched you at each Council meeting, and there aren't many who will sit at this table with the wisdom and knowledge that you possess when it comes to Council matters.

Councillor Harold Malone, it was a pleasure serving with you as you have put a lot of effort into Council matters. We shared many laughs at meetings and it was nice to have had the experience.

Councillor Chris Albury, I must congratulate you on running a strong race and getting half of the votes cast. That showed me something. We spent a lot of time traveling together and through this, I have gotten to know you better.

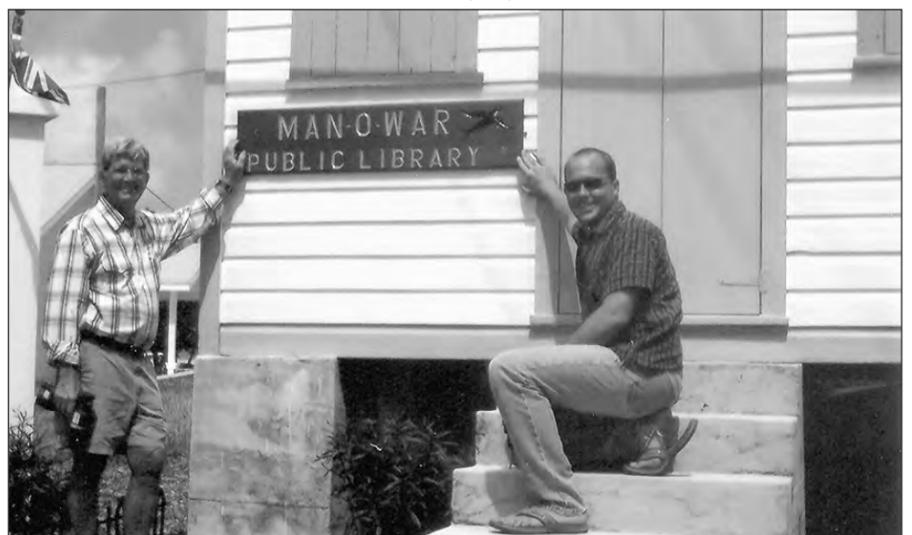
Councillor Glenn Laing, I enjoyed our town meetings in Guana and at times joking with you about the Baker's Bay project. It was a pleasure serving with you.

I want to say that it has been a pleasure serving my community along with my fellow Councilmen for the past two years. I wish all of you continued good health and may you continue to serve our communities and our country. So much more can be done if everyone works together in love and in unity as Christ showed us. Let us all march Forward, Upward, Onward, Together!

Yes, that was my farewell address, and it was an honour to have served my community. As I end, I want to mention that I noticed in reading the last Abaconian that Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting thoroughly and genuinely defended his character and integrity, and rightly so. He further explained of what had triggered the unnecessary political uproar in the community. I would like to let anyone and everyone know that I served alongside Chief Councillor Sweeting as Council dealt with the matters he wrote about, with the No Burning policy regarding the garbage contract and the Management Board reform, and he was correct on all counts on what he described. The matters unfolded just as he stated. I can confirm that this is EXACTLY what happened. I am sure that in this same newspaper, a response to his rebuttal has most likely been printed, and different ones will have probably tried to give a whole different account to what occurred. Take it from me, the Chief Councillor already gave the correct story, and believe me, as for the Council matters he spoke of, he has the documentation to back all of it up. Everyone out there knows, it is only a political game being played. When others were on Council, no one who was opposing their views made such a mockery of opposition and carried themselves immaturely. It is sad and disgraceful. But Jeremy, I have found you to be an honest young man with high integrity. You continue to stand up for what you believe in, and there are many people out there who are supportive of you.

In closing, I want to say that, on the 1st July 2005 I took the Oath of Office for a District Councillor with these words, "I, Joseph Uriah Albury, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of District Councillor without fear or favour, affection or ill will, according to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God."

Without "fear or favour, affection or ill-will," to the best of my "judgment and ability," I feel that I have done that. I had been given the opportunity to be your servant, and I done what I thought was right every time Council dealt with a matter. Everything that was done was in accordance with the laws that



Mr. Joe Albury, left, and Chris Albury admire the beautiful sign recently hung outside the Man-O-War Library. Mr. Albury did extensive work on the building, renovating it and making it much more attractive.

govern the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. I am proud to say that I leave the community of Man-O-War in far better shape than I found it when taking office. Any of you who hadn't been to Man-O-War in a while, come out and have a look. The dump site is in the best shape ever after the No Burning policy was introduced. We have a nice monument that was long needed in Man-O-War to honour persons who achieved much in the community. We have a nice picnic area at the Low Place, the Library has been renovated, the Old Cemetery has been restored, I can go on and on.

I was glad to have had the opportunity to be your servant for the last two years, and whether on the Council or not, I am always here, willing and ready to help anybody anytime.

May God Bless You and Keep You.

Councillor Joe Albury

Upcoming Abaco Bridal Extravaganza

By Jennifer Hudson

Excitement is mounting for the upcoming Bridal Extravaganza scheduled for the 18th to 20th of October. At a meeting on August 28 the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Bridal Association met to discuss plans for this major event.

The destination wedding business is growing worldwide and Abaco is doing its best to corner its share of the market. The Bridal Extravaganza will target couples in South Florida as well as prospective local brides and grooms. It will provide a showcase for all who are involved in wedding organisation on Abaco such as wedding coordinators, caterers, florists, musicians and photographers.

Committees and chairpersons were formed to take care of decorations, booths, fashion show, welcome reception, catering, breakfast seminar, trade show, native giveaways and post trip itineraries.

The three-day extravaganza will be a lavish affair and will include events such

as a poolside fashion show showcasing bridal, resort and honeymoon attire, an evening welcome reception and presentations by the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Bridal Association, the Director of Tourism for Abaco, Mr. Don Cornish, Island Administrator, Mr. Cephas Cooper and an out-of-town guest speaker. It will include tours to wedding sites throughout Abaco and will conclude with a bachelor/ bachelorette party which will showcase Bahamian music, Junkanoo, fire dancing and rake and scrape. The event will be held in the pavilion of the Abaco Beach Resort and the hotel will be offering a special room rate for participating guests.

Registration for vendors wishing to participate or persons wishing to attend will begin on September 15 and end on October 15. Persons interested in participating or attending the Extravaganza should contact Bernadette Hall at the Abaco Ministry of Tourism Office at 367-3067.

Jeans Day will aid Cancer Society

By Jennifer Hudson

October 5 will be celebrated in the United States as Lee National Denim Day. Denim Day is traditionally held each year on the first Friday of October and is one of the largest single-day fund raisers for breast cancer in the world. This year will make the 12th year that Lee Jeans in the United States has encouraged people to wear their favourite jeans and donate to support the fight against breast cancer.

Here on Abaco Jeans Day has been observed by the students of St. Francis de Sales School for the past six years and was initiated at the school by Principal Josephine Kumar, who is a member of the Cancer Society of Abaco. "Jeans Day was observed at my former school, Aquinas College in Nassau, so when I came to Abaco six years ago, I decided to continue the tradition," she stated.

In past years each student has made the donation of \$1 in exchange for the right to wear a pair of jeans to school for the day but beginning this year a donation of \$2 is requested. Following the successful Jeans Day the school presents a substantial cheque to the Cancer Society of Abaco. The money donated to the Cancer Society of Abaco is used not only for breast cancer awareness but is used to assist cancer patients here on Abaco with all types of cancer.

This year Mrs. Kumar suggested getting

all of the schools on Abaco to participate. The new Superintendent for Schools, Mrs. Lenora Black, has agreed to this. Since October 5 is also World Teacher's Day, Jeans Day on Abaco will, instead, be October 11, the day before the public holiday. On that day, not only will the children wear jeans to school, but they will receive important education on the disease of cancer and given information on cancer prevention.

It is hoped that, beginning this year, corporate areas such as banks, insurance companies and other businesses will participate. All that is necessary is for employees to turn up to work on October 11 wearing a pair of jeans and making a \$5 donation to the cause. All persons within the community are encouraged to participate and even families or friends can get together as a group. Once all donations have been collected they may be taken to the Brass and Leather Shop in the form of a cheque made payable to the Cancer Society of Abaco.

The month of October is Cancer Awareness Month and the Cancer Society of Abaco will be holding FREE cancer screening clinics for both men and women at the government clinics in Marsh Harbour, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island on October 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Two doctors and two nurses will be arriving from Nassau to assist with this. All are urged to attend these screenings.

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Viewpoint . . . An airport is badly needed

By Julian Lockhart

Abaco is still waiting patiently, at least in some sectors, for the long promised new runway and renovations to the terminal at the Marsh Harbour airport. The Free National Movement promised during their campaign and after they were voted back into power in May that the airport would be one of their top projects on Abaco.

However, to this date nothing has been done to start the renovations and building of the runway. Though the FNM has been back in power for only four months, they are busy doing a number of assessments on unfinished projects left behind by the Progressive Liberal Party. These renovations are pivotal in the continued success of the Abaco economy for the consistent flow of visitors to Abaco's shores and of the new guests that will find Abaco a viable travel option.

Mr. Don Cornish, director of the Abaco Tourist Office, said, "I know the assessments have been continuing. The Minister of Works (Earl Deveaux) as well as the Minister of Tourism and Aviation (Neko Grant) have been here, looking at it and the studies and the plans in place. I suspect we will hear an announcement in the next couple of weeks as soon as they have had chance to look at it. Mr. Cornish said, "I have no concrete information on it but I do know that it has been a main focus. They will do it at a level that is satisfactory for the destination. It is very important, but I don't think it will negatively influence our business in the short term. In the long term, yes. If you think about the kind of visitors we have been attracting with the high end visitors, we have been able to buffer some of that with the Fixed Based Operations (FBO)," he added.

Even with the FBO's a number of private planes refuse to land on the current runway because of its condition and length. With the new 6500-foot runway larger jets will be able to land and it will open Abaco up to a new tourist base from the Northern States. Mr. Cornish said in general business hasn't suffered because most of Abaco's visitors are repeat customers, and they are just asking for something of quality and comfort.

Another issue Mr. Cornish and his office is looking into is pre-clearance on Abaco for Bahamians and visitors alike. This is done only on New Providence and Grand Bahama but would add tremendously to Abaco as visitors would not have to clear customs and immigration in the United States. It saves time for guests to Abaco as well as Bahamians who are making connecting flights once they leave Marsh Harbour.

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Harbour's Edge closed August 18 to mid-November

Viewpoint

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is a course that everyone should eventually take. Trust me, it will change your outlook on tourism and service. Service should never be considered a bad thing or considered servitude; it should be considered something you do because it will enhance your relationship with another individual and increase their chances of using your product or service again.

Pre-clearance will always be an advantage and it is something we should focus on. I don't know how much consideration we have given to it. But maybe the ministry should join the person who is taking a long flight with connections. It will be something for us to look at. There are certain requirements the United States will require of us. Once it is industry driven, the government will look at it. I will be happy to see it because it will greatly enhance the destination," Mr. Cornish concluded.



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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
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Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$2 each
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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
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
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
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Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 +

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Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
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Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
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Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	954-359-0292
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Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

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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

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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
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Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
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Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
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Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
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Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways 366-0224
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Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
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Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
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Orchid Bay	32..... F..... 365-5175
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Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
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Man-O-War	
David Albury	365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
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Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ 367-3796
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Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$ 366-0065
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501
Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
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SECTION B



VOLUME 14, NUMBER 12, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2007

Schools have record enrollments

Most government schools opened to completed repairs



The first day of school brought children out, smartly dressed in new uniforms. Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town is the largest school on Abaco with an enrollment of about 780 students. The opening day of school, September 3, filled the quadrangle with a record number of students. Much work has been done over the summer fixing the plumbing, tiling the quadrangle, repainting the building inside and out, repairing light fixtures. Work began before last year's school year was over. Some minor work remains to be done.

Government and private schools opened on September 3. The government made a great effort to complete repairs over the summer and most of the government school work was completed throughout the country except for J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point. Hope Town Primary students are now back in their original location although now the building is expanded with an additional classroom, bathrooms and a principal's office. New teachers have arrived at several schools while others are still expected. The principal at Abaco Central High School was transferred and his replacement has not arrived. The vice-principal has been named the acting principal until a replacement can be sent.

This year a new District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, has been assigned to Abaco. She is back home, as she is the daughter of Mother Merle Williams of Dundas Town. She has begun the school year with seminars and motivational meetings to encourage teachers and staff to

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Two new Hope Town council members take the oath of office

Two new members took the oath of office as a result of Man-O-War's recent local government election. Man-O-War's two appointed members, Joe Albury and Chris Albury, were replaced by Roy Russell and Fred Sweeting, who joined Jeremy Sweeting as elected members in representing Man-O-War on the Hope Town District Council.

Chief Councillor Sweeting thanked Joe Albury and presented him with a plaque for his service and contributions to the Man-O-War community during his tenure on the Council.

Mr. Sweeting made a lengthy speech defending the Council's decisions and refut-

ing the recent allegations made about his character and commitment to Council and the Man-O-War settlement.

He reiterated his pride in eliminating the burning of trash at the dump site. However, others wondered if the new system of large open containers, which are removed every two weeks, are the source of the massive fly infestation being experienced on Man-O-War Cay. The present container removal requires a barge and special truck which moves the containers.

Questions were asked about reverting to smaller containers which the local freight

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Change Ministries Held Basketball Championships



Change Ministries held a Basketball Championship during the month of August. Seven teams competed with the final games held on September 1. Winner of the Championship were the Abaco Youth Ministry Kings. Accepting the trophy are Pastor Emmett and Beverly Archer, coaches for the team. Presenting the trophy is Mrs. Carmen Cornish, wife of Pastor Samuel Cornish of Change Ministries.

By Mirella Santillo

During the month of August, the Change Ministries International Church sponsored a Basketball Championship on Abaco overseen by Pastor Samuel Cornish and his wife Mrs. Carmen Cornish. The games took place every Friday and Saturday at Ocean View Park starting on August 7th. The championship was open to young men between from 11 to 19 and drew many spectators who came to see their friends or members of their family play.

According to the coordinator, Mr. Mark Douglas, sometimes as many as 150 to 200 adults and youths crowded the basketball park. One especially large crowd attended the semi-final qualification games that were held on August 31st. Seven teams entered the championship: the Abaco Youth Ministry Kings from

Dundas Town, the Marsh Harbour's Street Ballers, the Change Ministries International Chargers, the Change Ministries International Overcomers from Murphy Town, a Crossing Rock's team and two mixed teams.

By September 1st only two teams were remained in the competition of the seven that participated in the 34 games that were played, the Abaco Youth Ministry's Kings and the Marsh Harbour's Street Ballers. The other teams had been defeated the previous evening.

The first place was to go to the team who won two out of three games. The first game started on a very fast pace. The players on both sides were determined to win. They ran from basket to

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New Local Government members take the oath



Dundas Town Committee had three vacancies. On August 28 anyone registered in Dundas Town could nominate for these positions. Two women, Mrs. D'Shan Maycock and Mrs. Glender Archer, nominated and on September 4 they were sworn in. They are shown here with Mr. Cephas Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco, and Mr. Augustine Williams, Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee. There is still one vacancy on the committee. The Dundas Town Committee has been inactive but under Mr. Cooper's guidance the committee expects to once again meet regularly.

Basketball Championship Finishes

Basketball From Page 1

basket, marking their assigned opponents. That first game went to Abaco Youth Ministry with a margin of one point.

Closely watched by referees, Gilbert Davis of Murphy Town and Claudius Hanchell, that team also took the second game by the same close score of one point, winning 38 to 37. The two teams were tied 37 to 37 until the last few seconds of the game when a last basket shot by the Kings gave them the victory to the utter desperation of the Street Ballers, who had also given all their energy to win the title.

Trophies were presented by Mrs. Carmen Cornish and Mr. Mark Douglas. Mrs. Cornish urged the losers not to give up and be distraught and congratulated them on a very well played game. The runner-up trophy was handed to Pekito Bastian, the coach for the Street Ballers. Most Valuable Player trophies went to several youths for their outstanding performances. These included Vince Butler, Arlington Wells, Kary Swain, Anthony Kemp, Marcus Hen-

ry, Eliot Stuart and Baron Swain. Then it was the turn for the winning team's coach, Pastor Emmett Archer, to receive the first place trophy that he proudly accepted. Pastor Archer was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Beverley Archer who helped with coaching.

It was a great evening of sport and fun atmosphere. Food was available at the food shack located on the parking lot and during the games Mr. Cay Mills distributed lollipops and water. During the intermissions the little ones invaded the court, practicing on their shots. The games were commented by Mr. Frankie Floridor and Mr. Mills.

Mr. Mills announced that he was taking over, once more, the presidency of the Abaco Basketball League. The league was dysfunctional last year because of internal misunderstandings. According to Mr. Mills, the Abaco Basketball League is no longer affiliated with the Bahamas Basketball League. He said that the league will hold games at Ocean View Park every Friday and Saturday during the coming season.



The two teams who were the finalists in the Basketball Championship are shown here. The winners, the Abaco Youth Ministry's Kings, are on the right and the runners-up, the Marsh Harbour Street Ballers, are in white T-shirts on the left.

Sand Banks garbage overflows



The Haitian communities of Sand Banks, in Treasure Cay where this photo was taken, the Mud and Pigeon Peas in Marsh Harbour have been provided with large containers for garbage. However, the residents must raise the money themselves to have them emptied. Most of the time they are left overflowing for weeks before the containers are emptied.

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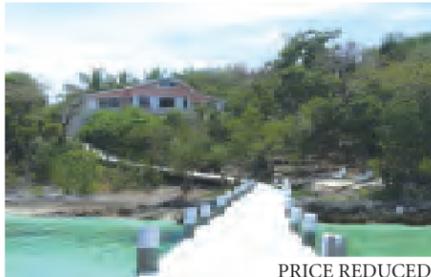
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School News

Back to School Church Service at New Vision

By Samantha V. Evans

On August 29th educators from public and private schools gathered at New Vision Ministries for the Back to School Church Service organized by the Department of Education. The theme for this auspicious occasion was Achieving Our Dreams through Excellence in Education. The well structured service was so well attended that there was not an empty seat in the building. This service gave the new district superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, an opportunity to address the district of Abaco and to inform them of some of her plans and expectations. She has been preparing for this day for a long time and realizes that when

you wait on God, He will come in full regalia. Her role as superintendent here on Abaco is personal because this is "home." She did not come to condemn anyone but to rather to light a candle.

She publicly acknowledged her mother, "Mother Merle" and family for their love, support, and prayers. The title of teacher, she explained, is a noble appointing, one that has eternal implications. She told Abaco that they can not leave the education of the children solely in the hands of the teachers; all stakeholders must get involved.

She shared the philosophy, mission statement, vision, motto and goal of her office which all focus on helping the students to achieve excellence by exposing them to the best educational practices available and for

all educators and the community to operate in a spirit of oneness. Mrs. Black clearly stated that she has no intention of isolating anyone who may not be from this land. She called upon Abaco-nians to preserve the history of this rich island. It is important to tell the children about the rich heritage of this great land - Abaco - where they live.

She encouraged teachers to not settle for mediocrity especially after they would have invested so much in higher education. To her, mediocrity is not an option. God has made all of us thinkers so that we can perform in a spirit of excellence at all times.

The guest speaker for the service was Rev. Terrance G. Morrison, Senior Pastor of Zion Baptist Cathedral in Nassau. Rev. Morrison, a former student of Mrs. Black's, gave a very passionate presentation because he realizes the importance and value of education, and the need for all of us to take this process more seriously. He said that it makes no sense when persons entering the teaching profession have no interest in teaching because all they do is become frustrated and then frustrate others. Parents take more of an interest in buying name brand items for their children, he stated, than to purchase educational sup-



At the end of the service, Mrs. Black had the entire congregation light candles to show unity as they begin a new school year.



The week before school opened was a busy one for teachers and staff at all Abaco schools with seminars, planning meetings and preparation of classrooms. On August 29 an island-wide church service was held at New Visions Ministries for all teachers and staff. Mrs. Lenora Black, new District Superintendent, and Rev. Terrance Morrison of Nassau both addressed them, challenging them to raise the standards.

plies to help them excel.

Rev. Morrison encouraged those teachers who are in education with a personal agenda and those who only come to work to dress up and to frustrate others to find another profession because they are a hindrance to the entire educational system. Teachers must be ethical and people with high morale standards. They must set a good example for their students.

Finally, he told teachers that all of their educational degrees mean nothing if the children are failing! There is no room for bad or negative attitudes in the educational system. He encouraged all educators to

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make education practical so that students can clearly understand what is being asked of or required of them. The service ended with a series of prayers by ministers and the lighting of candles by Mrs. Black and leaders.

The teachers received gift bags and were treated to lunch by the education district office.

Professional Development for Teachers

By Jennifer Hudson

The Professional Development for Teachers Summer Institute was recently launched for the entire Catholic Education System in the Bahamas. As part of this institute the 23 teachers of the St. Francis de Sales School, Pre-K to Grade 12, met at the school for a week of seminars from August 20-24 and heard presentations from a variety of presenters from Nassau and Freeport.

In order to select topics for the seminar a questionnaire was given to teachers at the beginning of the 2005 - 2006 school year

asking for them to suggest topics on which they would like information for their professional development. The responses were compiled and topics selected accordingly.

The institute on Abaco began with a Mass in the St Francis de Sales Church. Following this a representative of Colina Financial from Nassau spoke on Investments. On Tuesday the topic was Motivating students and classroom management followed by Teaching the Bahamian child and Differentiating teaching instructions on Wednesday. Test construction and critical thinking was the topic for Thursday morning followed by a talk on Health and wellness by Elaine Pilon of Abaco in the afternoon. Ms. Pilon also gave an Introduction to yoga and had the teachers join in with some basic yoga positions. On Friday the week culminated with a beach picnic at Pelican Shores.

The teachers' response to the programme was that they felt it had been very successful and timely and that they had learned a lot. They found the information to be very constructive in helping to teach and inform the children and felt that the information received was geared toward

their needs

As a result of this new programme, Professional Development Days will be held every month of the school year.

Central Abaco Primary welcomes three teachers

By Samantha V. Evans

Central Abaco Primary School welcomed three additional teachers to its staff on August 27th. What is great about these three persons is that they all have roots on the island. They are Ms. Alexis Sawyer, Mr. George Mills and Mrs. Melvina Black.

This is the first teaching post for Ms. Sawyer, who recently returned home from the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Minnesota. Her interest in education first developed when

she was in grade two. It was her Aunt Felemease Sawyer's love of the profession that sparked her interest. Later, it was one of her teachers, the late Mrs. Mary Cartwright's wisdom that helped her decide that she would become a teacher.

She is excited about her new post. She

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Central Abaco Primary School has three new teachers, all with Abaco roots. Mrs. Melvina Black is teaching grade five, Mr. George Mills is teaching grade six and Ms. Alexis Sawyer is teaching grade five.

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has seen education evolve into something different than it was when she attended Dundas Town Primary School. She is teaching grade five.

Mr. George Mills was born and raised on Grand Bahama but his parents are from Abaco. He is a trained teacher who has taught in The Bahamas for three years. Mr. Mills simply made a decision one day to pursue teaching as a career. It wasn't until he was at the College of the Bahamas pursuing his degree that he realized that he made the right choice.

He hopes that since he is a male in the teaching profession that he can positively impact the males at the school. He sees himself as a good role model for male students. He would one day like to become a school administrator so that he can progress in his profession. He is teaching grade six at Central Abaco Primary School.

Mrs. Melvina Black is an experienced teacher with eleven years under her belt. She is a native of Wood Cay who, after receiving her teaching degree, returned to work on the island. She has worked at Cooper's Town Primary, Fox Town Primary and now at Central Abaco Primary where she is teaching grade five. As long as she can remember, she has loved teaching. However, she started out in the business program but later went back to receive her education degree.

Mrs. Black loves sports and has spent a lot of time after school training students for the nationals sport events and preparing students for the GLAT exams. She plans to stay in the teaching profession but is open to whatever door God opens for her.

The entire staff of Central Abaco Primary School welcomes these three dynamic educators to their staff.



The first day of school is a very scary time. But one young student is determined to be a real man and take what comes

Opening Mass held at St. Francis de Sales

By Samantha V. Evans

On September 7th the St. Francis de Sales School family held its back-to-school mass at St. Francis Catholic Church. The service was led by Father Rodgers who gave the students several keys to follow in order for them to have a successful school year. He told them that receiving an education is a privilege many students in other countries do not have so they should take it very seriously. They must take ad-

vantage of the fact that they have some of the best teachers teaching them so they should learn all they can from them. He further told them to not let their personality change because of the friends they keep. True friends will like them for who they are and not require that they change. Thirdly, he stated that they must determine in their minds that they are going to succeed this school year. Making one bad decision can ruin the entire school year for them.

Principal Kumar brought remarks and

reminded students that they must abide by all of the school rules at all times.

Bully Prevention in Schools

In an effort to create a bully-free school, the staff at Central Abaco Primary School learned about current trends in bully prevention at a seminar held at the school on August 28th. The presenter was Ms. Samantha V. Evans, Guidance Counselor at

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the school, who revealed some startling new information on this topic. She stated that a traditional bully is referred to as someone who picks on others verbally or physically or forces another person to do something he doesn't want to do. But the new definition of bullying is much broader and includes purposeful actions that are intended to injure and has the potential to cause long term psychological damage.

Students bully others for a number of reasons. Traditionally persons bullied because they wanted attention, power, to

have their own way or as a form of retaliation. New trends state that students are victimized for the following reasons: 1. social status 2. because they have special needs 3. they are viewed as different and 4. because of their sexual identity. Bullying has been a problem in schools in The Bahamas for many years and it will probably be around for a long time still. Ms. Evans further stated that bullying and teasing are a reality in primary and junior high schools so parents and educators need to realize that bullies create fear and concern for safety in their victims. She encouraged teachers to investigate complaints of students before

drawing a conclusion because a child may very well be a victim of bullying. She gave the teachers tips on how to handle the victim, the bully, and the bystanders so that all students can feel safe on the school grounds.

Science Workshop was held

By Samantha V. Evans

Central Abaco Primary School can boast of having a science teacher at the school for the upper primary school, who taught grade five last school year. She presented her vision for the science program to Principal Eunice Mills at the end of last school year who agreed for her implement the program. On September 4th Mrs. McIntosh held a workshop for the lower primary school teachers to give some suggestions on how to approach



Ms. Samantha Evans was the presenter at a seminar at Central Abaco Primary School that dealt with the serious problem of bullying in the schools. She gave very practical suggestions to keep this problem under control.

science for pre-school to grade three students. She was one of the participants to attend the Organization of American States summer 2002 training program to train teachers who wanted to become science

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The J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point is still not finished even though the work began in August 2006. Still unfinished are a new office, teachers' lounge, library, eating area, perimeter wall and fencing. The new construction will include a covered walkway between the buildings. The electrical wiring in not complete. There are many finer details not complete such as mounting the chalk boards and cabinetry. Many residents are upset also that so much money was spent on construction on that site as there is no room for a play area or sporting facility. And the school has been flooded previously. Some would have liked the school to have been built in the new subdivision that is on higher ground.

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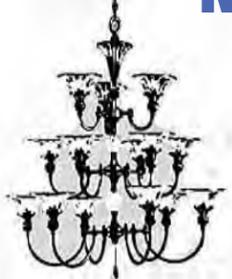


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More School News

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teachers. The science series used at this workshop was from the Harcourt Science Series. She told the teachers that at every level, the lesson plans would be different. Mrs. McIntosh took them through the science process skills. Her focus was helping teachers to approach science by using manipulative devices so that students can experience doing an experiment during the session.

The whole idea is to get students to solve problems. She showed teachers how to incorporate science into other subjects such as social studies and math. She encouraged them to go online to the Harcourt website to peruse the lesson plans to see if they can find what best suits their class. She encouraged them to take advantage of the various projects that Friends of the Environment has embarked upon that can help bring their science program to life.

Public Schools Repairs

By Mirella Santillo

From North to South Abaco most public school have received a long awaited face lift this summer. The most pressing repairs to the damage caused by the two hurricanes of 2004 had been taken care of, but much remained to be done to windows, electrical systems and the state of the classrooms in general.

Central Abaco Primary and Abaco Central High School in the Marsh Harbour area and Cooper's Town Primary and S.C. Bootle High School in the North, have had the exteriors repainted in the yellow with green trims that characterize Bahamian public schools; grounds have been cleaned and landscaped.

According to some of the principals, most of the renovations and repairs were done, but in most of the schools the work will continue beyond school re-opening.

The principal of S. C Bootle, Mr. Huel Moss, said that most of the repairs and maintenance were effected, some doors and windows were replaced, some ceilings were redone, the electrical and the air conditioning systems were repaired, new ceiling fans were installed and all the painting

was done. But repairs to the lower campus were not yet completed and the teachers' bathrooms needed to be painted. "I hope it is done by next week," said the Principal. "We can still open on time, but it will make schooling more difficult." Part of the fencing was still down, but the responsibility of fixing it lay with local government.

At the Cooper's Town Primary School, Mr. Michael Rolle, Principal, said that quite a bit of work was done. Seven class-

rooms were repainted, wooden doors were replaced with metal doors and the bathrooms were updated; problematic window controllers were to be installed before September 3rd. The major work taking place during the summer, explained Mr. Rolle, was the demolishing of a condemned building and the removal of all the demolition's debris. The principal was told that the Ministry of Works is in the process of drawing plans for the replacement of that building. The new construction will house two ad-

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Students at Abaco Central High School are lined up on the first day of school. The principal from the school last year was transferred and a new principal has not arrived. Ms. Vanessa James is acting principal until a new principal arrives.

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Facilities Management Team Seminar

By Mirella Santillo

Since her arrival on Abaco at the end of August, the new District Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Lenora Black, has undertaken a campaign to create "a culture of excellence" within the school system, involving not only the principals, teachers and other school employees, but also the students, their parents, church leaders and other members of the communities.

Mrs. Black began by inspecting all the schools and on August 30th she held a meeting for the all the public school administrative and teaching staff, making clear what her expectations were for the new school year.

On September 7th she held a similar seminar at St. Andrew's Methodist hall for the members of public school janitorial and maintenance staff addressed now as "facility management team." The seminar was to remind the members of that team how important their job was and how specifi-

cally that job had to be done properly.

"You, too, are also part of the education process," said Mrs. Black in her welcoming remark. "A visitor sees you before they see the principal. Your presence here will let you know the excellence you are expected to perform in your job: excellence for each student, excellence for each classroom, excellence for each school. And we don't just say it. We have to do it, we have to act it."

Although the meeting was meant to stress the rules and regulations concerning the job and the performance of the workers, the atmosphere was friendly and informal. In turn using religion, appealing to their pride, warning them about the consequences of misbehaving or praising them for their positive actions, the staff of the District Office conveyed a message to the 35 people attending the meeting: take your job seriously and be as good at it as you possibly can. Reach for excellence.

Several members of the District office addressed the audience including Mrs. Black, Mrs. Sandy Edwards and Mrs. Ruth Smith.

Mrs. Smith outlined the manner in which a person works for the Ministry of Education. All of us are appointed, she explained. After four years of consecutive, satisfactory employment, one becomes established. After being appointed, one is placed in probation for a period of 12 months. After a year of satisfactory service, the person is then confirmed. Continued confirmation, however, depends on annual performance appraisal. It is not automatic. An annual confidential report is done on every employee. "Many of you can do better than you are now performing," she added.

The terms of service including the numbers of hours one has to work, (40 hours per week), the numbers of classrooms to be cleaned daily (seven), the attendance while on the job, the responsibility of the

worker to report incidents while on the job, sick leaves and vacation leaves were covered. Since 2003 whoever had worked five to seven years was paid four weeks vacation; whoever started working after 2003 was entitled to only three weeks' vacation until he or her has worked seven years. Mrs. Smith reminded people that two days of sick leave were allowed only three times during the school year without a medical certificate. After that a medical certificate must be produced even for a one day leave. If no certificate is produced, the salary will be cut, she warned. "A total of 21 days can be taken during a year, but sick leave is not owed. You do not have to take the 21 days if you are not sick. It catches up with you at retirement time. The time you took off will be deducted; you might be rated below average and not get full pension for

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The government school janitresses and maintenance staff attended a seminar on September 7. Mrs. Lenora Black, the new District Superintendent emphasized their importance and went over their duties and responsibilities.

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

EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

More School News

School *From Page 10*

ditional classrooms and possibly the tuck room. An outside campus community library is presently being used for grade 6.

Mr. Rolle mentioned that the office had been completely redone. "I am very optimistic about this new school year," he added.

At Abaco Central High School renovation work was in progress during most of the summer, but a week before reopening, Mr. Bert Livingston Williams, the contractor, was still cutting plywood for bathroom partitions and seeing to the last details. The school looks the best it has in a long time, repainted in and out, fenced and landscaped. Ms. Vanessa James, Acting Vice Principal, enumerated all the repairs that were done as we toured the school. Ms. James was confident that the remaining work would be completed by the opening

of school.

Central Abaco Primary School, the most populated school on the island with 780 children registered for this school year, was intensely renovated during the summer. Windows and doors were installed or repaired, bathroom fixtures were changed and gutters were installed. To be completed before school reopened was the installation of lights and ceiling fans in some of the classrooms.

The Principal, Ms. Eunice Mills, is very pleased with the renovations, but with five classes of first and second graders, four classes of third graders, five classes of four and fifth graders and four classes of six graders, she said that the next problem to be addressed will be the space to fit this ever growing number of students.

One exuberant principal with no complaints was Mrs. Candace Key of the Hope

Town Primary School. The original 150-year-old one-room school has been renovated and added to over a two-year period, explained Mrs. Key, "still in keeping with the historic aspect of the building." It was a long construction period, but there are now two more classrooms, a new principal's office and triple the size of the previous bathroom block. The school now offers pre-school education and the energetic principal is ready for a new exciting school year with her 70 students.

At J.A. Pinder in Sandy Point "the progress is coming along," stated the Principal, Ms. Brennel Clarke. Major construction

has been ongoing for more that a year. When it is completed, the school will have a new office, teachers' lounge, library, eating area, perimeter wall and fencing. However, it will be some time before the school can be used. Classes are meeting in church halls again this year, just as they did all last year. When completed, seven classrooms will house the 48 students. Work will continue beyond September as there is still much work to be done.

However Ms. Clarke commented, "We

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Central Abaco Primary School has a science teacher this year. Mrs. Sheena McIntosh held a meeting with the teachers of the lower primary grades to give them ideas of how to teach science and how to incorporate it into other subject areas.

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PARROT POINT

Upcoming Abaco Bridal Extravaganza

By Jennifer Hudson

Excitement is mounting for the upcoming Bridal Extravaganza scheduled for the 18th to 20th of October. At a meeting on August 28 the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Bridal Association met to discuss plans for this major event.

The destination wedding business is growing worldwide and Abaco is doing its best to corner its share of the market. The Bridal Extravaganza will target couples in South Florida as well as prospective local brides and grooms. It will provide a showcase for all who are involved in wedding organisation on Abaco such as wedding coordinators, caterers, florists, musicians and photographers.

Committees and chairpersons were formed to take care of decorations, booths, fashion show, welcome reception, catering, breakfast seminar, trade show, native giveaways and post trip itineraries.

The three-day extravaganza will be a lavish affair and will include events such

as a pool side fashion show showcasing bridal, resort and honeymoon attire, an evening welcome reception and presentations by the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Bridal Association, the Director of Tourism for Abaco, Mr. Don Cornish, Island Administrator, Mr. Cephas Cooper and an out-of-town guest speaker. It will include tours to wedding sites throughout Abaco and will conclude with a bachelor/ bachelorette party which will showcase Bahamian music, Junkanoo, fire dancing and rake and scrape. The event will be held in the pavilion of the Abaco Beach Resort and the hotel will be offering a special room rate for participating guests.

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School *From Page 15*

had a wonderful opening on the first day of school. I am very pleased with what is going on.”

The students might not be immediately aware of the impact that clean, pristine surroundings have on their studies, but the principals are all excited about the new looks of their school, and undoubtedly that positive energy will be passed on to their pupils.

Seminar *From Page 14*

your years of service,” she insisted. She reminded the audience that when they get sick and are unable to work, they should inform the school administrator so that he

find a replacement. Be honest. Somebody always knows” (referring to cheating on sick leave).

Mrs. Black described the proper physical appearance of a worker. Through a modeling demonstration, she pointed out what was the wrong and the right way to dress for the job. Always look professional, she said.

Job description was outlined: sweeping (always before moping, said Mrs. Black), moping, vacuuming, dusting. She stressed that the job required physical and manual dexterity (stooping, bending, reaching, lifting) so it was important to keep in good health and good shape. “Your job description involves physical labor and you cannot do it if you are not fit,” she stated. “So exercise, walk and protect yourselves while on the job. Use gloves, wear a mask,” she

urged, mentioning that nowadays there were diseases such as AIDS and tuberculosis without obvious symptoms.

She admonished good work ethics: be a team player, give an honest day of work, take ownership of your property, be alert and report safety concerns. The government does not have schools, they are our schools. Be accountable: the principal must know where you are throughout the day. Keep an on/off campus log. Become an expert at the job you are doing. Display good manners worthy of emulation for children. Take a candle. Go light your world. Have a great school year,” she concluded.

A certificate of attendance was handed to each participant. The coordinator for the seminar was Ms. Felamease Sawyer.



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Dundas Town Crown Allotment Appraisal \$265,225.00



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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

Eleuthera - Lot No. 14B & 7B, Palmetto Point Appraisal: \$513,959



The entire house is equipped with central air-conditioning. The upper floor to the porch area has been converted into a storage and an area for the irrigation system end equipment. There is a pool area at the rear of this building approximately 537.14 sq. ft. with the garage area approximately 777 sq. ft. This area is complete with all utilities and services available.

All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvement comprising of 20,355 sq. ft. being Lot #14B and 7B and situated in the Palmetto Point District of the island of Eleuthera, Northward of the public road which runs from the Palmetto Point settlement to Savannah Sound in the coastal area northward of Ingraham's Pond, and which said piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements forms a portion of several parcels of land containing 2,947 acres or thereabouts and which also includes Lot No. 713. This site encompasses a 2-storey structure comprising 3-bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, front room, dining room, family room, utility room, pantry, kitchen, stairwell, basement, 2-car garage and attic office.

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



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.

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



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.

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

VACANT PROPERTIES

New Providence Vacant Property

Vacant Properties Lot No. 2 Emerald Ridge Subdivision Appraisal: \$60,000.00

All that lot of land having an area of 4,782.68 sq ft, being lot No. 2 of the subdivision known and designated as Emerald Ridge Subdivision, a said subdivision situated in the southern district of New Providence, Bahamas. From Soldier Road opposite Nassau Christian Academy School, 2nd property right side in the back of commercial building and bounded on the west by lot No. 3. This property is vacant land and is rectangular in shape and zoned residential - single family. Property is located off soldier road just opposite Nassau Christian Academy School in the back of the commercial building

Lot No.15, block 10, Winton Heights Appraisal: \$171,440.00

All that lot of vacant land having an area of 17,144 sq ft, of the Subdivision known as Winton Heights situated in the Eastern District of New Providence., Bahamas. This property is rectangular in shape and zoned multi-family - single family. This property is about 230 feet west of Sassoon Drive and is about the third lot on the north side of Hill Side Road.

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. 25 Orchard Close Sea Breeze Nassau Appraisal: \$183,430.00



is being used for the preparation of catered meals. Also attached to the house is an open back patio with concrete block railing. Climate control is provided in the house by ducted central air conditioning. The lot is completely enclosed by chain link fencing in part and by concrete block walls and metal gate in part. The grounds are fairly maintained with minimal landscaping in place. Travel south on Bay Lily Drive, turn right onto Sea Breeze Lane. Go to the 5th corner right. Subject property is 1st left painted white trimmed white.

All that lot of land having approximate area of 5,000 sq. ft. more or less being lot 1 of the subdivision Orchard Close, situated at the southeastern corner of Sea Breeze Lane and the roadway of Orchard Close about half mile west of Fox Hill Road, in the property encompasses a 1 bedroom apartment is the principal improvement. The quality of construction is average and maintenance is fair, so the effective age of the building is 8 years besides the apartment. The house is comprised of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, a utility area and a covered area that

Lot No. 370 Grenada Close Golden Gates #2 (Nassau) Appraisal: \$149,405.60



Traveling south along Blue Hill Road, turn right at the Farmers Market, just after passing the Golden Gates Shopping Center, take 1st corner left, Windward Isles Way, then take 3rd corner right, St. Thomas Road, then first left, Grenada Crest, drive around the bend, then 1st left again. The subject property is the 2nd property left house #4 painted peach trimmed black.

All that lot of land having an area of 5,500 sq. ft., being lot 370 Grenada Close of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates No. 2, situated in the Southwestern district of New Providence Bahamas. This property is comprised of 25-year-old single family residence consisting of approximately 1,234 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with 3 bedrooms, two bathrooms, living/dining room, and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level and appear to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods. The grounds are fairly kept with improvements including driveway, walkway and low shrubs. Yard is enclosed with chain link fencing to the sides and rear.

Lot No. 1490 Appraisal: \$162,400.00



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.

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.

Lot No.12, Block 3, Millar's Heights Appraisal: \$239,500.00



Travel west on Cowpen Road, pass the stop light at Cowpen and Faith Ave., make the first left after stop light The subject property is the 5th house left painted olive trimmed white.

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.

Lot No. 6, Caroline Estates Appraisal: \$165,091.50



Travel 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.

All that lot of land having an area of 4,800 sq. ft. being lot No. 6 of the subdivision known and designated as Caroline Estates, the said subdivision situated in the western district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on this property is a structure comprising of a 3 yr. old single family residence consisting of approximately 1,255 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with 2-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, 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 with improvements including walkway and low shrubs. The yard is not enclosed. Fence posts are in place for fencing.

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



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.

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.

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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MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

More New Providence Properties

Lot No. 1 Claridge Cove Subdivision Appraisal: \$173,053.00



All that lot of land having an area of 7,904 sq ft, being lot no. 1 of the subdivision known and designated as Claridge Cove, the said subdivision situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the property is a single story residence consisting of 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, living, dining, kitchen and utility room. The land is on a grade and level; and appears to be

sufficiently elevated. The property is landscaped and has fruit and flowering bearing trees. The property is open to the front but has chain link fencing at the sides and back.

Take Joe Farrington Road heading east, turn onto Marigold Farm Road, then take corner on the left, almost opposite Marigold Farms, before Lumumba Road, the subject house is located on the right hand side of the road, being the first developed property

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 left onto first paved road opposite

Lowe's Wholesale, 2nd to last house on the road with chain link fence.

Long Island Properties

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



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 the property such as

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

VACANT PROPERTIES

Grand Bahama Vacant Property

Derby Unit 3 Block 10 Lot 11 (Canal lot) Freeport, Grand Bahama Appraisal: \$96,000.00

All that piece, parcel or lot land being Block 10, Lot 11 of Derby Subdivision. The land is vacant, rectangular in shape, on level ground and is on a canal. Contains approximately 11,250 sq. ft. and is in a single family residential area.

Lot 52, Block 16 Moor Drive and Moor Close, Clearwater Cove Lincoln Green Unit 5 Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama Appraisal: \$27,000.00

The subject property covers approximately 14,883 ft and is single family zoned.

Greening Glade Subdivision Appraisal: \$75,000.00

All that piece, parcel and lot of land described as lot 7 block 21, Albacore Drive, Victoria Place and Mid Chipman Road, Unit 2, Greening Glade Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama. The lot contains 20,580 sq. ft. and zoned as multi-family residential.

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.

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

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 follows: - 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.

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 Coridon 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 northwestward 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 end 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 Coridon 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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Local government at work



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boats can take to Marsh Harbour several times a week. Since contracts generally terminate at this time of the year, changes to the garbage removal will be investigated.

At the previous Council meeting, A Hope Town dock request was deferred. The applicant was allowed to make a presentation at this meeting. The location adjoins the lower public dock in Hope Town and concerns were raised about infringing on boat access to the neighbouring public dock.

The Bahamian applicant was just as concerned about his right to have a dock on his property. He acknowledged their concerns but referred to a similar situation on the other side where there is a private dock and to the shore eastward which has many docks on constricted waterfront spaces.

The Hope Town members agreed to inspect the site and see if a dock could be fitted into the available space.

Council was asked to support a petition by Friends of Abaco Animals containing 176 names. It requested a ban on pit-bull dogs on Elbow Cay as it was felt their presence

in Hope Town would be detrimental to the island's image. They were also concerned with the health of the dogs and the owners' practice of cutting the dog's ears preparatory to their being trained for dog fights. Members agreed to support the petition.

The Guana Cay Council member, Mr. Glen Laing reminded the Council that taxi plates had been requested and approved for Guana Cay several years ago, but the plates have not been issued. He asked that these plates be issued as there is a need for taxi service on Guana Cay.

Attending the meeting were four members of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club and three members of the opposing Save Guana Cay Reef group. A marina residence plan had been submitted by Baker's for approval.

The opposing group gave several reasons why plans of this nature should not be passed. They referred to the previous Council meeting in which they presented their opposition to plans which were subsequently passed. However, there was no mention of their objections in the minutes of that meeting. They asked that the minutes be amended to record their opposition.

It was said that the Heads of Agreement requires that all construction take place on land owned or legally leased by the devel-

opers. Mr. Livingston Marshall, a senior Baker's employee who was present at this meeting, stated that the leases were processed last month and are now in the developer's hands.

This information fueled an outburst by those objecting since this proved to them that earlier construction was undertaken on land without proper ownership or occupation documents.

When the Chief Councillor retorted that legal documents were not something they dealt with, the opponents then chastised the Council for allowing anyone to build on land they did not own or had a legal basis for development or occupation.

The Chief Councillor suggested that the objectors take their arguments to the Cabinet which gave the initial approvals. This was refuted by the Save Guana Cay Reef persons who felt that Council's mandate was to represent local interests and advise central government of local concerns, not to rubber stamp Nassau's interests.

Administrator Cooper said that the National Economic Council gave overall permission for the project years ago and Council should now give approvals consistent with the initial master plan.

Conceding that the legal issues were complex and not entirely within their area of expertise, the Councillors felt that someone from Nassau should be invited to brief the Hope Town Council members on the situation and their responsibilities under the circumstances.

The Baker's application for a marina residence was deferred.

[Ed. Note: It must be remembered that the Baker's project began under the administration of an earlier Council, with guidance by a different Administrator and

under directives from the previous PLP government. This is not said to discredit decisions made by those persons but to show that the present situation may not be well understood by those concerned persons now serving in local government.

This illustrates one of many problems within local government which loses its focus every three years when new members are elected and serving members leave with their acquired knowledge. Administrators are not immune to this loss of continuity as they are transferred regularly to other districts or government positions.]

Dundas Town Committee Sept. 4

A garbage contract was issued during the July 18 meeting, increasing the residential collection contract from \$36,000 to \$60,000. This will now include garbage collection from single family residences in Central Pines Estates. The new 12-month budget allocation for Dundas Town was announced as \$205,100.

At the September 4 meeting, two new members who nominated unopposed to the Dundas Town Committee will serve without the need for an election. They were D'Shan Maycock and Glender Archer, who both took the oath of office and began representing their town.

During this meeting it was restated that single family residences in Central Pines which are occupied by their owner would have their garbage collected.

However, as stipulated in the Local Government Act, only residential garbage is collected and commercial establishments must make their own arrangements for garbage removal. An in-

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terpretation has been made that duplexes and other apartments where a landlord collects rent fall under the commercial category and landlords must provide for garbage removal.

Unsettled questions arose over the collection of garbage in the original Dundas Town where historically all residential garbage has been collected without respect to duplexes or apartments.

Suggestions were made that Dundas Town should look for a suitable location for a town office able to serve town needs. Issues related to a location, staffing and hours of service were not determined but will be looked into. The need for a town bulletin board was mentioned.

Bids were opened for restroom maintenance at several Dundas Town parks which have restrooms, but awarding a contract was deferred as the terms proposed and services to be rendered were vague. Clarification will be sought.

Extensive discussions followed on maintenance of road verges on the two main roads in Dundas Town, Front Street and Forest Drive, and the additional roads in Central Pines. It was estimated that the original roads in Dundas Town may be as little as one fourth of the total mileage which must now be maintained.

If present maintenance figures are projected to Central Pines, the available budget will not be sufficient. In order to equitably share the funds and accomplish the basic town maintenance, some work

now undertaken twice a month or more often may have to be done monthly.

Future meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, possibly at Central Abaco Primary School.

Central Abaco Council 26 July 07

ASP Wayne Miller spoke to Central Abaco Councillors and asked that there be more communication and a working relationship between the police and the Council.

Better accountability for Council employees was wanted. Some employees are paid although they do not show up for work. Terminating these employees was discussed as a viable option.

An appeal to a refused building permit was denied as the apartment wanted was too small to accommodate tenants of a calibre to match neighborhood standards.

A three percent raise was suggested for Council employees as they had not had an increase since being hired years ago. Administrator Cooper mentioned that a study is underway country-wide to standardize wage scales. It was suggested that Council meet with their employees to discuss wages and terms of employment.

A vendor with a temporary straw shop at the ferry dock had been issued a license by the previous administrator but the license had not been approved by the Licensing Authority. The temporary building was in place for one day then was removed on request of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee.

In reviewing the budget increase of over \$400,000 received by Council, Chief Councillor Davis suggested a \$95,000 increase for each town with the balance being used by Council.

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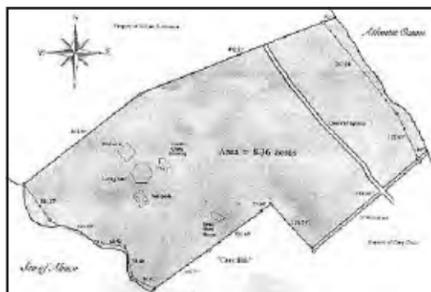
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meetings will be on September 29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point.

For further information about these meetings contact Neulissa Major of the Pilot Club of Abaco or Claudia and Paul Pinder of the Pilot Club of South Abaco

School

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prove the teaching standards to take the students to higher levels of accomplishment.

Several church and a bank distributed hundreds of dollars of school supplies and school bags to students to aid those who might not have money for supplies.

Reward

On July 24, 2007, I lost my watch. It is stainless steel silver watch; the brand is a Baum and Mercier. It is a gift from my husband, and it is very sentimental to me. I looked everywhere and I am asking you to help me. I lost it in town in these areas: the Post Office, the parking lot by Island Pharmacy, Maxwell's and the government building Department of Fisheries and Agriculture.

You can contact me at 367-0077 and ask for Cathy Mott. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Health food, anybody?

By Mirella Santillo

Health conscious people and vegetarians have most probably already patronized the Healthy Way Nutrition Center located next to Da Best bakery in the old Barclay's Bank building. Others might not have noticed the inconspicuous shop unless shopping nearby and being aroused by the delicious aroma of spices emanating from the shop. For Healthy Way Nutrition Center is not just a health food store selling vitamins, soy milk and organic products; it is also a restaurant offering vegetarian meals on a daily basis.

The store is open Monday to Friday from

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and managed by Ms. Shevia Gomez, who is also the cook. She operates from an open kitchen located at the back of the shop. On a Wednesday, simmering on her stove, was white rice, peas n'rice, all wheat spaghetti with shrimp, corn on the cob and curry chick. She explained that spinach lasagna or veggie burgers, even barbecue chicken, pepper "stake" or meat loaf were also on the menu, depending on the day. However, the chicken is not real chicken and the meat loaf does not have any meat and the "stakes" as well as all the "meat" and seafood dishes are made from vegetable

proteins. I tried the "curry chick" which was the special on that day and it was very tasty, not tasting exactly like chicken but close.

You may want to cook these "meatless meats" at home. If so, you will find a large assortment of frozen products from "stake," hot dogs, burgers or even sea scallops, tuna or pork stacked in a double freezer. You could accompany your "meatless meat" with whole wheat pasta or gluten free rice pasta.

The store offers an array of organic products

from whole wheat organic pastry flour to crackers, ketchup, sauces and juices. Seaweed and dried legumes such as lentils, black beans and split peas are also available as well as soy and almond milk.

At Healthy Way Nutrition center you will find food for the mind as there is a section offering health books and spiritual literature. The store which belongs to Mr. Isaac Collie has been in operation since March 2005.

Thank You

Chad Thompson and family would like to thank the Abaco community - family, friends and visitors for all their prayers, help, support and the Hope Town fund raiser. It is greatly appreciated. Chad continues to make good progress.



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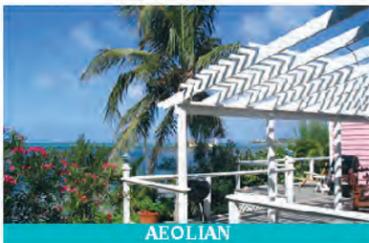


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