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Minister inspects airport terminal location Contract is signed for architectural design of terminal



Minister of Housing, the Hon. Neko Grant, was on Abaco on July 30 to sign the contract for the design of the airport terminal, control tower and fire/crash facility at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The new terminal will be constructed between the present terminal and Abaco Air. This has a higher elevation than the present location that is susceptible to flooding. Shown leading the group are Edison Key, MP for South Abaco; Mr. Grant; Administrator Cephias Cooper and Cardwell Pratt, Deputy Director of Works.

By Timothy Roberts

A ceremony was held at the Ministry of Education's conference room on July 30 to award the contract for the architectural design of a new airport terminal and fire crash facility at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The tender for the construction is expected to be done by the end of this year.

The contract was awarded to The Architects Incorporated for the amount of \$600,000, which is six percent of the construction cost of \$10 million. Donald Dean, the principal owner and lead designer of the firm, signed the contract for the Grand Bahama-based company. His firm was awarded the contract for the designs of the government complex on Grand Bahama.

Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, said, "It is estimated that in excess of 200,000 passengers utilize the Marsh Harbour International Airport annually, and it is against this background

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Crawfish season opens



Crawfish season opened on August 1 with many Bahamian fishermen bringing in catches of several hundred or more pounds. Fishermen can easily realize one or two thousand dollars daily at the beginning of the season. Many families depend on this income. Some crawfishermen team up with a mother boat and go to locations as far as the Cay Sal Bank on 10 to 20 day trips. They typically come back and share the catch of thousands of pounds. The season normally extends to March 31. Visitors are allowed only 10 crawfish per boat,

no matter the number of persons aboard. Shown here are Gavin Russell and his son Bronson, who together brought in 189 pounds on the first day. See story on page 7.

Seminar prepares crafters for exporting



A workshop and a seminar kept crafters busy the first week of August. The combined efforts of handicraft associations along with the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, the Ministry of Tourism and Caribbean organizations gave detailed explanations on how Bahamians can begin export marketing of their crafts. Representatives of several Abaco-based handicraft associations along with representatives from Grand Bahama and Bimini benefitted from the program. Shown are South Abaco Chief Councillor Preston Roberts; Martha Smith, National Craft Association President; Genieva Cooper, Sr. Director of Product Development; MP Edison Key; and Pastor Emmit Archer. See story on page 5.

BEC exhaust shows progress



BEC exhaust from one of the engine stacks of the new plant at Wilson City is a very encouraging sign that work is underway to test one of its four large generators. Testing of all systems will take time and the transmission system will require upgrading before Abaco can benefit from an increase in generating capacity. After two and a half months of extensive outages, Abaconians will be relieved to have constant power. One of these generators with its 12 MW of power will allow us to have constant power when connected. The next issue will have a more extensive report on the status of the new plant.

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New terminal will be eight times bigger

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that the government is proceeding with this plan to construct a larger, modern, state-of-the-art facility."

According to Mr. Grant, the Ministry invited eight licensed Bahamian architecture firms to submit fee proposals for the design through a competitive bidding exercise. On June 15 at the opening of the bids by the Tenders Board of the Ministry of Finance, he said, "It was determined that The Architects Incorporated company had submitted the best bid at a fee of six percent of construction cost and a commitment to provide tender documents for construction in three months."

The present 3,315-square-foot terminal building will be replaced by the construction of a new 24,000-square-foot single storey terminal and fire/crash facility immediately west of the existing terminal building. The existing terminal is expected to be renovated and fully utilized.

Mr. Grant said the building's design will include a covered entrance drop-off area, a flight ticketing hall, passenger queue area, airline offices and storage areas, passenger restroom facilities, combined domestic and international passenger departure lounge, concession stands, an international passenger arrival lounge and domestic passenger arrival lounge, police, security and airport manager offices and a free standing airport control tower along with a fire/crash

rescue facility and taxi call-up and public parking areas.

This project comes shortly after the completion of the upgrade of airside operations which included the construction of a new jet runway of 6,100 feet, conversion of the original runway into a jet taxi-way and installation of new signage and lighting.

Mr. Grant said, "The proposed terminal and fire/crash facility at this airport will further enhance its capacity to provide quality service to the public."

The design of the airport terminal building

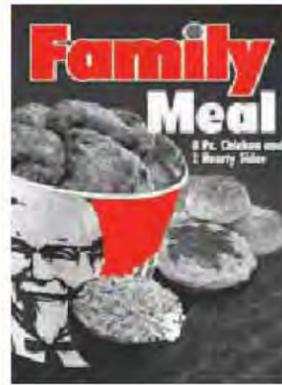
will provide visitors with a "sense of place," Mr. Grant said, "incorporating elements that reflect our country and its culture, and it will allow for future expansion on all sides (east, west, north and south) of the building."

Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, said he was proud to be a part of this "very historic moment that we've been waiting on for a long time." He said the new terminal will be eight times the size of the existing terminal and anticipates that it will facilitate Abaco for the next 15 years.



The signing of the contract for architectural plans for a new terminal, control tower and a fire/crash facility at the Marsh Harbour airport took place at the Education office. Shown at the signing are Colon Curry; Dr. Lenora Black, Education Superintendent; Edison Key, MP for South Abaco; Administrator Benjamin Pinder, the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works; Livingston Forbes, architect with the Ministry of Works; Central Abaco Chief Councillor Cubell Davis; Donald Dean, the principal owner and lead designer with The Architects Inc.; Administrator Theophilus Cox; Permanent Secretary Colin Higgs; Yvette McIntosh with Works on Abaco; Fr. Earl Hepburn; and Robert Garroway, Civil Designer Section.

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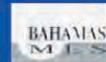
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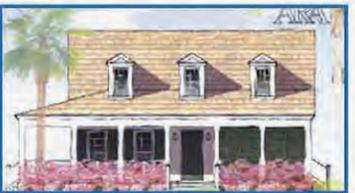
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Seminar stresses exporting of crafts

By Jennifer Hudson

Two Caribbean Export Development Seminars were held August 2-6 at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. Export Marketing ran for the first three days followed by Product Development Workshop for the final two.

This first annual Export Marketing Seminar and Product Development Workshop was sponsored by the Caribbean Export Development Agency, the Caribbean Development Bank, the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) and the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and hosted by the All Abaco Handy Craft Association.

The objectives of the two seminars were to increase the export competitiveness of artisans through the development and launch

of new design-led product development collections and the adoption by artisans of sound export marketing techniques and practices. The training was geared to attract artisans of all sectors who are "export ready." Participating in the seminars were approximately 25 artisans representing the All Abaco Handy Craft Association, Green Turtle Cay Local Touch, South Abaco Association, Moore's Island Association, Abaco Food Processing, Grand Bahama Handicraft Association, Bimini Arts and Crafts Association and Mount Hope.

The first day began with a short opening ceremony at which the keynote speaker was Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco and Executive Chairman of BAIC. After welcoming the representatives, Mr. Key told them that in many ways

the aims and objectives of Caribbean Export and BAIC are similar except that BAIC's focus is at the national level. "Like you, our mission is to stimulate and encourage the creation, expansion and promotion of small and medium-size businesses, thereby facilitating employment and, in our case, import substitution. We place major emphasis on manufacturing and cottage industries and the provision of technical assistance, advice and guidance to small and medium-size businesses," he stated.

Mr. Key declared that for over 15 years Caribbean Export has promoted the growth of the region's craft sector through the annual Caribbean Gift and Craft Show which BAIC is pleased to be a part of. "Since 2007 Caribbean Export has sought to strengthen the show and increase the export potential of the craft sector by undertaking initiatives to assist the sector to adopt a design-oriented approach. The Caribbean Design network, which was established the following year, creates an environment in which international product designers can contribute their advice and talents to the benefit of the sector and help ensure that products developed in the region respond to international market demands and trends."

Mr. Key spoke of the success of BAIC in assisting persons throughout the islands who have been impacted by the global

economic downturn take advantage of money-making opportunities created in our growing handicraft industry.

Ms. Donnalee Bowe, Assistant General Manager with BAIC, who introduced Mr. Key, mentioned that the previous week a similar seminar had been held in Nassau and attended by representatives from the Central and Southern Bahamas. Both Ms. Bowe and Mr. Key spoke of the 16th Caribbean Gift and Craft Show to be held for the first time in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in 2011. The show is being re-branded to take the promotion of gifts and craft in the region to new levels of excellence. "It will promote the 'Best of the Best' of the Caribbean and target regional and international trade buyers with the aim of becoming the launch pad for new prod-



Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of BAIC, was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony of a week-long seminar and workshop to educate crafters on improving their crafts and preparing for exporting their crafts. Trainers came from Trinidad and Tobago as well as Nassau to work with the group.



Leslie Ann Noel, left, with the Caribbean Technical Consulting Services, is giving one-on-one advice to Karen McIntosh, owner of Abaco Ceramics in Treasure Cay whose ceramics are displayed on the table.

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Artisans benefit from seminar

Seminar

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uct collections which are design led.”

Ms. Lovely Reckley, Trainer with BAIC, declared that every person is born with a gift within them; they sometimes just need a little push. She stated that all raw materials needed for the crafts are found in The Bahamas but that the artisans need duty free concessions from the government for bringing in other necessary supplies. She was excited that this week they would be making history with this first annual seminar.

Ms. Geneva Cooper, Director, Visitor Experience, Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, in her vote of thanks, stated, “People must become sensitized to the vital impact the craft industry plays throughout The Bahamas and seek to make authentically ‘Handmade in The Bahamas’ items more available to visitors. The development of an export marketing plan will enable artisans to effectively compete in international trade fairs. People now want to get into new markets. The Caribbean has often been overlooked but Caricom provides many opportunities.”

The Export Marketing Seminar was fa-

cilitated by Jamila Cross while the Product Development Workshop was led by Leslie Ann Noel. Both trainers were from Trinidad and Tobago. Five very intensive days followed with good interaction between the trainers and participants. A plethora of valuable information was shared and copious notes were taken by the participants who did not want to miss one piece of the valuable information which included planning for export marketing, steps to internationalization, development of an export marketing plan, effective trade fair participation, product development and harnessing potential customers. Ms. Jamila Cross said at the close of the seminar that she feels that Abaco will shoot forward in exporting. She anticipates that the participants will broaden their businesses to create more jobs for local people, expanding from one-man shops to larger shops. She said that the artisans had some great ideas and will broaden their horizons and look at craft in a different way. She felt that the seminar had provided enough information for the participants to brainstorm for a long time.

Feedback from artisans at the close of the seminar was extremely positive and

enthusiastic. They felt that the course had been valuable, teaching them so much and helping them discover new trends. “The course helped us come up with new ideas and think outside the box,” stated Karen McIntosh of Abaco Ceramics. Jo-Ann Bradley of the Conch Pearl Gallery said, “This was the best five days I could ever imagine. It was truly great and I got so

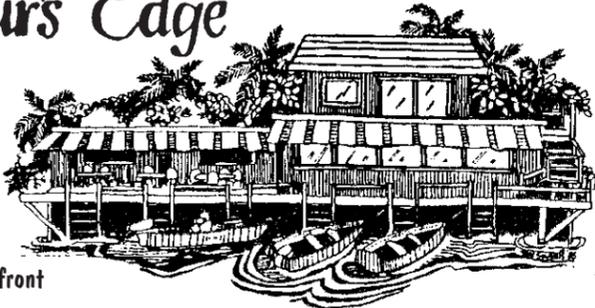
much out of it. I am grateful to BAIC and the other sponsors for arranging and subsidizing it.”

It was expected that following the seminars some participants/companies may be invited to participate in the re-branded 16th Caribbean Gift and Craft Show in Santo Domingo.



MP Edison Key and his wife, Kathy, center, admire craft items on display at the seminar held to assist artisans making crafts. The displays showed much variety and the quality was excellent. The presenters felt that those participating were ready to begin exporting.

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New regulations are affecting crawfish season

By Timothy Roberts

Crawfishing season is underway and early indications are showing a 20 percent decrease in volume from last year with many fishermen reporting traps full of undersized crawfish leading to speculation that the spring and summer growth season is one to two months behind schedule.

According to Gurth Russell of Marsh Harbour Importers Exporters, one of the nation's largest exporters of seafood, the price being paid out so far is \$2 above last year's opening prices, which he says is a bit of a gamble since he has not had any export sales yet and does not know yet how the retail price will work out.

He and fishermen feel that Mother Nature's season is two to three months behind as the traps and drops are full of undersized crawfish. Data is anecdotal but the spring and summer growing season seems to be one or two months behind on trees and other plants maturing as normal. Mr. Russell thinks the crawfish are about two months

behind in their maturing and growth.

Mr. Russell feels that the Size Matters program has proven to be effective because he is seeing fewer infractions on undersized tails coming to him, much fewer than previous years. This is important as The Bahamas needs to comply with new and stiffer regulations as the world market clamps down on buying from markets that are not practicing sustainable fishing.

Size Matters is an awareness and educational program of Friends of the Environment to sensitize fishermen to the need of conserving our crawfish resource. It emphasizes leaving undersized crawfish and egg-bearing females.

Last year Marsh Harbour fish house implemented a system of identifying bags of crawfish with the fisherman and boat that brought them in so that as the frozen bags are opened and processed, they can match undersized tails with the person from whom they were received. They give warnings when necessary and advise fish-

eries officials when infractions continue.

In meeting the new demands brought to bear by the world market, the Department of Fisheries set in place a new Catch Certification program which require fishermen to give account of what was caught each trip. Mr. Russell and his truck drivers have helped fishermen with completing the paperwork when necessary.

Jeremie Saunders, Superintendent at the Department of Fisheries on Abaco, said that many fishermen acquired the necessary Fisheries Department Commercial license (for boats over 21 feet) before August 1. However, he has also had about a dozen more applications since the season opened. The Department, he said, is able to get the license done very quickly, depending on the time of week when all the relevant documents are brought in. They rely on the mail boat to bring the package containing permits once a week.

Mr. Saunders would like to remind fishermen that illegal crawfish will not be tolerated. The fish houses will not pay for the product, and the fisherman can face prosecution if he is caught with undersized crawfish. He reported that so far it has been relatively quiet with only one fish-

man receiving a warning.

Also, foreigners wishing to fish in Bahamian waters are reminded that they need to get the correct permit from the Department of Fisheries, and that they must adhere to the regulations. Foreigners are allowed to spear crawfish only in their natural habitat, reefs and rock crevices. That excludes setting condos or tampering with anyone's condo and taking the crawfish. Getting caught raiding a condo could bring dire consequences.

The present permit given to a cruiser upon entry to The Bahamas only allows for foreigners to fish with a reel or hand line and does not provide or allow for spearfishing. However, on request, the license can be endorsed by the issuing officer to include spearfishing. Only one permit is given per vessel, and that boat is permitted to have only 10 crawfish at any time regardless of the number of people onboard.

Mr. Russell and others would like to see a ban on crawfish being offered in restaurants when the season closes. He feels that move would dry up the market for under-size or out-of-season sales which are easily hidden in crawfish salads or similar dishes.



Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers is a very busy place with large loads of crawfish coming in hourly. The crawfish are processed, then flash frozen and stored. The company keeps track of each fisherman's catch so if undersized tails are brought in, it is reported to authorities.

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The Editor Says . . . Maxwell's opens without fanfare



Maxwell's Supermarket is scheduled to open to the public today, August 13, without fanfare as various components are still being fine tuned. Our newest, largest, most modern supermarket will strut its stuff. In fact, it is the most modern, up-to-date supermarket in the country.

We have been privileged to browse through the new facility as staff and contractors bring the various elements to completion. It is an impressive piece of workmanship.

The Price Right owners are to be complimented for their vision and determination to see this 22-month project completed. Government will now have to monitor the additional traffic the store will generate on the three access roads for possible upgrading. The supermarket is on Pole Line Drive, also known as Nathan Key Drive, about a block behind Royal Bank. It is worth a visit even if you do not need any groceries.

Customers to Maxwell's will be impressed with wide aisles, good lighting and a highly polished concrete floor. The 45,000 square-foot interior is stocked with an enormous selection of groceries, frozen goods, household items and beauty aids. Fresh meat and produce were not yet on the shelves during our recent visit, but the display cases suggest a wide variety will be available. The new Maxwell's is complete with security cameras and an extensive sprinkler system for fire suppression.

Maxwell's brings a new level of merchandising to Abaco.

A short history of Abaco's grocery stores

Fifty-one years ago Abaco's first large grocery store arrived at Snake Cay on the renovated excursion steamboat, the Robert Fulton. This came as the headquarters for the pulpwood operation which had moved to Abaco from Grand Bahama. The Robert Fulton had been outfitted with a grocery store as well as the best equipped clinic on Abaco.

The lumber company opened up Abaco with a road network and built two villages for its employees, Lake City for the wood-

cutters who were predominately of Turk's Island origin and Spring City whose residents were mainly Bahamians. Later the company established Campbell Town for the Haitians, who had been originally recruited by S and M Farms.

Arriving on an under-developed island with 500 employees and their dependents to provide for, the company had to maintain a well stocked store.

For Abaco residents, the grocery store was the highlight of the lumbering operation. Supplies came every six days from Jacksonville on the barge that returned to Florida with a full load of pulpwood. Abaco residents were now exposed to a steady supply of fresh meat, fruit, vegetables and dairy products, even ice cream, stored in walk-in freezers and coolers.

In 1966 the pulpwood project moved to Andros and the Snake Cay store closed. Perhaps anticipating the closure of Snake Cay, Nassau's City Meat Market opened a relatively small store in Marsh Harbour. It was located in one of the two original buildings of the Abaco Shopping Centre. The company later followed up by building Marsh Harbour's first full-size supermarket, located at the back of Abaco Shopping Centre's parking lot.

After several years of exposure to large supermarket operations, several of their Marsh Harbour managers seized an opportunity and bought the Abaco store. It was renamed Abaco Market.

Meanwhile during the 1970s, a grocer from Nassau arrived with his brothers and opened the first Golden Harvest Supermarket building on the lot beside Bristol Wines

and Spirits. That operated for several years until they built a much larger store adjacent to Standard Hardware. Golden Harvest was later absorbed by the expanding local Abaco Market group. However, in the summer of 2007 this store was destroyed in a daytime fire.

Abaco was growing and opportunities abounded. Solomon's Wholesale in Nassau built a large wholesale outlet in Marsh Harbour. Eventually, Solomon's found absentee ownership difficult and years later sold to the locally owned and expanding Abaco Market group. This was subsequently acquired by the Nassau investors when they bought all of the Abaco Market assets. While later downsizing and before leaving Abaco, they sold the Solomon's Wholesale property to the Price Right owners.

Price Right converted the structure into a modern retail facility under the name Maxwell's, named after an original settlement by that name on Marsh Harbour's east side. However, as has happened several times in the past, an evening fire in early August 2008 demolished the facility. The owners immediately began plans for a new and expanded supermarket.

In its quest to corner the island's food sales, the original Abaco Markets group built the large building now hosting Sav-A-Lot. This building has gone through three transformations, initially as Abaco Wholesale owned by the Abaco Market group. When Nassau investors purchased Abaco Markets, they renamed the operation Cost Right. The building has now been leased by the Price Right owners and continues as the Sav-A-Lot store.

The successful expansion of locally-owned Abaco Markets caught the attention of Nassau investors and the Nassau group ended up buying all the Abaco Market stores. Under the Nassau ownership, Abaco Markets expanded aggressively in Freeport, Nassau and even into Turks and Caicos Islands. However, its own success seemed to be more than it could cope with, and its closed the Abaco operations as its major growth options were in Freeport and Nassau.

Sawyer's Soft Drinks had built a new building for its expanding beverage business. However, before moving in, the owner was approached by the owner of Nassau's Super Value grocery about partnering in an expanded grocery operation. That affiliation gave Abaco the Price Right store that opened in August, 2001.

Abaco residents also have the option of shopping at Abaco Groceries located by the airport roundabout. That store is undergoing an expansion to its building and can be expected to offer an expanded line of merchandise.

Abaco's Price Right has now become the dominant player in the local grocery business. It sensed an opportunity and leased the closed Cost Right building. Extensive renovations were made and the facility reopened as Sav-A-Lot with the emphasis on wholesale and club packaging.

Soon after Maxwell's is running smoothly, Price Right will be closed for extensive renovations with wider aisles and more efficient freezers. It is expected that Sav-A-Lot will be exclusively for wholesale sales.

Letters to the Editor

Appalled by electric problems

Dear Editor,

Could you kindly publish this letter to the Minister of Utilities

To the Minister of Utilities (or the lack of),

Please, please have more consideration for not only The Bahamians who live on Abaco but for the tourists who we rely on for our living. A lady told me that she, her husband and four children had rented a oceanfront home without a generator. The cost of their vacation was over \$10,000, and they were very disappointed with the constant power outages - they could not cook, read in the evening, shower, use the toilet, and they were miserable.

How can we treat the people we rely on for our living so badly - this is not only the worst utility company I have ever had to deal with but also the most expensive. It is about eight times more expensive than

Florida Power and Light and on a scale of 1 - 10 it rates about 2. This is shameful and really quite pathetic. Nobody is standing up and taking responsibility - only making one excuse after another.

If I made a list of computers, ice machine, TV's, air conditioning, washer, dryers and office equipment that have been destroyed over the last 10 years I have had my business in Hope Town, it would be in the thousands of dollars. Shouldn't someone take responsibility for this damage?

Please stand up and be counted and put things right.

Regards,
Catherine Ketay

Businesses are hurt by power outages

Dear Prime Minister,

As I sit here and write this letter, I am fuming. I have been in business for 14 years here in this country and for 14 years we have never had power issues like this. Yes, we have had power outages, but again not like this. Power outages for a couple of hours are probably necessary for maintenance, but what we have been tolerating is inexcusable.

This has caused me to lose customers and that means a loss of revenue. How can I keep paying my employees without customers? How can I pay the government fees without customers? They (government) wants to be paid, employees want to be paid, but what about me. Don't I have that right, too?

I have a small generator to run a fridge. Now I am paying for fuel and power bills that have doubled in price. Now, to top it off, you have raised the cost of demand meters to \$568 whether I use power or not. Now tell me how this is fair?

I have no customers to use power, but

because of BEC's incompetence I have to pay the price! Well, sir, I do not have the money! I think we need to talk because you still get your salary, but my employees can't get paid nor can I! I would sell my business but the word has gotten back to the States. They don't want to touch The Bahamas with a 10-foot pole! You, the government, have run off my customers. What do I do now?

Really, my question is what do I do now? I have read Craig Roberts' quotes in the paper. I have the same issues, along with Hope Town. The power was good when you were here to visit on Saturday, but as soon as you left, the power went off. Are you aware of this? Another question. I have talked to a lot of people who live in Murphy Town, Dundas Town, Central Pines. They do not lose power for the same lengths of time as we do in Marsh Harbour. Maybe an hour at the most - we lose power for 10-12 hours at a time. Tell me, Mr. Prime Minister, where are the tourists in these areas? Where are the hotels, restaurants, marinas in these areas?

Just another quick story. There is a little coffee shop in town that sells ice cream or used to sell ice cream. They have lost so much money because of this power issue that they have had to close at times. Tell me again, Mr. Prime Minister, how are you helping our economy?

You can't blame the power issues that we are having on the tree huggers. You, sir, in the end make the ultimate decision. So you have to take the blame yourself for not standing up to these people and for the staff you have at BEC! Fire them all and bring in people that care and can do the job right the first time!

Very frustrated

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Letters From Page 8

“Thank You, Bahamas!”

Dear Editor “The Abaconian,”
I wish to express my appreciation to all of you who enriched my life and my career during these past six years living and working in The Bahamas.

As many of you know, I was with Old Bahama Bay until we sold to the Ginn Company, then Sonia and I moved to Abaco Beach Resort where we were fortunate to meet more talented and beautiful people that have, now, become life-long friends. We will forever be grateful to those of you who supported our resort and the vision to create a professional destination for the world to enjoy.

I especially want to thank all the musicians and entertainers who deserve every opportunity to showcase their talents and to help preserve the Bahamian “gifts” of music and cultural expression to our visitors and natives.

To Manny, Peter and Andrew, we thank you for the opportunity to be here and share in your optimism for the future!

My time has come to return to the U.S., but I leave with deep appreciation and wonderful memories that will last forever. On behalf of Sonia and our entire family, thank you for trusting us and for embracing us in your beautiful home land! We look forward to seeing you on our return trips to the “Entertainment Capital of the Abacos!”

Cordially,
Bob Kramm

Who’s responsible for BEC’s bad service?

Dear Editor,
BEC continues to go from BAD to WORSE! What have Abaconians done to deserve such an injustice? Then BEC sends out increased bills! What audacity, what are they thinking!

BEC needs to give Abaconians a RE-FUND! For the past eight weeks (the peak of our tourist season) we have been dealing with constant power outages. Not to mention those fortunate enough to have standby generators and the hundreds of dollars per week in fuel to run them. We won’t even discuss appliances, air conditioners,

computers, etc. which have burned up due to low voltage, as we know BEC will never reimburse anyone for those items.

Abaco generates the most income from the Family Islands per year and look at the power service we are receiving! We are virtually going BACKWARDS instead of forward into the 21st century! We have lost many tourists who just cannot take this power constantly going off after paying top dollar to get here and having to tolerate such deplorable conditions.

Mr. Prime Minister, we need HELP! These are YOUR people who are appealing to you to step up and make changes. Who in their right mind allows a generator to run out of OIL! Like I said, we are moving backwards. We need this to be fixed NOW!

This is beyond laughable. This is down right EMBARRASSING!

As a business owner and operator who is constantly in the public eye, I cannot comprehend in any way why our power is so unreliable and inconsistent!

Changes have to be made. I have a pretty good idea of where to start, as someone has to be accountable for this TORTURE that Abaconians have been forced to deal with.

A most concerned and upset
Hope Town resident

Upset with FNM government

To The Abaconian,
Please allow me a space in your letter column.

Some people have asked me lately why I have not written a letter to the Abaconian concerning BEC power outages. I told them it did not make any sense.

After receiving August 1 Abaconian and reading what the Prime Minister had to say about BEC, I laughed. His eyes have been opened. What a joke!

You mean to say it has taken him three years plus to get his eyes opened. Where has he been hiding?

Abaco has been shattered the past three months and no one is doing a thing about it.

I had a grandson born to my youngest daughter eight weeks tomorrow, to be exact, and five seconds after he was born, his eyes were open. But I can tell you my grandson Ryder has not had very much light from BEC in the past eight weeks. For the last three months it has been seri-

ous here on Abaco.

I don’t like to say as I’ve heard others say that we have been catching hell. Hell is a real place. But if there is such a thing as catching hell on earth, we have had our share this summer.

What really upsets me is that no one in this administration has had the guts to come on ZNS or Radio Abaco or BCN and explain to us (the customers) what is the real problem. If your eyes have been closed, I can understand that somewhat. But what about your ears, are they plugged up, too?

Come on. Let’s get real in The Bahamas and stop misleading the people who put you there.

I’ve called the Minister in charge of BEC and also the Minister for Tourism. All I get is their secretary telling me that they are in a meeting. Boloney! Boloney! Boloney!

Lately I’ve heard the Minister for Tourism stand up in the Senate boasting about how many more tourists are coming to The Bahamas since the FNM got in power. I lift my hat to them if it is so. Good For Everyone!

But what I wanted to tell him was that how many on Abaco cut their vacation short and left. And how many said that they would not come to Abaco again under these circumstances. And also they will tell their friends this was no place to vacation.

I have a house on Dickie’s Cay that I rent. I had eight people come in on Sunday evening at six o’clock and met the power off until 11:30, Monday power off five hours, Tuesday power off 11 hours, Wednesday power off five hours, Thursday power off three hours, Friday power off three hours. The people are here until Tuesday if they don’t get disgusted and leave.

So far it has cost me \$325 for fuel to run my generator and approximately \$250 for BEC, \$100 to clean house, 10 percent for finder’s fees approximately \$250. If this keeps up until they leave, it will cost me approximately \$1200, about 50 percent of the rent money.

This administration has really messed up Abaco. In fact, the whole Bahamas in the past three years plus. They have taxed us to death and the situation with BEC does not help. Anyone who has their head screwed on right would not put them back in power.

The joke about this administration they used the word “Trust” in winning the election. They sure have proved to us that you cannot “trust” them.

I think they read in the King James Version where it said. “Trust in the Lord and do good, lean not unto your own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path.” But it seems to me that they are leaning on their own

and not on the Lord’s.

While I’m hitting on this government, where is all our money we are supposed to get for repairs and the new projects? We pay ours. Our docks are in bad shape. The Queen’s Highway [in Man-O-War] from Dr. Cove’s House to the Low Place is awful, etc. The other day I took some people to Hope Town, put them out on the Lower Public Dock, planks broke on the dock.

When I go to Spanish Wells via Gene’s Bay Dock, what a mess, no ladders to dock, dock in awful shape. In order for your wife to get in the ferry, the captain has to lift her in. Last week I took people to Marsh Harbour Union Jack Dock. What a mess!

I could write here all night and tell you the things that are wrong with this administration. It’s not because they don’t have the money. We are paying our dues at all times. But they fail to help us.

Take note, Mr. Christie, you know if it’s the Lord’s Will, you will be our next prime minister. Please come to our rescue.

Some of the best years of my life were the four years of the PLP leadership. Why I said four was because it took the first year to fix up the things that FNM had messed up. But when Mr. Christie got it going, you had to “hold on.” Remember, I wrote a letter to the Abaconian asking Mr. Christie to pull back the throttle. We were moving too fast.

People in this country are hurting badly now. No jobs. Taxed to death. More crime than ever, etc.

I know some of you readers will have a good laugh the way I have put this letter together but every word is true. We have too many people in this country who are scared of their shadow, scared to speak out.

I’m tired of government treating us like we don’t count. This is our country. Have you ever tried clapping the back of your hands. Try it sometime and see what you will get

Nothing!

Remember, when this administration comes around asking for your support, give them a back-handed clap and see what you will accomplish, not even a sound.

I’ve lived here on Man-O-War come September 24 will make 64 years, plus the nine months in my mother’s belly.

So no one can spit in my eyes and tell me it is raining. Thanks

Samuel D. Albury

P.S. I know rain when I see it. And we sure need some now.

Send us the rain, Lord.

Send us the rain, Lord.

We need the latter rain.

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Central Abaco News

Archer reunion celebrates contributions of family

By Canishka Alexander

More than 150 relatives travelled to Abaco during the weekend of July 30 to August 2 for the Tom and Nogi Archer Reunion. Registration continued at the Ambassador Inn so that family members could update their personal information, sign up for the events they would attend and purchase reunion T-shirts. Although the Bahamas Fast Ferry lagged behind schedule because of low tide, it didn't stop the show.

Just after 7 p.m. a garden barbecue was held at the home of Vyrona Archer on Archer's Hill. Countless barbecued delicacies were laid out for guests to sample as they mingled with family to the sound of live music. People were still arriving at the bar-

becue well after 10 that night.

Souse was served the next morning at the Ambassador Inn for the descendants of Tom and Nogi Archer. Following breakfast they toured Front Street in Marsh Harbour and travelled to North Abaco to visit Green Turtle Cay. From there they visited Treasure Cay where a beach party was held. However, the day was far from over. Later that evening, a grill and chill pig roast was held at Bustick Bight.

As promised, Sunday was the long-awaited day. Everyone had heard that the airport circle would be rededicated to Capt. Shervin Archer Circle. It was the name given to the roundabout 35 years ago in his honour. As they headed back to downtown Marsh Harbour, however, there was a surprise in store for them.

Up until that time, only the committee

members were aware of what would happen next. As family members looked on, a street sign adorned with the name – Archer's Boulevard – was unveiled just under the traffic light on Don MacKay Boulevard, instilling even more pride in the Archers. Another sign bearing the same name was erected near the Road Traffic Department.

After the church service that morning, an awards luncheon was held at the St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. MP for South Abaco Edison Key and Pastor David Cartwright reminded the descendants of the "old days" and spoke about the positive impact the Archers have had on the community of Abaco.

Three family members were honoured at the luncheon: Jenny Curry Reckley, Leroy Archer and Brunetta Sherman Archer, who turned 100 years old on July 7.

The family of Laverne Eve, a professional Bahamian athlete, was recognized for its ties to the Archer family.

Louis Hanchell, the former general manager of ZNS and descendant of the Archers, was in attendance. He said the Archers are a proud people who believe in family, love and integrity. He shared the details of his research of the family over the last two years and announced that relatives could soon expect his book about the Archer family called My People.

Dundas Town Committee update New grave yard site

By Samantha V. Evans

The Dundas Town grave site next to St. Andrew's Methodist Church has reached

its capacity for burial, resulting in the Dundas Town Local Government committee having to clear and begin developing the three acre burial site in Central Pines and S.C. Bootle Highway. Deputy Chairman Faron Newbold, Sr. stated that the site will be developed in four stages. The first stage will be done by the end of August and will accommodate 60 grave plots. The wall for this first stage is presently being built after which it will be landscaped. At the end of the development of the entire space, 240 plots will be made available. Mr. Newbold stated that they are planing to regulate how graves are situated on the site so that everything is done decently and in order. They are still trying to regulate the portion of the site on S.C. Bootle High presently being used by Haitian nationals to bury their dead.

Marsh Harbour Town Committee

By Timothy Roberts

Some contracts were discussed and awarded while others were deferred during the July 14 meeting of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee.

Chairman Roscoe Thompson III, said he was "very happy that we can save [on the contracts awarded] and with the money saved we can benefit the communities and get to a point where we can break ground on a library."

He noted, however, that he was upset that the Central Abaco District Council was the only council on Abaco to have a

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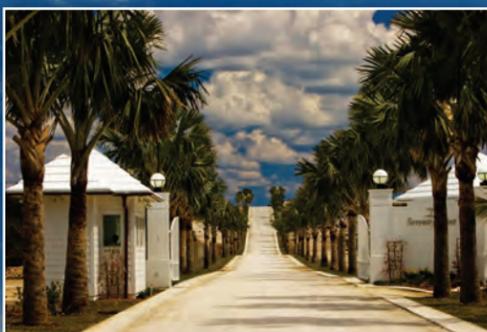
Three members of the Archer family were honoured at a luncheon on August 1. Leroy Archer, far left, was the only one of the three who was present. One-hundred-year-old Brunetta Sherman Archer had her two daughters attend. They are on the far right. Jenny Curry Reckley, who lives on Green Turtle Cay, was also unable to attend.

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reduction in its budget this year. It was reduced by \$15,000 from last year's budget. This comes at a time, he pointed out, when the District is expanding with subdivisions in Central Pines and Spring City, adding a few hundred more homes and increasing the cost of maintaining those areas.

Mr. Thompson said that the Council had decided to take the loss in the budget and award each town committee the same budget as last year. Marsh Harbour received its allotment of \$282,000.

A contract of \$250 per month was awarded to Platinum Landscaping for cleaning and yard maintenance at the nurses' residence. Shirley Mills was awarded a \$300 per month contract for cleaning pub-

lic bathrooms in Spring City. Landscaping and roadside cleaning was awarded to Mills Trucking at \$1600 per month.

The Upper Cemetery contract was awarded to Perry Sawyer for \$350 per month and the Lower Cemetery was awarded to Evelyn Archer also at \$350 per month.

Gro and Flo Landscaping was awarded the contract to maintain the roadsides in Marsh Harbour for \$6980 per month.

The dump contracts for both Marsh Harbour and Spring City were deferred so that the application requirements could be reviewed and reissued due to a number of companies bidding on only one pick-up per week.

The site for the erection of a proposed radio tower that Robert Malone is apply-

ing for on Crockett Drive was approved in principle after several members inspected the site and felt that as long as neighbors were not objecting and he received all the relevant approvals it would be approved.

Abaco Souse House opens

By Samantha V. Evans

Starlene Nairn, Arthur Moxey, and Salomie Wheeler saw a dream come to fruition with the opening of their new business, Abaco Souse House, on July 31. The business offers alternative eating choices, especially at night. The menu consists primarily of souses, boiled and stewed food and healthy dishes such as baked, grilled or barbecued meats. On Saturdays they will offer specials such as fried fish or chicken to order only.

Patrons can enjoy pastas such as crawfish, tuna, and crab as well as fruit dishes and drinks. Ms. Nairn is proud that they are able to provide healthier choices for the Abaco community.

At the opening lots of singing and worshipping took place as family, friends and well-wishers were present to celebrate with them. Gary Smith declared the business officially opened and Min. Berkley Roberts prayed for the business.

After the dedication service, refreshments were served.

The business is located in Marsh Harbour on Queen Elizabeth Drive at the port. The hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 7 a.m. to 12 midnight. The phone number is 551-7094.

God Bless Church Chicken

By Samantha V. Evans

God Bless Church Chicken is a take-away mini-restaurant and grill owned by Kermit and Tanna Newbold. It sells some of the best food on the island and has very tender cracked conch and fries. This business started out in a smaller building with his wife selling daiquiris, cassava and fruit salads. Now it has grown into a lucrative family business that specializes in snacks and dinners. It has unique dishes such as coconut grouper and lobster, chicken and seafood alfredo, and Bahamian cuisine.

On the weekend his sister-in-law, Vangie Stuart, grills a variety of dishes including ribs, steak, corn and potatoes. It is located on Front Street in Dundas Town next door to Sybil's House. The take-away is open Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The grill is open from 3 p.m. to 12 midnight Fridays and Saturdays only. God Bless Church Chicken also does catering for weddings, parties and other special events. The phone number is 367-3162.

Disaster Committee unveils Web site

By Canishka Alexander

Several matters were addressed at the Abaco Disaster Committee's meeting on July 27. Elaine Martinborough explained that a simulated disaster exercise would

Gazebo gives taxi drivers a comfortable breeze



The Marsh Harbour Town Committee constructed this gazebo at Crossing Beach for taxi drivers. It was paid for with surplus funds from the last fiscal budget. It is located to get a breeze from any direction.

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN BTC'S TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

By BTC PR Department

Business owners everywhere are singing the praises of BTC's 2010 Telephone Directories, which include the Bahamas, Grand Bahama and Abaco Telephone directories and the newly introduced Mini Yellow Pages. From some of the country's oldest business establishments to relatively new one's the consensus remains the same, advertising with BTC's Telephone Directories pays off and positively affects their bottom line.

Such is the case of Taylor Industries, which along with companies like The Nassau Guardian, Cole Thompson Pharmacy. Coca Cola began advertising with BTC since the 1940's and continue to advertise in BTC's Telephone Directories today.

"Advertising with BTC and with the listing of our major appliances... in the Yellow Pages has assisted us greatly over the years," commented Jerry Sawyer of Taylor Industries.

Echoing similar sentiments was another long time BTC advertiser, Cole Thompson Pharmacy which was established in 1893 and began advertising in BTC's Yellow Pages in 1948. Donette Archer, Office Manager at Cole

Thompson Pharmacy said the company, which is one of the oldest businesses on Bay Street has become a household name and credits much of its success to advertising in BTC's Telephone Directories.

As more and more companies look for innovative and inexpensive means of advertising, BTC anticipates that both old and young businesses will continue to turn to its White and Yellow Pages and its newly introduced Mini Yellow Pages for their advertising solutions. Sandra Gardiner, Sales Manager at **Symphony's Fencing** says her company's 10-year history of advertising with BTC has paid off tremendously.

"Our customers are finding us in the Yellow Pages and they are calling us from the Yellow Pages. We do a tracking just to see how our advertising dollars are really being spent and if it's worth while and we're finding that the majority of our customers

are calling us from the Yellow Pages," Gardiner said.

"Since I've been advertising using the White Pages, I've gotten a lot more customers because now people know exactly where to find me, and they know what to look for and the White Pages give them that easy access," said Mervin Sweeting Jr., Proprietor of **'Switcha'**, a locally produced lemonade beverage.

Sweeting who has been advertising in BTC's White Pages for two years said, "So it's definitely been a good thing. The rates are excellent, inexpensive and worth every penny."

Marlon S. Johnson, BTC's Vice President of Marketing,

Sales and Business Development explained that it's more advantageous for persons to advertise in BTC's Telephone Directories as opposed to using other advertising mediums.

"This is the only media instrument that's in the customer's home 24-hours a day, 365 days a year...As far as cost efficiency, for a few dollars a year, you have access into 130,000 homes and businesses every day, all day, 365 days a year," Johnson commented.

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Philip Simon, Executive Director of The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce commended BTC for systematically seeking to enhance its telephone directories. "I think BTC has done a good job in not just developing a directory, but it's a product that has information not just in numbers but in terms of data, statistics, stories, you name it. So it's evolved over the years to something that's pretty much almost a necessity if you're doing business," Simon commented.

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 - 3 bd - 2b - house - 1800s.f.
 - 1bd - 1b - cottage - 100s.f.
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 2. Offering
 - 6,860 s.f. - 0.157 Acre
 - 3 bd - 2b - house - 1800s.f.
 #CSH1155 - **\$461,900.**



Hope Town - Elbow Cay
 - 0.049 Acre - 2,140 s.f.
 - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 1,700 s.f. Residence
 - Views of Lighthouse from upstairs loft
 - Private Yard
 - Central Town location
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 - Near Atlantic Beach
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 - Fabulous Coco Bay Views
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 - Tool shed
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 GTH1149 - **\$665,000.**



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 - 5,583 s.f. residence
 - Restaurant & Pool Bar
 - Shell Fuel Dock
 - Bay Dock
\$4,600,000.
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 - +/- 4.30 Acres -
 - 6,583 s.f. residence
 - Restaurant & Pool Bar
 - Shell Fuel Dock
 - Bay Dock
\$7,600,000.
 #GTH1151



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



Man-O-War Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - 1,921 s.f. Residence.
 - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin
 - 172' Ocean Beach Front
 - 1.189 Acres
 - Beautifully Landscaped
 - Semi-Private Dock
 - Fabulous Views
 #MWH1019 -



Green Turtle Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - Bunkroom
 - 1,455 s.f. Luxury Villa
 - 0.173 Acre
 - Covered Screen Porch
 - Golf Cart Garage
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 - Complete Renovation on 07'
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Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
 - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
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 - 1,355 s.f. of Residence
 - Covered Screened Porches
 - Land - 0.54 Acre
 - 253.06 of water-frontage
 - Two Docks 36' - 170'
 - 56,000 gallon cistem
 - Generator House - tool shed
 - 50KW diesel Generator
 GTH1137 - **\$995,000.**



Man-O-War Cay
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
 - 1,560 s.f. Residence.
 - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs
 - Land - ± 1.824 Acres
 - Entire S.E. Point of Dickie's Cay
 - Private Dock
 - Auxiliary Generator
 - Fabulous Views
 #MWH1099 - **\$1,850,000.**



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



Man-O-War Cay
Option #1 - **\$625,000.**
 - 0.282 Acre Sea to Sea
 - Lot - 119.7' of frontage
Option #2 - **\$1,170,000.**
 - 0.451 Acre Sea to Sea
 - 260.97' of frontage
 - 2 bd., 1.5 Bath Res.
 - 3bd., 1b. guest cottage
Option #3 - **\$1,700,000.**
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NEW OFFERING
"Crawl Bight"
 Great Guana Cay
 - ± 2.2 Acres -
 - 95,832 s.f.
 - 100' Atlantic Beach
 - 100' Sea of Abaco
 - frontage to build dock
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Additional Land Available
 #GGV1143 - **\$895,000.**

• "CRAWL BIGHT" - Sea to Sea building site - Two offerings - 1. 95,832 s.f. - 2.2 Acre, 100' Atlantic, 100' Sea of Abaco. 2. 321,690 s.f. - 7.385 Acre 300' of Atlantic beach frontage, 300' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Newly built dock - great family estate
 #GGV1143 - **\$895,000 - 2,250,000.**
 • "WIND N' SEA" - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - #GGV1112 - **\$850,000**
 • "AERIE" - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - **NEW PRICE \$700,000.**
 • "BLACK JACK'S REST" - 32,750 s.f. - 0.751 Acre Lot #33 in Orchid Bay with amenities, 120.41' Sea of Abaco Frontage, available to build dock - Private community - GGV1147 - **NEW \$667,000.**
 • LOT 78 DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES - 31,299 s.f. - 0.718 Acre - 110' on Pristine Atlantic Beachfront - Up to 25' elevations - paved road and electricity in place. Access to shared dock. Can be combined with "Lost Shaker" for a total of 68,138 s.f. - 1.56 Acre site. Available - #GGV1156 - **NEW - \$674,847.**
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 GGV1118 - **NEW PRICE \$368,000.**
 • "LOST SHAKER" - Dolphin Beach Estates - Oversized beach-front parcel - 36,839 s.f. - 0.8457 Acre - 65' of Beach-front Good elevations for superb ocean views. Lush Native Vegetation.
 # GGV1000 - **NEW PRICE - \$460,000.**
 • "PARADISE" - 12,141 s.f. - 0.278 Acre lot with views of Atlantic ocean. One lot from beach - great value - 15' elevation - easement to beach. #GGV1138 - **NEW \$199,000.**
 • "MIRABELLA" - 15,174 s.f. - 0.384 Acre lot, one of Guana's highest elevations with panoramic views of the Atlantic and Sea of Abaco. Paved road and underground electric in place. Deeded rights to a shared dock in Susan's Cove. #GGV1153 - **NEW \$129,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY
 • "MADEIRA HILL" - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - **\$395,000.**
 • "CONCHED OUT" - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic Beach frontage - 12' Elevations - Beautiful Ocean Views - Very Private Area - Additional Acreage available. #GTV1008 - **\$379,000.**
 • "LONG BAY BEACH" - Incredible beach parcel - ± 26,589 Sq.ft. - ± 0.6103 acres - 60' of spectacular beach frontage - Private gated entrance - Affordable building site for cottage or beach cabana.
 #GTV1121 - **NEW \$325,000.**
 • "LONG BAY SOUND" - Back to nature. - Secluded - 24,565 Sq ft - 0.5639 acres - 105' of Black Sound frontage - Ideal home site - Dock site possible. #GTV1122 - **NEW \$325,000.**
 • "OCEANVIEW LOT" - 22,141 s.f. - 0.508 Acres - overlooks pristine beachfront on Atlantic side - Snorkeling reef just off shore - Great views - close proximity to Green Turtle Club. #GTV1157 - **NEW \$294,500.**
 • "CASUARINA" - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore
 #GTV1074 - **\$59,000.**
 • "COCO BAY BREEZE" - Two Prime Building Sites - 2699 Acre - (2,255 Acre - Under Contract only 1 left) - Dock Access - Beach Access.
 #GTV1007 - **\$47,500. - Lot**

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

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

Scotland Cay
 - ± 0.874 Acres
 - 1,900 s.f. of Residence
 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - Open floor plan
 - dock slip in marina
 - 145,70' Sea of Abaco
 - Fabulous Views
 #SCH1148 - **\$2,250,000.**

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

MANOWAR CAY
 • "SUMMERPLACE" - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 - **NEW PRICE \$233,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY
 • "141 Hillside Developer Parcels" - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available
NEW LISTING #SC1140 Priced from \$170,000 - \$438,000

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be undertaken by the members of the local Community Emergency Response Team members on August 21. Training for this exercise will be by the National Emergency Management Agency. Two other simulated exercises will be carried out in North and South Abaco on August 19 and 20.

Lead agencies for each area were outlined in the files that were handed out, and Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator, pointed to areas that required support agencies.

Transportation was another area of concern. Supt. Noel Curry, Abaco's Police Chief, wondered if any heavy equipment vehicles would be available in the event a hurricane shelter collapses as was the case on Grand Bahama one year.

The list of hurricane shelters was addressed. Dr. Lenora Black said that Central Abaco Primary was equipped with a standby generator.

Pastor Silbert Mills informed Kalesa Gibbs from the Department of Social Services that the new building that was being constructed for Friendship Tabernacle would be reserved for the workers at the Wilson City Power Plant.

Mr. Cooper was pleased with the work that BEC has been doing in regard to tree trimming. Everette Strachan, BEC's office manager, said that it is an ongoing process for them as they ensure that trees are far away from the power lines.

Mr. Cooper discussed the last item of the day. In the previous meeting, Mr. Mills had suggested that a Web site be designed for the committee. Raquel Armbrister, an

employee of Mr. Mill's BCN, announced that although the Web site wasn't completed, it had fully functioning links, a list of hurricane shelters, and the names of hurricanes among other useful information. The address for the committee's website is <www.abacodisastercommittee.com>

Town Planning approves two projects

By Timothy Roberts

During the Central Abaco District Town Planning meeting on July 14, plans were approved for Auskell Medical Centre, a three-story mini-hospital which will be built on Don MacKay Boulevard and will feature examination rooms, patient rooms and two surgery suites.

The 28,553-square-foot medical centre is expected to cost \$2.7 million and will be constructed in three phases. Phase I will be the medical center, Phase II will consist of a helicopter pad and morgue and Phase III will add a hospice center. Phase I will consist of examination rooms, patient rooms, two surgery suites - one for minor surgery and one for more major surgery, a chemotherapy and dialysis center, a birthing center, eye center, medical spa, cafeteria and staff facilities. The committee unanimously approved the plans for the medical centre.

The Board also approved a \$1.8 million addition to Commonwealth Bank. The new extension will add approximately 5,000 square feet to the existing building located by the traffic light in Marsh Harbour.

Construction of tennis court begins

By Canishka Alexander

The first time Dundas Town and Central Pines residents were informed of the Dundas Town Committee's plans for a sporting complex was in February of this year. It did not take the members long to show that they are true to their word. The complex is located off Forest Drive just below Central Abaco Primary School.

Deputy Committee Chairman Faron Newbold said that they received approval to begin the project about a month ago from the Ministry of Education. He explained that the tennis court is the first phase of the project. The sporting complex will house additional facilities: a 200-meter track, baseball field and volleyball court.

"We are starting with the tennis court which is 36 feet by 78 feet; it's a full-sized tennis court," Newbold visualized. "It will accommodate the Central Abaco Primary School as well as the residents from Central Pines and Dundas Town alike, and we will also have a tennis pro on hand - Mr. Bobby Russell."

Mr. Russell will be giving free lessons and is willing to teach persons who are interested in the sport. "So this will be properly managed, and it will be used for what it was intended for," he explained. Mr. Russell was grateful to the Committee for taking on the project.

In the meantime, the only facilities that Mr. Russell had access to were those at Forest Heights Academy which are private. He confirmed that free tennis lessons will be offered along with after-school programs for children in the community.

"You never know who is in those primary schools," Mr. Russell said. "The committee is showing us where our money is going like Brown's Bay, like this tennis court. The track is about to come around and volleyball." He is excited about being able to manage the new facilities.

"As a tennis pro, I was looking for somewhere to play for the last 20 years. Now, it's coming about in the next few weeks. By the time this opens, I'll have a program for the kids," Mr. Russell said. "Hopefully, everything goes well, and so far so good. The area is already looking promising."



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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Independence celebration

Cherokee residents as well as many Cherokee roots families came out to celebrate our nation's 37th Independence. The children enjoyed lots of games and competitions while the parents cheered them on and enjoyed the nice weather and conversations with old friends. And there is something about hamburgers cooked on the grill that kept everyone happy.

More Community Improvements

Another set of steps has been added to the Long Dock for the convenience of the summer swimmers.



Cherokee Sound celebrates Independence with lots of games and competitions. It is a time to socialize and enjoy being with old friends. Sack races were enjoyed in the old days as well as in our modern world.

The Sandspur Lot that used to be the Soft Ball Field has once again been weeded and mowed with the hopes of encouraging locals to get out and play a few games.

Rocks and debris have been moved from the bottom of the Bridge Creek on the western side allowing a nice beach to form for those who can't make it all the way to the Long Dock.

All this work has been carried out by volunteers for the enjoyment of others, so enjoy. Remember, if we want Cherokee to be a better place, we all have to do our part, as the old saying goes "Many hands make light work."

More going away parties

Rev. Seme Joseph is being transferred to Eleuthera next month and the three churches he ministered to on Abaco held a farewell party for him and his family on July 25 at St. Andrew's Church in Dundas Town. They were joined by the congregation of St. James from Hope Town and Epworth from Cherokee. Rev. Joseph has been on Abaco for two years, but he is moving on to an even greater challenge on Eleuthera where he will head up five churches.

Eleuthera is a beautiful island and I feel sure Rev. Joseph and his family will love it there. Not to say anything against Abaco cooks, but I told him that I had tasted some of "the best" Bahamian cooking I have ever had when I visited there a few years back.

Juana Jordan, a minister-in-training, will also be leaving us as her time with us has come to a close. She has managed



Eating watermelon without use of your hands is tricky but makes for a lot of fun when competing with many others. The winner was Terrence Albury.

to survive our hot summer weather and tropical bugs, but we feel she is anxious to return home to her family and resume her studies at college.

The young people she ministered to had a pizza luncheon for her and the grown-ups joined together as a community. The three Methodist Churches in our region to had a small going away party for her on August 3 at the Community Center in Cherokee.

Ms. Jordan was really touched by the outpouring of love and affection for her as we wished her God's speed with an invitation to return sometime in the future.

How it used to be

It looks like a brand new building now, but for many years prior to 1986 when the new telecommunications building was built this small facility was Cherokee's connection to the outside world. A place to send a telegram or make a phone call. It was a time before the residents of Cherokee got telephones in their homes.

There was a long wooden bench located on the eastern side of the building where people could wait for their call to be put through. And, if the lines weren't busy and the operator inside the building was able to connect with your party you went to the little phone booth on the opposite side to take your call.

However, there wasn't much privacy and everyone could hear your side of the conversation and not much was kept a secret.

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And if it was in the afternoon you nearly suffocated in the little phone booth from the heat of the sun going down in the west.

The Old Timer's talk about a slower pace and happier time when we didn't live in a great and hectic rush. That was how it was and there are many, I'll bet, who wish it was like that again.

BTC has restored the old building as it was nearing the state of falling down. But as run down as it was, it is still a big part of our local history and we are glad they decided to restore it.



This is the Batelco office in Cherokee Sound that was used up until 1986 when a larger cement block building was constructed that shows in the picture on the right. Cherokee residents are pleased that Batelco has recently restored the old building.

Killer whales are observed

By Charlotte Dunn

On July 28 researchers from the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation were on the water in their 18-foot inflatable boat when they were contacted by

Jimmy Darville of the Berry Islands with a marine mammal sighting.

An hour before Jimmy had spotted a pod of killer whales while on his way to Sandy Point from the Berrys. He gave the researchers a rough idea of where he left the animals and the direction they were headed. The researchers followed Jimmy's tip-off and found the whales only a few miles to the west of Gorda Cay. The pod consisted of four animals, an adult male and what are presumed to be three adult females.

These same four animals were encountered off Rocky Point just south of Sandy Point last year on July 10 during one of our organization's Whale Camps (http://www.bahamaswhales.org/news/2009/news_Jul09.html).

Prior to 2009 two of these animals had been sighted four other times since 1995 and have been observed feeding on Atlantic spotted dolphins, Fraser's dolphins and dwarf sperm whales in Abaco waters.

On this last sighting the researchers remained with the animals for approximately seven hours but did not observe any feeding behaviour, although they appeared to be in search mode, changing direction throughout the day. The animals were headed

northwest at the end of the day.

The researcher thanks Jimmy Darville and all public sighting reports we have received. This information is valuable to our organisation and its mission: to promote the conservation of marine mammals and their habitats through scientific research and educational outreach.

Special thanks to Mercy Adderley, who gave Jimmy our cell phone number and encouraged him to report his sighting to us.

Fund raiser at Pete's Pub

By Jennifer Hudson

Pete's Pub at Little Harbour was packed on the evening of July 16 with persons who turned out from near and far to support the Friends of the Environment's Silent and Live Auction. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the crowd enjoyed good food, drinks and socialization while supporting this worthy cause, the goal of which was to raise funds towards environmental education on Abaco. "I am so pleased at the amount of support that is being shown," stated Mrs.

Kristen Cartwright, Executive Director of Friends. "Although this is our third fund raiser for the Friends' Summer Camps, it is the first time we have held it on a Friday night at Pete's Pub, and it is a great turnout."

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Summer Bible Camp in Cherokee Sound



Some of the kids are busy doing crafts at Summer Bible Camp in Cherokee Sound. This camp is for all the children in the settlement.



This is one of a pod of four killer whales that researchers of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation followed for seven hours. One male and probably three females made up the pod.

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The silent auction included approximately 20 items, and people were generous in their bidding. An interesting variety of items was offered. These ranged from the more usual items such as jewelry, prints, bags, lunch, gift certificates and wines to the more unusual which included two tank dives and snorkel trips, Dock Mate Wash Down and Fill System, a visit to observe the Abaco parrots in the pine forests with Parrot researcher, Caroline Stahala, and a half day bone fishing trip with guide Jody Albury as seen on ESPN's Pirates of the Flats.



The fund raiser held at Pete's Pub on July 16 drew persons in support of the youth camps that Friends of the Environment organizes every summer. Three camps accommodate children in north, central and south Abaco. It was a time for friends to socialize as shown here as Tom Lefler and John Haestad, both of Marsh Harbour, converse.

After people had had time to browse the items and begin some serious bidding in the silent auction, auctioneer Chavez McBride got everybody's attention for the live auction which always proves to be the fun part of any event. Bidding was lively and extremely generous with some large ticket items such as a gas grill for a boat, sunset wine and cheese cruise for 10, a three-day 20-foot boat rental and gourmet food and beverage basket fetching large prices. The smaller items also added greatly to the grand total with a chocolate cake alone bringing in the amazing amount of \$140.

Pete Johnston, instead of having the usual Happy Hour arrangement of two drinks for the price of one, charged normal price and donated the difference to the Friends' fund raiser.

Friends is currently running three summer camps for a large number of children in Marsh Harbour, Sandy Point and Cooper's Town. "We have to raise funds to cover costs as transportation for all the field trips to places such as coral reefs, mangroves and Bahama Palm Shores is very expensive," stated Mrs. Cartwright. "We have an incredibly active and excited bunch of kids, many of whom have attended our summer camps before. The answers they have been giving to our questions have just blown me away which is very encouraging, showing that environmental education is paying off."

The Pete's Pub Party was definitely enjoyed by all who were obviously very happy to be supporting such a worthy cause. "It was a huge success, and I am absolutely overwhelmed by the result," said Mrs. Cartwright when the final tally was made. "Now we can take the kids on more field trips which is so im-

portant. For about 80 percent of them it is their first time ever snorkeling. They are learning firsthand what a reef is like and would probably otherwise never see one. These field trip experiences are instilling in them a strong sense of national pride."

Schooner Bay protects local bird life

By James Malcolm

As the site work at Schooner Bay continues in earnest and is expected to be fully complete by late fall 2010, some minor unexpected delays have recently been experienced. These delays are a result of fill and grading work having to be halted and diverted to accommodate the location of a single nesting Antillean Night Hawk.

Back in mid-June the Night Hawk made a nest and laid one egg in the middle of the area designated to next receive fill and grading work. The area was flagged off, work crews and drivers made aware of the nest and work continued all around the location. The chick has since hatched and the mother bird, while still sitting on the nest, is soon expected to depart when the chick can fly.

Finally, the family of Abaco White-cheeked Pintail ducks born at Schooner Bay in spring of 2009 has recently marked



An Antillean Night Hawk decided to make her nest where the Schooner Bay developers were working. All grading and filling had to be stopped in that area until the egg hatched and the chick had left the nest.

their one-year anniversary as the first full time residents of Schooner Bay. The ducks are never far from harbour excavation work as they feed off various sediment and organisms that come to the surface as excavation takes place.

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Stealing from a Vehicle - On July 27 a visitor left his rented car locked in the area of Mermaid Village on Pelican Shores. When he returned a few hours later he discovered that someone stole a bag with a large amount of US cash, a Seiko watch and other personal effects.

Throwing Missile/Damage - On July 28 a group of boys went to a residence in Central Pines Estates. One of them had a cutlass. They had an altercation with two boys at the residence. When asked to leave, they threw rocks, one of which slightly damaged a car. The boys fled. Later one of the boys was arrested.

Retired firefighter gives tips to police on arson

By Canishka Alexander

Darryl Brown was not expecting to talk about what he does for a living with local police officers on July 27. But by the time Sgt. Paul Johnson took him to the police meeting held at the Dundas Town Burial Society, he was ready.

As a retired federal fire investigator from Florida with 26 years of experience, Mr. Brown had many insightful tips to share with the officers. Before he began, though, Mr. Brown wanted to know if there was a 911-system set in place when reporting fires. Satisfied that there is, he moved on.

He pointed out that sometimes police officers have to respond to a call before the fire department arrives on the scene. So as first responders on a scene, they needed to know what they should look for, how to observe evidence and what they should do to protect that evidence.

Sgt. Johnson told him that a lot of the fires that have been occurring on the island lately have been suspected to be arson. When arson is suspected, Mr. Brown explained what they needed to look for when they arrive at the scene.

His first tip was that a scene is one that can never be duplicated. "What you see is something you need to remember," he said. "First responders are usually the critical link in the prosecution of an arsonist."

The five phases of operation that first responders must abide by were also described as critical: the initial call, en route to the fire scene, arrival on the scene, fire suppression and post suppression or overhaul.

Mr. Brown said to document how the initial call is received (VHF or telephone); the identification, location and emotional state of the caller, anything that is unusual, weather conditions, and the time period. "Believe it or not, most arsonists will report their own fires," he revealed. "Something you should really pay attention to are spectators in vehicles - disasters always attract people. If you observe someone leaving as you're getting there, that's unusual." The gender of the person is also important because women also set fires.

He told them to be observant of the same people and vehicles showing up at every scene.



Darryl Brown, a retired U.S. fire investigator, spoke to local police officers on July 27 about arson. He gave them tips for recognizing arson and watching for patterns typical of arsonists. He is shown second from left. Officers shown are Sgt. Paul Johnson, ASP Bruce Arnett and Supt. Noel Curry.

Police Matters

Police give Bi-annual Report

By Timothy Roberts

The Royal Bahamas Police Force invited members of the media and public to attend its bi-annual review on July 14 at the Church of God building in Dundas Town in its effort to be more open and share information with the community.

A major part of the police commitment to community policing is coming through

Sgt. Rachel Metelus, who reported that so far this year she has visited 10 schools to speak on school safety, drugs, pedestrian safety, sexual immorality and conflict resolution. She said they have partnered with local civic groups to encourage education within communities on animal abuse, road safety and more. She said, "We must involve the community in crime solving to

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The head of each department of the Royal Bahamas Police Force on Abaco presented his bi-annual report on July 14 at the Dundas Town Church of God. The media was allowed to attend. Shown is Sgt. J. Henfield making his report on Road Traffic.



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make it effective.”

Sgt. Christopher Farquharson said in order to reach their goals in the reduction and prevention of serious crimes, they need increased manpower as they deal with stolen vessels, sexual offenses, break-ins and assaults. He noted, however, that last year by the end of June 25 boats had been stolen, but this year in the same period of time only five boats had been stolen and three men have been arrested and charged in court this year for these crimes.

On his report of the Central Police Station, Sgt. Antoine Knowles reported that of crimes against property there has been a detection rate of 21 percent and of crimes against persons there has been a 43 percent rate of detection through the first six months of 2010. Of the 317 person arrested during this period, the majority of offenses were stealing, shop breaking and causing harm.

The newly appointed officer at the airport, Corp. Cassidy Smith, said that he has been fairly busy since being transferred. The majority of the arrests made have dealt mainly with disorderly conduct. However, he did make an arrest for an illegal firearm. He made note that updates for security at the airport are needed.

Though June has seen a decrease in traffic accidents, Sgt. Jeremy Henfield would like to see a reduction of at least 15 percent in occurrences by the end of this year. He reported that so far this year there have been two traffic related fatalities in Abaco. He noted that more accidents occur on weekends, and he hopes to provide more public education and traffic reports in hopes of curbing these problems.

Abaco's Suptintendent of Police, Noel Curry, said it was their goal to be open and share more with the public, noting that "information is more effective if we share it." He concluded, "We are kept sharp by your input and observations."

Break-in at Brass and Leather shop

By Annabella Marquis

A break-in occurred on the evening on August 8 at the Brass and Leather store in the Abaco Shopping Centre in Marsh Harbour. The manager of the store said that the loss of merchandise was minimal. The only physical damage was the shattered door which has now been replaced.

Neighboring Abaco Print Shop owner Ruth Saunders came to the premises when Sure Alarms alerted her that the alarm system at Brass and Leather had been activated.

Police were already at the scene when she arrived, and the burglars had fled. It is suspected the thieves were young as they stole only belts and school-style backpacks.

They are believed

to have fled through the rear of the shopping center and dropped some of the stolen items on their escape, as some of the stolen items were found there by police.



The glass door of the Brass & Leather shop in the Abaco Shopping Centre was smashed during a burglary. Not much merchandise was stolen. A Police Officer is writing up the incident. In the police investigation of the incident, the officer found some of the merchandise discarded at the back of the shopping centre.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Captain Ernest Alexander Dean**, MBE JP, 95, of Sandy Point was held on August 14th at the Assemblies of God Church in Sandy Point. Rev. Erskine Wells officiated assisted by Rev. Carington Pinder. Interment followed in the Sandy Point Cemetery.



Capt. Ernest Dean

He is survived by his children Shirley (Emil), Susy, James, Marcus (Marilyn), John (Stephanie), Salomie, Carolyn, Sharon, Christine (Thomas) and Ernest (Cecilia), (Tweed); grandchildren Akilah, Alex, Anne Marie, Anaya, Cecily, Cedric, Christalette, Damien, Dianne, Evony, Erenelia, Emil Johnny (Cyd), Gian, Garnell (Kyle); Gerard Jr., Inga, Jayette (Julian), Jan (Ricardo), Janae, Jeremy (Carla), Jevon Clyde (Yolanda), Jonelle, Jontue, Joy (Derek), Keva, Latrelle (Christopher), Mandi, Marcus Jr., Mia, Michelle (Arthur), Myron, Percy, Quincy, Santia, Shauntae (Lamont), Tammy (Julian), Valerie (Hulin), Vanessa (Grafton Jr.), Vashti; great-grandchildren Grafton III, Vonya, Andrew, Jeremie II, Kyas, Adrian, Deano, Alderesh, Shavante, Jayce, Kyle, Kyree, Kyra, Kadajah, Brittany, Todd Jr., Tate, Jaivin, Jhemz, Aaranae, Zaia, Arthur Jr., Akeva, Arshelle, Kristen, Julian Jr., Jude, Joel, Joanna, Jordan, Tyler, Chandler, Dillan, Christin, Caitlin, Alex Jr., Anaya, Myles, Shanell, Arturo, Shanaii, Shavane; great-great grandchildren Akeem, Anaya, Adrian III; nieces and nephews Cyril and

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The funeral service for **Vernal Charles Reckley**, 61, of Murphy Town was held on July 17. Pastor A.B. Lewis officiated assisted by Rev Nathaniel Heild. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Murphy Town.



Vernal Charles Reckley

He is survived by his wife Maria Reckley; mother Dolly Davis; mother-in-law Mae Brown; children Rolando Levi, Mashell Grant, Meloine Reckley and Vernal Reckley; stepsons Donavin Rolle and Mario; stepdaughter Rosa Alexis; sisters Karen Antonio, Mary McKenzie, Peteral Williams, Margaret Williams, Judy Wilmore, Venita, Haziell, Elgis, Margaret and Ada Reckley; brothers David Williams, Mervin, Nelson, Roland and John Reckley; nephews Brian, Latherion, Lavardo, Lorenza, O'Brien, Matthew, Nathaniel, Makemo, Dominic Johnson, Kenneth Knowles, Samuel Brown Jr, Mervin and Reginald Brown, Elvis and

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grandchild Seniah Wells; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Miriam "Mama" Davis**, 89, of Moore's Island was held on July 31 at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Moore's Island. Pastor Geneva Williams officiated assisted by Rev. Ishmael Williams, Pastor Nixon Simms, Pastor Preston Knowles and Pastor Anthony Williams. Interment was in Moore's Island Public Cemetery.



Miriam "Mama" Davis

She is survived by her sons Rudolph and Andrew Davis, Godfrey and Stevenson Mitchell; daughters Maxine Gaitor, Rosebud Greene, Shelia Davis, Issie Mitchell and Sharon Stuart; special friend Joseph Mitchell; adopted sister Monica Reckley; adopted brother Eddie Reckley; sons-in-law Harrison Gaitor and Norman Stuart; daughters-in-law Denise and Charlotte Mitchell; nieces Rosenell Lightbourne, Jane Davis, Cora Hill, Julia. Kelly and Anicia Davis, Joann, Charity and Ruby; nephews Franklyn Hunt, Leon and Michael Davis, Jimmy, Hughlin and Stencil; grandchildren Betty Johnson, Eleanor Davis, Sharmaine Greene, Francis Davis, Samuel, Christopher and Michael Greene, Isaiah, Nelson, Duston, Deandrea and Normanique Stuart, Godfrey Mitchell Jr, Brian Fox, Deorna Rolle, Selena, Crystal, Felecia, Miriam, Diedre, Tyanne and Tamyah Davis, Ken-

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ny Mitchell, Lenny; Lamatto, Lendricka and Frisco Scott, Officer Lenicka Scott, Bradley Stuart, Renaldo Roberts, Carlton Brown; step-grandchildren Marcel and Anthony Toussaint and Dayvon; great-grandchildren Clement Stuart, Anwar, Ansel and Anadescha Johnson, Melrose Davis, Tevin McKenzie, Stephen Greene, Deandre Ferguson, Micheala and Michelle Greene, Breon and Briantino Fox, Lennisha Scott, Kennisha Mitchell, Denijah Humes, Emerson Rolle Jr, Shawnique Lightbourne, Justin Thompson, Dominique Hield, Daisha, Malik Arthur, Sapphire; great-grandchildren Christiano Thompson, Ansel Jr and Shavanno Johnson, niece-in-law Eucyline Hunt; nephews-in-law Llewellyn Lightbourne and Buster Davis, sisters-in-law Mella Davis and Doris Swain and Leotha Reckley, grandsons-in-law Andy Johnson, Tyrone Davis, Emerson Rolle Sr; granddaughters-in-law Charnale Fox and Toni Stuart; godchild Glacy Greene; and many other relatives and friends.

Susan Stuart, 67, of Moore's Island died in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on August 3.

She is survived by her sons Sherman,

Herman, Kevin, Oswald, Wenzel, Ralph, Mario and Shadrack; daughters Hildarene Smith, Shanna Stuart, Joanna Rolle and Terry Stuart; numerous grandchildren; sister Rosemary Davis; brother Reginal Lightbourne; numerous nieces and nephews; daughters-in-law Monique, Sharon and Kenra Stuart; and many other relatives and friends.

Arthur Charles Roberts Sr., 68, of Treasure Cay and formerly of Fox Town died at his residence on August 3.



Susan Stuart



Arthur Charles Roberts Sr.

BEC reads meters electronically

By Timothy Roberts

In an effort to better educate the public on the way meters are read, Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) explained to the press the process and then took them on a meter reading route to show exactly how it works.

Mr. Ellis Gibson explained that the old method of walking up to a meter and reading the number is "pretty much obsolete." BEC is currently employing radio frequency technology in the reading of meters by either a handheld device or a portable computer, also called a mobile collector. He explained that meter reading is "more efficient and much faster with the new technology."

Mr. Marvin Mills demonstrated how they use the handheld device, which has a range of 300-400 feet and reads a wireless signal which is transmitted from the customer's meter. They first upload to the device a route which has the customer's information and location including their electronic radio transmitter number from the main computer. The device is then configured by the meter reader to search for a signal from the meter.

The meter's unique ID is matched with a customer's name and account, and the device records the current meter reading and applies it to the correct account. This

process eliminates mistakes in the accuracy of readings by removing the possibility of human error.

Mr. Mills said, "Customers are always wondering if we are mixing up readings, but it's not possible to do that because everybody has their [unique] identification."

The handheld units are primarily used for the cays while the mobile collector, which is the size of a small computer with a small LCD screen mounted on top, is used on the mainland.

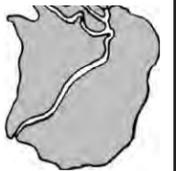
The mobile collector has a radius of about a mile. As soon as it is brought online, it immediately starts picking up signals and automatically reads any meters in range. During a ten-minute drive through Dundas Town and Murphy Town over 200 meters were read.

Mr. Gibson said the process to read the meters in Dundas Town used to take two people up to two days previously. Now meter readings can be done in less than two hours. He said, "In places like Cooper's Town, people see you drive through. But because the area is so small, it's very few corners you have to turn through to read all the meters."

If any houses are missed during a "drive through," the name and location is shown and the site can be revisited at another time to ensure the reading is done.



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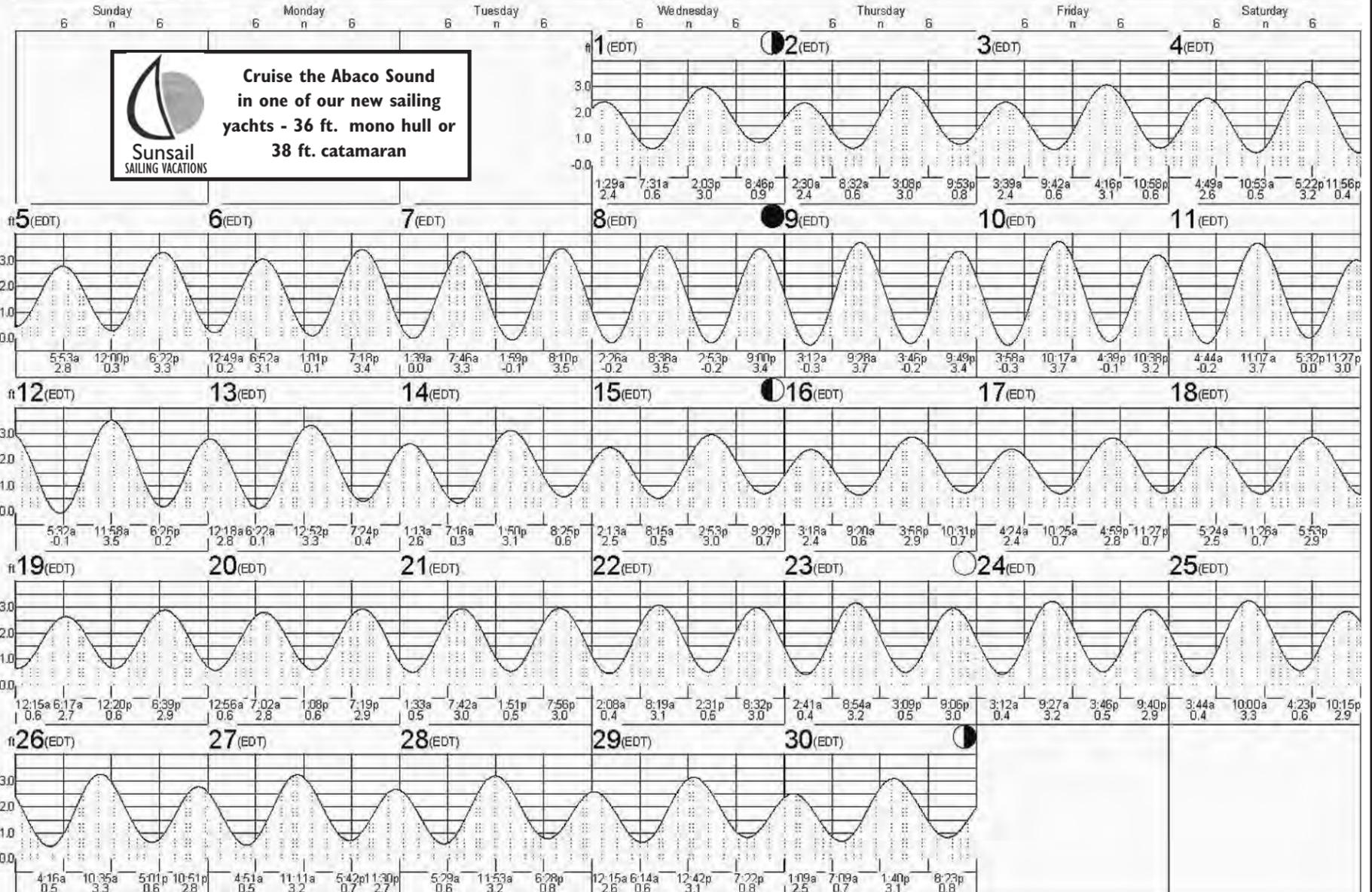


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Contractor robbed by local ministry

Dear Reader:

I am a licensed contractor who, in October 2008, was awarded five houses to build as a part of the Spring City Project Phase I. I write this letter to give a breakdown of my grievances with this ministry, talk about my wrongful termination, expose some of the unethical practices that they engage in and identify the large amount of money that was stolen from me by the manager on Abaco.

Initially, when this project began, the contractors were told that we could purchase materials from the United States due to the minimal amount of money allocated by the government to be spent on each home. Additionally, we were told that these items would be brought in duty free which pleased all of us greatly.

It was not until after we all had signed the contract that we were told that we had to buy all materials from local suppliers. As a result of this drastic change, we asked for an increase in the price per square feet of each structure to offset costs but were denied. To appease us, the former Permanent Secretary of this ministry stated that an increase would be considered at the end of the contract. When work began on the houses, some minor increases were offered and accepted. To add, payments were delayed weeks at a time and were always late resulting in materials not being in place and the timeline given unattainable.

Even though the above stated expresses some of my initial grievances with this ministry, grievances continued until I was terminated and escalated to defamation of character, law suits that keep me in and out of courts, assaults, insults, and me being ordered by the judge to pay the money owed or spend time in jail. The major grievances I experienced were:

- This ministry expected contractors to complete five houses in three months
- Insufficient increase to warrant the high cost of purchasing supplies locally
- Payments were always late resulting in delays in construction
- Denial of repayment of land clearing money spent from my personal funds
- Consistent pressure received from this ministry to complete homes in three months even though we were not being paid on time and were not given additional time to complete them
- Absence of a licensed electrician (for one month) to inspect houses which also delayed completion
- Additional expectations placed on me and other contractors by the Nassau electrical inspector who came to Abaco to fill in for the sick local inspector
- Termination of my contract on July 7th, 2009

Even though the grievances stated above are many, this matter took an ugly turn two months prior to my termination in July when the local manager asked me blatantly how I would pay for my materials and labor if my contract is terminated. I didn't know what he was implying at first and was quite taken back and even wondered why he was asking me this question. I later realized that he had plans to terminate me to further his own personal agenda.

The reason for my dismissal is still unknown. Since monies were not released in a timely fashion, I had to dip into my personal reserves to push these houses to completion. I became financially exhausted at this time and didn't have another penny to contribute to these houses.

To add, I could not meet my own manly obligations to my family or myself. The last payment received was dated May 14, 2009, which was used to purchase materials for the house I was 95 percent completed and to pay workers. It was after this point that I requested my land clearing money which was intentionally denied, I believe, to frustrate and delay me, and when the electrical inspector took sick delaying work. However, I still continued to work.

When I received the termination letter, I complied with it and turned in the keys to the local office. After this was done, I called the permanent secretary's office in Nassau and was told that the permanent secretary involved with the contracts was no longer with that ministry. For several weeks, no one served in that position. It wasn't until August that I was able to reach the new permanent secretary.

When I spoke with her about my matter, she claimed that she had no knowledge of it. I also spoke with the minister of this ministry who refused to get involved. I continued calling, faxing, and sending information to Nassau regarding my situation but no one wanted to deal with my matter. I persisted with the calling but to no avail.

In fact, the minister himself stated that there was no outstanding money owed to me. At this point, the amount of money outstanding to complete the four remaining houses was \$102,965. I am in possession of all of my documentation to support all that has been stated.

To be continued . . .
Wanting justice

Wants the law to be just

Dear Editor,

I was arrested on Friday morning, July 23, 2010, in Dundas Town for damage to a vehicle and held for two days. The police just came and got me without any investigation of the matter, only the request of a member of our local government board or one who claims I damaged their vehicle. I tried explaining to officers that I was at work during the incident in question but

is in our country, we then should start justifying ourselves from the top. Knowing that since we look up to our leaders, they should be better examples.

Brent Brooke,
A concerned/disgruntled citizen

Please don't get me wrong, I have no problem with the law, except when they abuse their powers or take advantage. In any event, that itself is against the laws of our Bahamaland. It also compromises the integrity of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and should be investigated by the corruption unit, if there is such a thing.

When I was told who made the complaint against me, I then realized that our government has allowed a man with corrupt character to be a part of our local government who even tried running for MP of my constituency. Knowing that, after he became an adult, he changed his surname as a cover up of his criminal background.

A few years ago when the Ocean View Park was destroyed by the hurricanes, he was responsible for the repairs. The funds were issued but work for that time remains to be seen and the funds accounted for. I in turn wrote a report of his actions to the Chief Counsellor at that time. An investigation was carried out which resulted in a public brawl between the administrator and the accused. Most recently he has fallen out with other members of the Town Committee because of his tainted image and his lack of interest in his duties and failure to comply with regulations, which made the headlines in The Abaconian.

There are few, to say the least, who are hiding behind uniforms and positions who have managed to trick the public into believing that they mean well. But I voice to say that whenever our so-called leaders live a double life or anything of that nature, they, too, should be penalized as anybody else would be. If justice is what we say it



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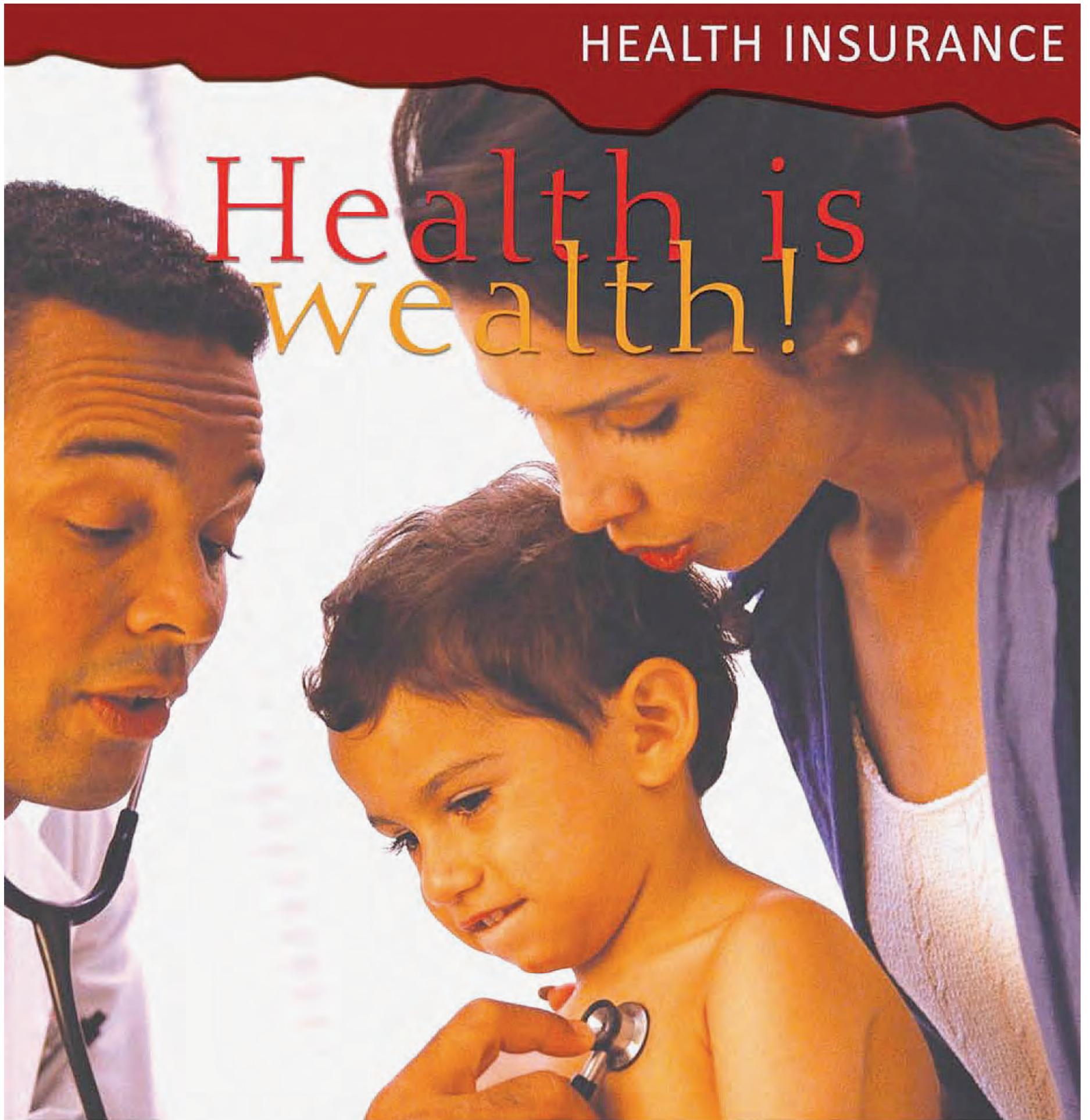
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Maxwell's Supermarket is open

New improved store replaces one destroyed in 2008

By Timothy Roberts

Almost two years after fire ravaged Maxwell's Supermarket, it is now opening in a new location and features over 45,000 square feet of spacious aisles along with almost 600 linear feet of cooler space. Opening on August 13, it is bringing a new and excellent grocery store experience to its customers.

The new store, located on Pole Line Drive, has 13 aisles as well as a health and beauty care section, house and auto care sections and specialty items. Nine check-out counters, fully computerized include extra displays for customers to see their items as they are rung up.

The store has an extensive network of security cameras throughout the store as well as an extensive fire protection system including a sprinkler system (one for every 12 square feet) and a 30,000 gallon rain-water cistern to provide more than enough water in the event of an emergency.

The spacious store will bring more variety of products and is expected to be able to serve Abaco and its steady population growth for years to come.

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Maxwell's Supermarket, a state-of-the-art model store, opened on August 13, replacing the old Maxwell's that was destroyed by fire in August 2008. The building has been under construction for 22 months. It features the newest technology, employs the most efficient methods of merchandising and is very impressive. Abaco has come a long way in the past 50 years from tiny shops mostly without refrigeration or even adding machines to now offer a store that grocery merchandizers come to admire. Soon to open will be Furniture Plus adjoining the supermarket.

Blue Holes are featured in National Geographic

By Jennifer Hudson

The spectacular underwater caves of the Bahamas are the subject of the lead story in the August 2010 issue of National Geographic magazine just released. The account of journalist Andrew Todhunter's diving experiences in Bahamian blue holes makes very interesting reading and the photography is stunning.

In the summer and fall of 2009 a multi-

disciplinary cave-diving and scientific team spent two months studying blue holes on seven Bahamian Islands including Abaco, gathering data which can give insights into geology, water chemistry, paleontology, archaeology and even astro-biology. Funded by the National Geographic Society in collaboration with the National Museum

Please see **Blue Holes** Page 16

Walker's Cay purchase is approved by government

By Timothy Roberts

Victoria House IBC, a Turks and Caicos-based company, is expected to close on the purchase of Walker's Cay in Abaco as early as October for an undisclosed price. This is according to a press release made on August 3 by AlphaCRE, a Georgia-based brokerage firm.

The Bahamas Investment Authority has endorsed the deal for the purchase and redevelopment of the island which will include two hotels with more than 100 rooms, 18 half-acre beachfront properties, 28 con-

dominiums, 10,000 square feet of office space, dry storage for 48 boats, a 258-slip marina, a yacht club and a 2,800-foot-long runway.

The Walker's Cay Hotel and Marina was closed in 2004 after consecutive hurricanes effectively shut the island down.

"The developers have created a solid plan for Walker's Cay re-emergence," said Scott French, president of AlphaCRE. "Combined with a top-shelf professional

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Minister inspects several Abaco schools



The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works, visited several schools while he was on Abaco on July 30. He was inspecting buildings and hearing about problems. Many of the concerns related to electrical problems. Mr. Grant is shown here on the right at the Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay. Also pictured are Dr. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent; Donnie Adderley Outten; Administrator Maxine Duncombe; Administrator Theophilus Cox; and Mr. Grant. See story on page 2.

Expert explains soil chemistry to farmers



Dr. Robert Taylor, center, a soil expert who is the Dean of the School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Alabama A&M University, held a seminar for Abaco farmers to explain the connection between soil chemistry and successful farming. He came as guest of Edison Key, Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. Mr. Key, right, is interested in what Dr. Taylor is explaining while Arnold Dorsett, Assistant General Manager, Agriculture Department, listens. See story on page 19.

Minister says school will be ready to open

By Timothy Roberts

The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, toured several schools on Abaco during his visit on July 30 to review off-season works and repairs being done. He visited Abaco Central High, S.C. Bootle, Cooper's Town Primary School and Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay.

At Abaco Central High the parking lot has been paved. However, Mr. Grant noted that corrections to the work were necessary. He said that when the paving is completed, much needed landscaping will take place.

Electrical issues were brought to his attention at several schools. Schools are generally built with no provision for expansion. Consequently as new buildings, rooms and wings are constructed, electrical service is often a patchwork arrangement. Frequently, an entirely new service, meter and deposit are requested as being the

most expeditious solution. However, extra meters at a school facility are not the most economical solution for the long term.

The electrical service to Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay is marginal in capacity as breakers constantly trip due to overload.

The water supply to remote restrooms at S.C. Bootle High School is by well and water pump that is separate from the public water supply at the main core of classrooms. This causes problems with the proper flushing of the toilets. The solution has been to close the restrooms and require students to use the facilities on the main campus.

The minister and his staff took notes and will make recommendations.

Mr. Grant expects all work in progress now will be completed before schools open on August 30. He is pleased with the progress so far.



Principal Huel Moss of S.C. Bootle High School, right, is discussing his school problems with Dr. Lenora Black, Abaco Education Superintendent, and Minister of Works Neko Grant. Listening are John Canton, Director of Works, and Cardwell Pratt, Deputy Director.



The Hon. Neko Grant was pleased with the paving of the parking area at Abaco Central High School. Mr. Grant is shown in the right center of the photo.

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News of the Cays

Green Turtle Cay Swim race raises funds

The First Annual Green Turtle Cay Swim-a-thon was held in the Sea of Abaco on August 7. The 2.5-mile swim began at the Treasure Cay ferry dock on the mainland of Abaco and ended at Pineapples on Green Turtle Cay. Sixty-one people participated in the event.

The idea of the 2.5-mile swim began as a challenge between Dr. John Shedd and his son, John IV. Dr. Shedd then challenged Facebook friends to join them to swim, kayak or paddle across the open water to Pineapples for a day of fun. The event took on a whole new meaning in early July when Dr. Shedd's 15-year-old patient, Taylor Sawyer, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The "fun swim" would become a

fund raiser. Friends spread the word on Facebook and sponsor sheets were circulated. In less than a month the event was organized, swimmers were sponsored and chase boats signed up to keep the swimmers safe.

August 7 was a beautiful day for swimming. Hundreds of people cross the 2.5 miles between Green Turtle Cay and the mainland of Abaco each week, but the idea of swimming across had not entered too many minds. In an effort to encourage as many persons as possible, the rules were relaxed to allow masks, snorkels and fins. At 10:30 a.m. participants lined up at the ferry dock to register before making their way to the water. Red buoys were in place to guide the swimmers across and chase boats waited to follow the swimmers. The start time coincided with low tide to mini-

mize the effect of the current in the open water. At 11 a.m. the swimmers and those on kayaks and paddle boards started across the Sea of Abaco.

No swimmers would be disqualified if they got into a chase boat for a rest. The swimmers ranged in ages from under 10 years to "retirement." The first swimmer to arrive at Pineapples in less than one hour was



Fifteen-year-old Taylor Sawyer has been diagnosed with a brain tumor that has robbed him of his sight.

John Shedd IV, who swam without fins! He was followed by Andrea Sands, Willis Levarity, Andrew McIntosh and Dr. Shedd. For the next two hours adults and children came ashore to finish the 2.5 mile swim. The fun did not end with the swim; the fund raiser continued at Pineapples as friends and family purchased Bahamian dinners, conch salad, desserts and Gully Wash. The event was very successful and the funds will help with Taylor's medical expenses. Dr. Shedd, Jeremy Wong and everyone who helped are to be commended for organizing a very successful event for a very worthy cause.

Taylor Sawyer is the 15-year-old son of Ronnie and Janet Sawyer of Green Turtle

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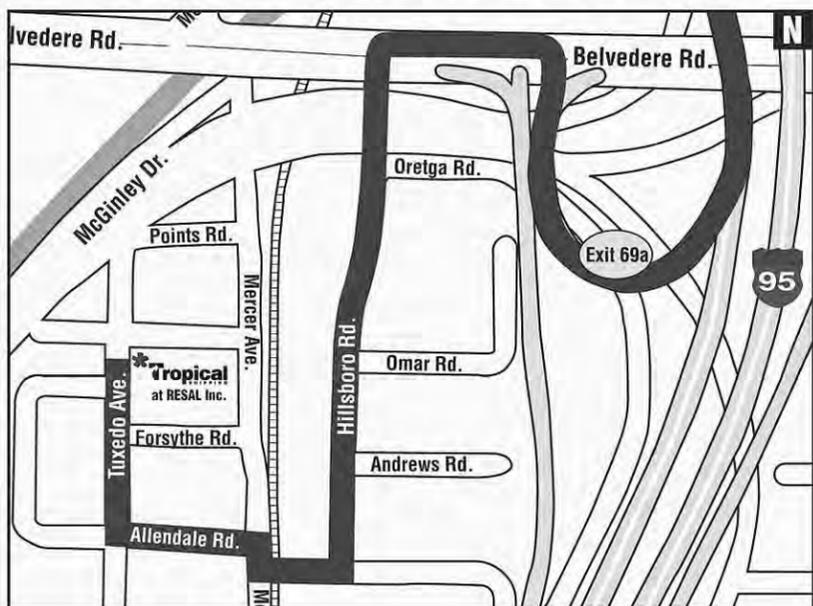
The response to the first Green Turtle Cay Swim-a-thon was enthusiastic, especially because it was raising funds for Taylor Sawyer, diagnosed with a brain tumor. This is some of the group registering at the Treasure Cay ferry dock.



These swimmers have begun the Green Turtle Cay Swim-a-thon at the Treasure Cay ferry dock. The 2.5 mile race ended at Pineapples in New Plymouth. The rules were lax: with or without fins, rest stops allowed, everyone a winner.

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Cay. He was enjoying his life as a teenager on an island, not aware of what was going on in his brain. The tumor has caused him to lose his eyesight. He is currently in Miami where he is receiving treatment.

Hope Town Playground is a community effort

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Thanks to a number of successful events and donations from the Hope Town Association and the Elbow Cay Community Association, a group of Hope Town parents has succeeded in raising enough funds to move forward with Phase One of the new Hope Town playground in Jarret Park, next to the Post Office.

"We're very excited to have reached this milestone and we appreciate all of the community support," says Erika Festz

Russell, a member of the Hope Town Association and one of the moms who got this effort started last year.

A number of parents have volunteered countless hours and equipment to make the overhaul possible. "The fence is now able to safely keep the children inside the park, is more attractive and is the center piece to one of our fund raising efforts, families and businesses supporting the new park by buying a picket," explained Mrs. Russell. "We have already had more than 100 pickets purchased and those names will be painted onto the pickets when the work on the fence is complete."

The group of parents has held several events to raise enough money to purchase a new play set for the park. According to Heather Prosa, the new set will fit in the area currently occupied by the existing slide structure. "We made sure that the new play set will not encroach on any of the other activities that take place in the park."

"The Independence Day Conch Salad and Daiquiri party helped us to reach our first goal of \$40,000," said Sara Knowles, who has helped to organized a number of the playground fund raisers. The group obtained approval from the Hope Town District Council for the new set and are working with the Council and the Adminis-

trators office to ensure that the new equipment will be duty-free as the play set is a gift to the Bahamian government and the settlement of Hope Town.

The Elbow Cay Community Association

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This is how the new play set will look in Jarret Park. The set, which was ordered the last week of July and should arrive by early September, meets rigid U.S. regulated commercial playground equipment safety standards and features 14 play activities including five slides, two climbers, four play panels and an adventure crawl tube bridge. Money was raised through a series of community-based fund raisers.



Green Turtle Cay now has a water supply from the mainland. This storage tank and new office building are at the top of the hill near the school. The Water and Sewerage Corporation employees are busy connecting residences and businesses.

Man-O-War reception honors four



The Man-O-War community met to honour the four persons named as contributing to Man-O-War at the Independence celebration on July 9 in Marsh Harbour. The reception was held on July 17 at the school with about 30 people attending. Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting spoke briefly on the achievements of each honouree. Then each honouree was given an opportunity to speak of their service. After photos were taken, those gathered socialized, exchanging stories and "catching up." Shown are Giovanni Manni, Lorraine Lee, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting, Arthur Elden and Lily Albury

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is helping to fund a shade cover that will keep the new playset cool and safe for parents and children.

Future phases for the park include a tree house, new benches, better ground cover and maintenance fund. If you would like to donate to the park or purchase a picket with your family, your house, your boat or your business name, please visit the New Hope Town Playground on Facebook, stop by the Hope Town Coffeehouse or contact Erika Russell at 366-0440.

Hope Town Council Meets

By Timothy Roberts

During the Hope Town Council's regular monthly meeting, which was held for the first time on Guana Cay on July 27, licenses for a gift shop and generator shop as well as various town planning and port authority matters were discussed.

Johnny Roberts was present seeking approval for a license for a gift shop to be located next to his liquor store on Front Street on Guana Cay. It was noted by Mr. Roberts that the deck was meant to be a waiting area for visitors and not "parties

or carousing" as some residents were concerned about. The Council discussed the application and decided to give approval pending that the relevant Ministry of Works, Environmental Health and Police and Fire Department Inspection approvals were obtained.

Also present for the meeting was Forrest Pinder, a certified diesel mechanic, who is seeking to open up a MAN Diesel and Northern Lights Generator Shop for generators and supplies on Guana Cay. He cited that Baker's Bay as well as many of their customers had MAN Diesel generators and that there is a growing need for service, sales and parts.

The council told Mr. Pinder submit the application for general shop license after which the application would be posted publicly and that, barring any objections and if all approvals were in place, he would be granted the license.

The Council approved, pending Environmental Department inspection, a new fellowship hall for the Brethren Assembly which is expected to be built next to the present church building on Guana Cay.



Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club has recently opened its golf course. Hope Town District Council members were shown the well manicured course while they were inspecting construction that the Council had approved recently. Shown are Councillor Glenn Laing; Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting; Dr. Livingston Marshall, VP with Baker's Bay; and Peter Whalen, in charge of the golf course. The group is standing on a hill that gives Hole 13 a 360° view.

Guana Cay holds public meeting

By Timothy Roberts

A town meeting was held at Guana Cay's Primary School on July 7 to get feedback from the public on setting up a bulk LP storage tank and to review plans for extensive additions to Orchid Bay, including a large 183-slip canal and a 100-room hotel.

Orchid Bay Manager, Jimmy Albury, presented the plan to a group of residents and second homeowners with a view to garnering support for the project going forward.

The proposal incorporates a large canal that cuts into Orchid Bay's existing property area and features 183-slips in total. Also the project seeks to add 28 more boat slips to the existing marina.

The plan showed allotments for 53 cottage lots with each having its own boat slip. A 100-room hotel is being planned on the north side of Guana Cay, giving guests spectacular views of the beach and Atlantic Ocean. Plans include tennis courts and a recreational building as well as a church.

The audience was primarily concerned that foreign labor would be used and

wanted written assurance from Orchid Bay that local labor would be used for the entire project. Mr. Albury assured them that an all-Bahamian workforce would be employed in the construction of this new phase. Another concern that arose at the meeting was that the canal came to a dead end with no flushing channel.

The general mood at the end of the discussion was somewhat favorable as long as Bahamians were employed to do the work.

The people approved of the placement of a 1000-pound liquid propane (LP) tank that will supply residents of the settlement more efficiently. Three local residents were opposed to the idea because they felt it was too close to residences.

The Council approved the placement of the tank pending final inspection by the Ministry of Works.

Council tours Baker's Bay

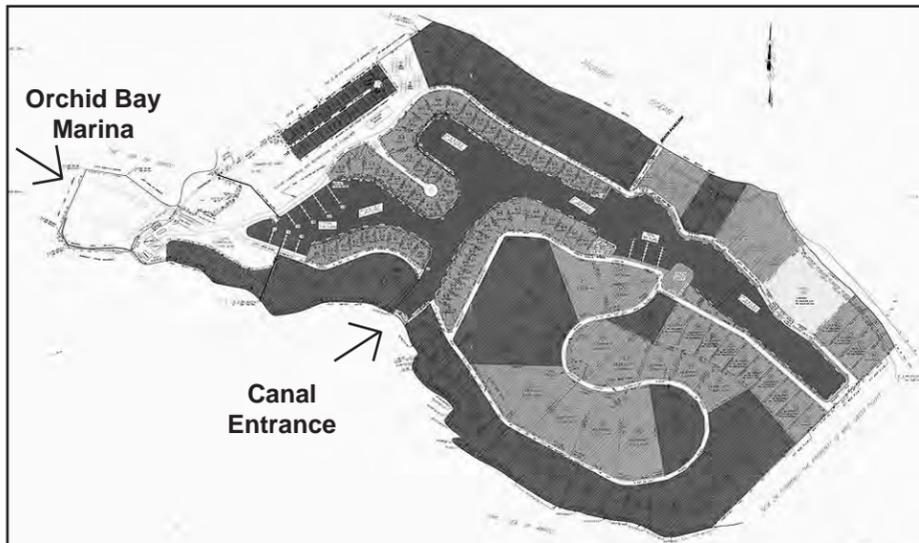
By Timothy Roberts

Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club showed off its spectacular recently-opened golf course designed by world renowned course designer Tom Fazio as Hope Town District Council members along with members of the media were taken on a tour of the club by Dr. Livingston Marshall, Sr. Vice President of Environmental and Community Affairs, on August 7.

According to Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor, the tour was arranged for the Council to view the current progress of the club and to ensure that "rules and regulations" were being adhered to.

Mr. Sweeting said, "Baker's Bay can be very proud of its product," and added that the resort is "progressing nicely and as Chief Councillor for the district, I will continue to work with Baker's Bay as the development continues to move forward."

The well laid out gated community and



This is the proposed plan for an expansion of Orchid Bay that adjoins the community of Guana Cay. It would open up a canal allowing 53 lots, each with its own boat slip, have a 100-room hotel and offer additional amenities.

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golf course is still progressing. However, most of the infrastructure is completed with the majority of roads paved, electricity is available (along with enough backup power to run the entire community if necessary) as well as a full-fledged septic treatment plant and reverse osmosis water plant with a one million gallon per day capacity.

The club boasts a 158-slip private marina which can accommodate yachts up to 250 feet in length and provides concierge services and numerous amenities, including dry dock storage.

Onsite golf pro, Peter Whalen, gave the group a tour of the par 72 golf course and showed how native flora were being integrated throughout the course, including the use of a lot of colorful flowers to make areas "pop" and to give this course a unique tropical charm not found anywhere else. Plants included banana and mango trees placed strategically near a "comfort station" (a refreshment and restroom area for guests on the course) where golfers could pick a

fruit to eat or get a fresh smoothie made.

Mr. Whalen explained that the golf course plays slightly more than 7,327 yards from the back tees and features dramatic water views from 11 of the 18 holes including a spectacular 360-degree view of the Atlantic Ocean and Sea of Abaco from the 13th hole.

The final five holes at Baker's Bay conclude with a dramatic "Pebble Beach" like finish, ending with the 18th hole, of which the entire length of the 563 yard Par 5 playing along arguably the most stunning stretch of beach in all of The Bahamas.

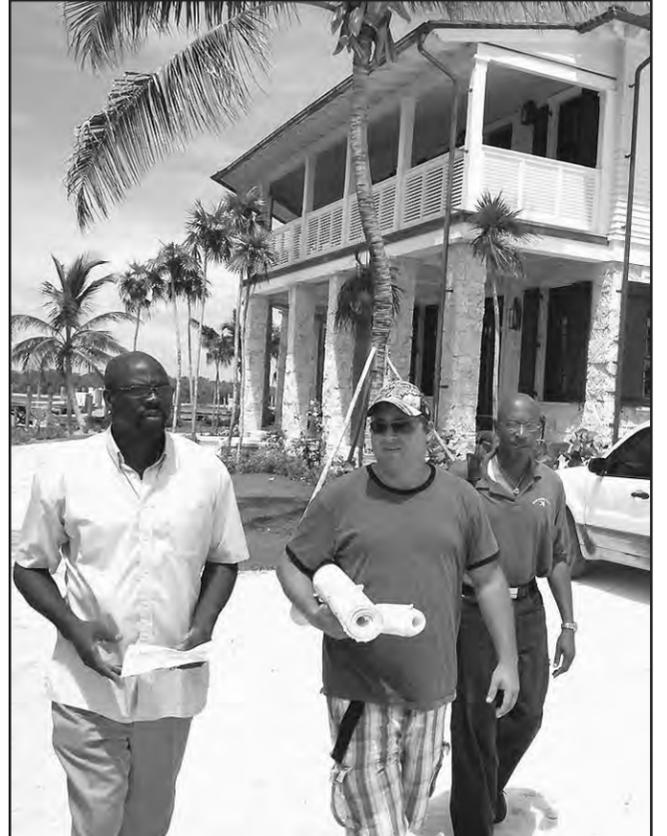
"The course is well maintained and is closely monitored to safeguard against any possible environmental danger," Jeremy Sweeting said. "I wish to highly commend Baker's Bay for keeping with the native vegetation and flora around the course as it gives it a natural flavor."

According to Craig Klinger, Sales Associate at the resort, of the 360 residential real estate opportunities, about one-third have been sold already. He said the resort has done over "\$300 million in sales and have around \$200 million invested so far, so we're still in

the black."

At this time seven custom homes are being built and all of the residences at the Marina Village are under contract, while they are getting ready to build more of these condo-like units. Presently, a number of high profile people are buying residential sites at the resort, including actors, sports stars, corporate CEO's, all of whom look forward to a break from the stress and scrutiny of the big cities where they live.

Mr. Sweeting said, "I am extremely impressed with the progress of the development. Baker's Bay can be very proud of its product, and the resort is progressing nicely and as Chief Councillor for the district, I will continue to work with Baker's Bay as the development continues to move forward."



Dr. Marshall, Mr. Sweeting and Mr. Laing reviewed plans of a couple of buildings recently constructed to see that they were built according to plan.



The infrastructure at Baker's Bay is essentially complete including a desalination plant and this sewer plant. The Council members were impressed that the developers were doing an excellent job.

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Hope Town camp celebrates 18 years

By Jessica Mann Charters

"Attack!" We all ducked as the metal

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do things a bit differently in The Bahamas, and the six-year-old at the helm couldn't have been happier.

The Hope Town Sailing Club Summer Camp is in its 18th year and is still going strong. The brainchild of Jim Laughlin, Jr., who wanted to give the children of Abaco activities and teach them skills throughout the summer, started in 1993. Every morning from 35 to 50 children, ages 6 to 16, meet in Hope Town at 8:30 a.m. to start the day at camp. The camp runs until noon for the entire month of July (Mondays-Fridays) and is free for all children.

When we arrive in the morning, we find children sitting on the Sailing Club steps waiting to begin. They always ask the same question, "Miss, what are we doing today?" Whether the answer is staying in the club house creating arts and crafts or playing games or going to Taylor Park and the beach or heading out to Nathan's Bay for sailing, the answer is followed with a smile and they say, "Oh, good!"

The camp goes on plenty of excursions as well. Capt. Justin Russell took 33 campers and four counselors to Tahiti Beach when the tide at Nathan's Bay was too low to sail. As he helped the little ones on board, he



The Hope Town Sailing Club Summer Camp offers Hope Town children a variety of activities for the entire month of July. Volunteers come from many places to work with these youth, two of whom are shown here learning the techniques of handling a Sunfish.

introduced himself to those that aren't familiar with his Local Boy fishing charters. "I'm Captain Russell, but you can call me Cap'n." They giggled and smiled and talked about the speed of the boat as he pulled out of the harbour.

Shortly after we arrived at Tahiti Beach. Sailing Club commodore Ron Engle showed up with the camp's two Sunfish and rigs. He had gone early to Nathan's Bay with the laborious task of collecting the Sunfish and taking them out to Tahiti Beach so the kids wouldn't miss a day of sailing. For the past several years, Ron has volunteered his time to help teach sailing to the children.

On the beach I watched as my husband and two other volunteer counselors from New Jersey worked like mules milling flour to screw a piece of PVC pipe into the sand. The end result after two pipes were

in place was a volleyball net. Although the game started slowly, it soon turned into a raucous contest. Tourists visiting the island even joined children and counselors.

Once a year a trip to Tahiti Beach ends at Cracker P's. The youngsters are always on their best behaviour, but the excitement bubbles over when they hit the dock. They can't help but run to the waiting restaurant where Patrick and Linda Stewart generously donate lunch of hotdogs or hamburgers.

When camp is in town, beadwork and lanyards are always popular in arts and crafts. However, this year, Marjie Laughlin has outdone herself. She has learned to mix cement and taught the children how to make stepping-stones. They are each decorated and personalized with sea glass, stars, fish and letters. So if you are walking through Abaco and see a pretty stepping stone in a garden you know that one of Hope Town campers lives at that house.

When the tide is right, the favourite thing for the youngsters is sailing and windsurfing at Nathan's Bay. Ann Adair has been teaching the children to windsurf for 18 years. Through the years the campers learn to tack and turn on a windsurfer.

The excitement culminated this year when a pair of dolphins visited Nathan's Bay. I was lucky to be instructing in a sunfish with two girls when shouts from land drew the dolphins to our attention. Deftly we tacked around and as I pointed, Charlie kept us on a straight course to get a closer look at the friendly mammals. Soon strong winds and approaching North End cut had us turning back to the beach, but the dolphins were the topic of conversation with everyone that day, and our little sailboat let us get the best view.

On another occasion I was sailing with a petite girl named Aliyah or Li Li as we all call her. Her bright eyes kept a steady watch ahead and, despite her slight frame, she steered the boat straight, giggling every time the bow crested the wave. She reminded me of a girl I had taught 18 years

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The Hope Town Sailing Club Summer Camp offers a variety of shore-based activities as well as water sports. Here Ann Adair is teaching one of the campers how to windsurf.

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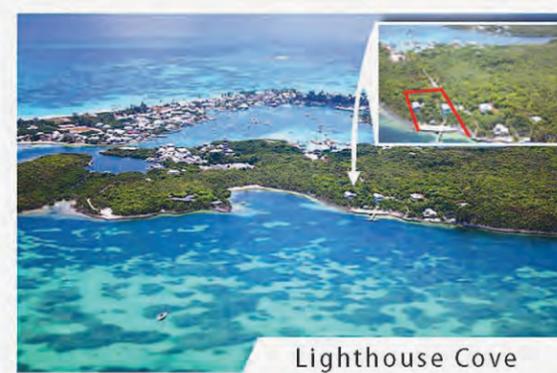
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Youth Camps and Activities

Summer Art and Craft Camp

By Jennifer Hudson

The creative energies of a group of young people aged 4 - 16 years were nurtured during the first three weeks of July at a Summer Art and Craft Camp. The camp was run by Stacey Adderley, art teacher at Agape Christian School and an alumna of the Savannah School of Art and Design. Ms. Adderley was assisted by several adults including "Mummy volunteers" and several teen student helpers from Forest Heights Academy, St. Francis de Sales School, Agape Christian School and St. Augustine's College in Nassau. Between 30 and 40 campers attended from Marsh

Harbour, Spring City, Man-O-War Cay, Green Turtle Cay and Nassau.

This enriching workshop focused on a wide variety of techniques and materials and was taught by a caring, patient and experienced staff of teachers and assistants. "The diverse daily curriculum was designed to open minds and change lives by encouraging curiosity and a sense of discovery and sparking creativity through exploration and individual expression," stated Ms. Adderley. Each day began with prayer and devotions after which the youngsters followed a structured timetable in which they enjoyed drawing, jewelry making, painting, 3D design and mixed media design, "paper madness," sewing, Junkanoo and other crafts. They received instruction in the various

crafts from Ms. Adderley and via the internet on a big screen. Guest teachers Tim Higgs and Mandy Sands came in to teach various skills.

The art and craft sessions were interspersed with fun activities such as games, movies, "crazy water sports" and a talent show. The campers offered such talents as hoola hooping, dance, singing and poetry reading. Nutritious lunches were served each day and were very much enjoyed by the campers who voted their favourites as wraps, spaghetti and chicken. Each meal was served with healthy fruit and veggies. The young students said of the camp, "It was lots of fun, it was a great experience and we learnt lots of new things."

"It was very successful and I will definitely do another camp next year," said Ms. Adderley.

The camp closed on July 23 with an art

show that showcased all of the campers' arts and crafts. It was an impressive showing and in addition to drawings and paintings featured Junkanoo headpieces, jewelry, cloth pictures, 3D letters and small pillows involving both design and sewing techniques. The show was well attended by proud parents and grandparents who were very impressed with the creativity and level of skills shown by the youngsters, and the campers were thrilled to be able to show off their masterpieces to their families.

Camp Horizons learns about careers

By Canishka Alexander

Simmons Bowe, founder of Horizons Academy, introduced Camp Horizons this summer to children aged five to 17

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An art and craft show was the culminating activity of the Summer Art and Craft Camp held at Agape Christian School for the first three weeks of July. The campers enjoyed being exposed to a variety of techniques and materials. Here the campers are showing off their work to parents and friends.



Camp Horizons was a two-week camp organized by Simmons Bowe that was held at Forest Heights Academy. The camp introduced them to various careers and helped them with financial advice.

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years old. The camp was offered at Forest Heights Academy from July 19 to July 30 at a cost of \$100 per week. The fee included a T-shirt, lunch, and field trips for the participants. Children were allowed to participate in Junkanooland and Camp Millionaire.

During Camp Millionaire, a two-day financial workshop that took place on July 29-30, participants were taught to make smart money choices and learned to budget and invest their money and how to develop good financial habits. A free workshop was offered to parents on July 29. Camp Millionaire was attended by eight to 14-year-old children.

On the other hand, Junkanooland is a Junkanoo workshop where children learned the history and significance of the Bahamian cultural expression along with costume-pasting and the music. They participate in a rush out at the end. It was facilitated by veteran "Junkanooers" and educator Arlene Nash Ferguson and her husband Silbert Ferguson.

Camp Horizons was designed to provide participants with information and tools for a well rounded life. Ms. Bowe added that the camp is intended to provide a "wholesome, educational experience during summer break."

During week one the children were given a folder that included camp expectations, a schedule of the week's activities, an ENUE magazine and a book called *By Design: Principles for Choosing a Career* written by Simmone Bowe to get them started.

The participants enjoyed group discussions, field trips, presentations and skits on leadership. They received useful information on financial planning, image and etiquette and team building.

Bible Camp tours Winding Bay

By Mirella Santillo

New Reoboth Ministries International Vacation Bible Camp which took place August 9 to the 13 was highlighted on the second day, August 10, by a visit to the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

Five camp participants aged 12 to 18 and a supervisor, Joan Baillou, were treated to

a tour of the resort, which consisted of a visit to the Educational Garden, a drive in a golf cart through the manicured grounds of the resort, a tour of a beautifully appointed fractional unit and lunch.

Adgadell Adderley, Coordinator with Human Resources, and Cameel McDonald with Guests, Members and Community Footprints drove the visitors through the landscaped grounds, explaining the functioning of the club as far as ownership and management of the property were concerned and pointing out details of interest, such as the activities planned for the guests. The club now has a retail store with a basic groceries to reduce the need for

their guests to travel to Marsh Harbour.

Infinity Mentors of Abaco organizes a business camp

By Canishka Alexander

Bekera Taylor knows all about being professional when it comes to the workplace and describes herself as a mentor. She had the opportunity to reach out to young people through her Business Exposure Camp, which was held at Camp Abaco from July 25 to August 1. The cost was \$150 per person; however, attendees lodged at the camp for the full week and attended daily seminars and presentations by Cynthia Woods, Claire Basden, Eddie Rolle and Raquel Cox.

Ms. Taylor said the program gave the participants an opportunity to be exposed to various careers and gave them the chance for job placement. Although they received no pay, the experience, she pointed out, was much more valuable.

Earlier this year, Ms. Taylor was working at a local business but decided to go into her mentoring business full time to be available for the youth in our community.

As for the camp, it was extended to children all over The Bahamas, but her greatest response came from Hope Town. Ms. Taylor sought to give young people a hands-on experience through job placements and encouraged them to become entrepreneurs. Bekera Taylor can be contacted at 458-6314 or by E-mail at <taylorinfinity@hotmail.com>



A group of campers from the New Reoboth Bible Camp were given a tour of The Abaco Club at Winding Bay. Shown are Lissa Cabrera, Cameel McDonald with Winding Bay, Joan Baillou, Cirsell Clarke, Shereka Mills, Jefferson Cabrera, Issachar Baillou and Adgadell Adderley with Winding Bay.

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The Abaco Foundation Music Camp

By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco Foundation Music Camp, under the direction of Rev. Charles Carey, was held at Central Abaco Primary School the beginning of July. It was devoted to orchestra and dance rehearsals for performances at the Independence's celebration. This camp is in partnership with the Bahamas Dance Theater from Nassau and the Georgia's School of Dance from Freeport and this were join by the Wesley College



The Abaco Foundation Music Camp emphasized music and dance, teaching the campers indigenous dances. Shown are, foreground, Tiffany Strachan, kneeling are Gerniqua Smith, Morgan Smith and Rielle Edwards and standing are Georgia Taylor, Lynisha Russell, Lashaunna Williams, Megan Turnquest, Alichiere Kemp and Alicia Storr.

Music Camp. Central Abaco Primary offered the perfect space to accommodate all the participants.

Altogether 40 students, including 15 of the Wesley College Boys and Girls Brigade, were tutored by nine adults. The camp was dedicated to music and dance, particularly indigenous Bahamian dances.

Many of the youngsters from Nassau had already participated in Rev. Carey's band and dance camps. It was the fourth year at the camp for Prince Williams, a saxophone, clarinet and trombone player; it was the second time for Allan Williams, who has played trombone for four years, and Demetrius Dames, a drum and trumpet player and for Sherceil Williams, a clarinet

player. Local boys were represented, among them Rev. Carey's son, Charles Carey, Jr., and Christopher Smith, both trumpeters.

This year the music camp not only focused on good techniques but also on proper posture, fingering, sight reading and breathing technics.

This year Ricardo McQueen, a former member of the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band, now a Band Director for Grants Town Wesley Methodist Church came from Nassau to "lend his expertise to the camp."

Five members of the Bahamas Dance Theater, accompanied by Mrs. Sonjia Roberts, Mrs. Michelle Hudson and Mrs. Anastasia Archer, joined the nine girls of the Georgia's School of Dance and Theater, led by Mrs. Georgia Storr-Taylor, to produce a joint performance for the Independence festivities.

Rev. Charles Carey prides himself in having contributed to the development of musical talent in young people through the Boys and Girls Brigade Marching Band and the Wesley College Concert Band as well as through the music camps. "Through these camps and exchanges, the Abaco Foundation is doing its part to promote the Bahamian heritage while developing an appreciation of our unique cultural expressions in its young members and the community at large."

Reading Club improves students' reading skills

By Canishka Alexander

Last year Theodora Fernander launched the Summer Reading Book Club at Friendship Tabernacle Church. This year the program began on July 13 and ended on August 6. Although the program was designed to improve the students' overall reading skills, the focus of the program underwent a minor change.

Ms. Fernander wanted to reach lower primary students as opposed to all school-aged children as she thought more progress could be made for the students involved.

Another change was that only two to three private sessions were provided last year to those who were a part of the program; however, this year participants could attend the program every day to receive attention in problem areas. Math sessions were also provided.

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Blue Holes hold secret to pre-historic times

Blue Holes

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of The Bahamas, headed by Keith Tinker, The Bahamas Blue Hole Expedition was conceived by Kenny Broad, a veteran cave explorer and anthropologist at the University of Miami.

In his article, Mr. Todhunter focuses largely on his dive experiences in Stargate, one of the Blue Holes on Andros, which he explored under the guidance of Brian Kakuk. Mr. Kakuk, owner of Bahamas Underground, a cave-diving training facility on Abaco, is one of the foremost cave divers in the world with a 21-year career diving in blue holes. "Of the more than 1000 blue holes believed to be in The Bahamas, less than 20 percent have been probed, and Mr. Kakuk estimates that three-quarters of those offer passages never seen before. The great age of Bahamian blue hole exploration lies ahead," stated Mr. Todhunter.

Mr. Todhunter describes some of the dangers of diving in these blue holes which include, in his case, the adverse reaction of nausea and throbbing head from the toxins produced by the bacteria in the layer of hydrogen sulfide 50 feet below the surface and the necessity of adequate decompression from such a depth in order to prevent

decompression sickness, the bends, which can cripple or kill a diver. He feels that these caves are on a par with Everest or K2, all of which require specialized training. "As living laboratories, inland blue holes are the equivalent of Tut's tomb," he states.

The spectacular calcite formations which built up during the ice ages when the sea level dropped leaving the caves dry, are described in detail by Mr. Todhunter and beautifully captured on film by cameraman Wes Skiles. Fish and other life-forms seen in the cave, some even as tiny as a sesame seed, are also detailed. Expedition scientist, Tom Iliffe, stated, "The greatest percentage of saltwater cave species come from blue holes in The Bahamas including 18-24 species of remipedes. Remipedes emerged 300 million years ago and give scientists a rare look at life in the Carboniferous period - tens of millions of years before dinosaurs appeared."

Buried beneath the silt Kakuk made the exciting discovery of not only some smaller bones but the domed pate of a human skull. "The forehead slopes dramatically, a sign that its owner was a member of the native Lucayan tribe that thrived in The Bahamas from the sixth through the 15th centuries when the Lucayans bound boards to their



Cave diver Brian Kakuk was the first to discover skeletons of pre-historic animals in blue holes. Seen here in one of the caverns is Mr. Kakuk suited up for his underwater explorations. The rock formations above him are stalactites formed when the caves were dry.

children's foreheads to create a sloping brow," informed Todhunter.

Michael Pateman, an archaeologist and cave diver with the National Museum of the Bahamas, suspects that submerged caves were burial sites though he states that other findings also suggest other more violent practices. Nancy Albury, project coordinator on the island of Abaco for the National Museum of The Bahamas, centres her work on the animal remains found in blue holes which include remarkably preserved fossils and bones of tortoises, crocodiles, bats, owls and beetles that thrived in The Bahamas before the Lucayan occupation. Expedition paleontologist, David Steadman, explains that the anoxic sheltered environments of blue holes are perfect for preserving organic material and states, "Were it not for blue holes, much of the fossil record for Bahamian animals going back thousands of years would not exist. This environment has enabled complete skeletons and soft tissues to be preserved on tortoise shells thousands of years old, leaves that still have their pigments and insect wings that still are iridescent blue or green," says Mrs. Albury.

Mr. Todhunter commented, "The multi-disciplinary approach of the expedition produced a constant exchange of ideas and enthusiasm among scientists with wholly different backgrounds," and anthropologist Kenny Broad stated, "I can think of no other environment on earth that is so challenging to explore and gives us back so

much scientifically."

As most of us will never get the chance to explore this incredible underwater world, it is worth obtaining a copy of the current National Geographic magazine to at least get an armchair glimpse into its wonders.

[Ed. note: Unfortunately, Wes Skiles, chief photographer for this National Geographic story, died on July 21 during a dive off the coast of Florida. He was 52 years old. He was in 40 feet of water. He did not live to see his story published.]



Abaco has many blue holes some of which are popular places for a cool dip. This one is off the farm road near Treasure Cay. The blue holes were a source of fresh water in early days. Only recently have scientists discovered that they hold much evidence of pre-historic life on the islands. The National Geographic Society funded an exploration of blue holes on several islands, then produced a film shown on television in February and the cover article of the August 2010 issue of its magazine.

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prior. The boat was probably the same, only a bit stiffer, not worn from years of use. The girl then had the same laugh and slight roll of eyes if she thought I was saying something too unbelievable. The girl was Hermanette, Li Li's mother.

This camp wouldn't have survived so strongly if it weren't for the leadership of Jim Laughlin and his wife Marjie or the sponsorship of the Hope Town Sailing Club which lets the campers use its clubhouse and supports the camp financially. Volunteers from all over the world donate their time and pay their own way to Hope Town to help lead and teach the camp. Members of the Hope Town community generously donate their houses for these volunteers to stay in and individuals and businesses all donate to make this camp a success.

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Marsh Harbour taxiway is now open

By Jennifer Hudson

In a recent interview, Mr. Bobby Jones, Manager of Abaco's two international airports, gave an update on the recently completed runway and taxiway and information on the much awaited new airport terminal.

From the time the Marsh Harbour Airport opened approximately 40 years ago until recently there has been only one runway that also served as a taxiway. Pilots have had to taxi on the active runway. With so many flights coming and going, it was very congested, creating the risk of delayed flights or collisions. A new runway, 6,100 feet in length, was completed at the end of last year but further relief was still needed. Thus a new taxiway has now been built utilizing the former runway. The new parallel taxiway, completed late June/early July, is the same length as the new runway. It allows for more ease of movement for arrivals and departures of aircraft

and the process is no longer complicated by backtracking.

This taxiway is lit by solar taxiway lights of the same type as are operational in most airports. Since they are solar lights, they come on at dusk and remain on even if the runway lights are off so blue lights can be seen all night lining the taxiway. The runway edge lights are all white and line both sides of the runway. Threshold lights are at either end of the runway. On landing the pilots will see a green light at the threshold and on departing they will see a red threshold light indicating the end of the runway.

Tied between the active runway and the parallel taxiway are four more taxiways. Each fixed base operation, namely Zig Zag Airways, Abaco Flight Centre and Cherokee Aviation, is serviced with its own taxiway entrance to the parallel taxiway and active runway.

The runway lights can be remotely operated so that if BEC power goes off or back-up power is lost, the runway lights can be powered by back-up energy. The lights can be turned on or off from a distance of two and a half miles from the aerodrome.

Mr. Jones was pleased to announce that at last a modern state-of-the-art back-up generator has been procured. The new generator is much smaller than the previous Caterpillar generator; it is fuel efficient with considerable reduction in the noise level and is far easier to maintain.

"All indications from users of the active runway and parallel taxiway show that they are extremely excited and very satisfied. The new runway and taxiway take aviation stress off the pilots because of the greater level of safety," stated Mr. Jones.

Proposed New Airport Terminal

By Jennifer Hudson

The Minister of Works, the Hon. Neko Grant, visited Abaco on July 30 to officially sign for work on architectural drawings to commence for the proposed new 24,000 square foot airport in Marsh Harbour. The Architects Incorporated, owned by Donald Dean in Freeport, is the company which has been awarded the contract for producing the drawings. On August 5 a stakeholders meeting was held with the architect for all persons, including Customs,

Immigration, Police, airlines and the present vendor who will be using the terminal, to discuss such topics as what spacing will be required for the various entities.

Within the terminal provision will be made for 14 counter spaces. The major airlines such as Bahamasair, American Eagle, Continental and maybe Delta will have an entire counter while the counter spaces will be subdivided for the smaller commuter airlines.

State-of-the-art security machinery will be in place. This will include X-ray machines for baggage, walk through metal detectors (magnetometers) and hand held magnetometers. There will be a main lounge and a "sanitized" lounge where passengers will wait after their security check. Each will hold approximately 200 persons. Vending outlets will be in both. Controlled parking will be provided for the public which will involve parking fees as in Nassau and other major airports.

Ground breaking is expected to begin on the new terminal by December. Also in conjunction with the building of the terminal, a stand-alone air Traffic Control Tower will be constructed and a fire shed to house the fire truck.

The new airport will be managed by the Nassau Airport Development Company so persons presently employed by the Department of Civil Aviation will then come under the private company.

Scurvy Few donated labor to build garbage bins

By Mirella Santillo

When walking or driving through Marsh Harbour, you may have noticed the addition of several lidded garbage containers placed in strategic locations along Queen Elizabeth Drive.

They are bolted to cemented poles topped by a heavy dog-proof red lid fastened with a chain, they are a practical solution to help keep the town stay clean.

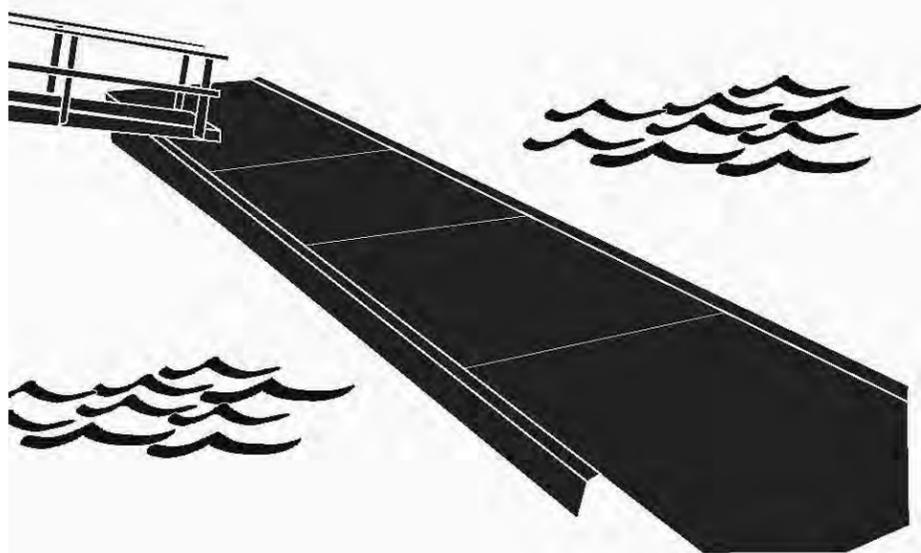
Located on sidewalks often frequented by visitors and residents alike, they are the result of an idea that germinated a few

years ago according to Sid Dawes, Secretary of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club, who brought the project to completion.

The cost of the six garbage containers located from RC Construction Company to the Memorial Garden was shared by Local Government and the Scurvy Few, with labor donated by Mr. Dawes.

The emptying of the bins which seemed to be a problem was resolved by Yvonne Key, who said that she arranged with the town cleaning crew to pick up the inside liners at regular intervals.

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It was only after writing to central government pleading for new decking for the dock and not getting even a letter acknowledging receipt of my letter that I resorted to our last option, plywood. This was done so that we could avoid any accidents due to the dock's poor conditions. The dock hadn't been re-decked since 2004.



I called a meeting with Hartley Albury and Glenn Albury and told them that since central government was not warranting us attention with respect to the dock, the council would purchase the material if the community would provide labour to nail down the plywood, making the dock safe for the events. Both Hartley and Glenn agreed to oversee the labour side of things.

I would like to thank Hartley Albury and Glenn Albury for overseeing the nailing and application of the plywood onto the dock so that no one got injured during our Independence celebrations.

Also thanks are in order to the labourers who got the work done and wasted no time in doing so. Apart from Hartley and Glenn, thanks to Brian Albury, Noah Albury, Roland Albury, Grant Albury, Cameron Albury, Shane Sawyer, Elliot Roberts, Lee Roberts, and Peter Sweeting.

With your help, together we ensured that no one was injured and everyone had a safe and fun-filled holiday.

Jeremy T. Sweeting
Chief Councillor

Sale for Walker's Cay is imminent

Walker's Cay From Page 1

team to redevelop Walker's Cay, I have every belief in continuing the legend of Walker's Cay for generations to come."

The island attracted avid deepwater fishermen and divers and was known to be a playground for U.S. Presidents and the rich and famous. The redevelopment, according to the statement, could create as many as 200 jobs and return Walker's Cay as a superlative fishing destination.

"The Bahamian government saw this

well planned proposal as a gateway to employ workforce, offer unparalleled services and improve the Bahamas brand," the release said.

The island's airport will have its own customs and immigration facilities. Properties are slated to start at about \$300,000.

According to the release, properties will be available for purchase immediately following the October 26 purchase closing. Meanwhile, the developers are in discussions with five upscale hotels to manage the resort property.



This is Walker's Cay before the two hurricanes of September 2004 damaged it extensively. It was a premier fishing resort and the developers who are hoping to purchase it want to restore it to make it even better. This photo is from their website.

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Abaco will host two international darts tournaments

The Bahamas Darts Federation along with the Abaco Darts Association and in conjunction with Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Ministry of Tourism and Kalik Beer is pleased to announce that Abaco will be hosting two darts competitions, the 18th Caribbean Cup and the 5th Americas Cup. The two tournaments will be held consecutively on August 20-30. These prestigious world-rated tournaments will involve the national teams from U.S., Canada, Turks & Caicos, Belize, Brazil, Florida, Cayman Islands, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Lucia, Barbados and The Bahamas. With each team bringing a full contingent with them, this will involve up to 150 visitors to Abaco for 11 days.

The visitors will be housed mainly in Abaco Towns, the Lofty Fig, Pelican Villas and the Moorings and the tournament venue will be the Faith Convention Centre.

With representatives from South America, Central America, North America and the Caribbean, Abaco is proud

to welcome these visitors and looks forward to 11 days of darts, camaraderie and hospitality.

The two tournaments are separate events. The Americas Cup involves the national teams of the U.S. and Canada and is part of the World Darts Federation's annual calendar. This event is publicised worldwide and is followed by the other 64 members of the World Darts Federation. It takes place from the 21 - 23 August. This will be the 5th Americas Cup.

This is followed on August 24 with the Caribbean Cup, which involves a large contingent from Florida. Florida is allowed to compete as a country in the Caribbean Cup as they were one of the founding members of the Caribbean organization. This is the 18th Caribbean Cup and The Bahamas has won it on five previous occasions.

The organizers welcome all visitors and local residents to visit the tournaments while they are in progress. Entrance is free.



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Soil expert imparts knowledge to farmers

By Canishka Alexander

Dr. Robert Taylor, a reputable soil chemist, visited Abaco with BAIC officials on August 6 for a Soil Types and Management Seminar. According to Dr. Taylor's report, no standard chemical test procedures have been tested or developed for calcareous rockland soils of The Bahamas because the chemical nature and fertility characteristics of these soils are barely understood.

However, he added that there are attempts to test and modify already existing soil test procedures deemed appropriate for Bahamian soils and to present these procedures as the recommended methods until further research provides ones that are even more appropriate.

Until then, he suggested that The Bahamas set up experiment stations for field experiments and that the government develop soil testing. Moreover, he said that data planting trials would indicate what crops are most suitable for The Bahamas as well as the best time to plant crops.

Additionally, he emphasized the importance of particle size distribution in Bahamian soils, which addresses the suitability for its many uses. The soil is taken apart and studied using a process called mechanical analysis or particle-size analysis.

During his analysis, he pointed out the

types of soil found on Andros, Eleuthera and Abaco. In some areas, red soil was found, indicating a high iron content. Unfortunately, Bahamian soil tends to lack phosphate. Although he realizes that plants are adaptable, he was amazed to see pineapples growing in The Bahamas.

It was determined that soil found in The Bahamas fits into the 7.5 to 8.0 range with regard to pH balance. Soil pH measurements assess the degree of acidity the plant root is subject to from the soil solution. On the pH scale, acids would range from one to six, seven would be neutral, and alkaline soils range from eight to 14. For pH reduction, Dr. Taylor said that sulfur and organic matter can reduce pH in the soil.

Dr. Taylor informed the participants that plants require several important nutrients. While carbon, hydrogen and oxygen are more easily attained, plants also require phosphorus, nitrogen, potassium, sulfur, calcium, magnesium, zinc, copper, iron and chlorine.

He said it is important to know the chemistry of soil and noted that plants are "the greatest chemical factory of the world."

As for the soil samples brought in by the participants, they were sent off for evaluation to determine what grows best in those soil bases.

Maxwell's employees are stocking the new store

Maxwell's

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The supermarket, owned by Chad Sawyer, is one of a chain of three stores on

Abaco which include Price Right and Save A Lot, and is one of the largest employers on Abaco with close to 130 employees.



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Church News

Methodists say farewell to minister

By Jennifer Hudson

The Eastern Methodist Abaco Region of The Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church held a farewell service on July 25 for Rev. Jean Seme Joseph at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Rev. Joseph was pastor of the three churches of the conference, namely, St. Andrews in Dundas Town; St. James in Hope Town and Epworth Chapel in Cherokee, for the

past two years and leaves shortly to take up a new post in Eleuthera.

Worship leader was Sister Juana Jordan, Minister in Training, and members from each of the churches took an active part in the readings and prayers. Fond farewell remarks were offered to Rev. Joseph by members of the congregational board of each church.

Officiating was Sister Elmena Bethell, Vice President of The Bahamas Conference. In her sermon entitled, Do The Best You Can, she challenged believers. "Take

up the mantle and carry on the work. She gave thanks for the life, work and ministry of Rev. Joseph and invoked a special blessing upon him, his wife Patrice, and their two young children.

A gift of a beautiful handcrafted half boat model was presented to Rev. Joseph. In his response he told the congregation that he thanked God for the opportunity to serve in the Abaco region and thanked everyone for their kind words expressed during the service.

Following the service the congregation

joined Rev. Joseph and his family in the church hall for a delicious farewell lunch prepared by the churchwomen of St. Andrews who are indeed superb cooks.

Farewell to Father Earl Hepburn

By Jennifer Hudson

Father Earl Hepburn, well loved priest of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour and St. Martin's Anglican Church in Sandy Point, will soon be leaving. He, his wife, Zoe, and seven-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, will leave Abaco in mid-August to take up residence on Grand Bahama where he has been assigned to the post of Chaplain at the Bishop Michael Eldon Secondary Diocesan School.

One of the farewell activities was a Roast n' Toast on July 29 in the Parish Hall. The guest of honour was escorted to the platform where he faced the audience while various members of his church and the community took turns in either "roasting" or "toasting" him.

"Abaco is richer because you served here" said Administrator Cephas Cooper, "Your work here has been exceptional and you can leave with your head held very high," he added. He then sang the song I did it my way in recognition of Fr. Hepburn's own special way of doing things.

Fr. Hepburn responded by saying how truly thankful he is to everyone for sharing with him their kind words and even their "roasts." Other farewell celebrations included a banquet that was held at Faith Convention Centre on July 30, a church service at St. John the Baptist in Marsh Harbour on August 1 and a church service followed by a lavish meal at St. Martin's in Sandy Point on August 4.

Many tributes were offered to Fr. Hepburn and he was presented with plaques by the Anglican Church Men and Anglican Church Women.

Mrs. Ruth Flowers made a presentation to Fr. Hepburn on behalf of the Anglican Church Women in gratitude for the special care he had given to the women of the church.

Rev. Willish Nottage Johnson, who was assistant priest in the parish of St. Andrew's Church on Exuma, will take over the parish of St. John the Baptist and St. Martin on September 2.

Pastor Dean serves his church seven years

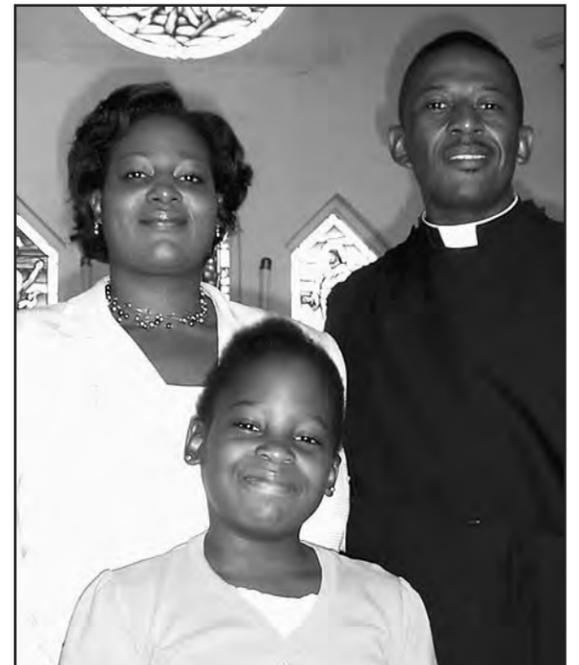
By Samantha V. Evans

Pastor Christopher Dean celebrated seven years as pastor of Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town in July. A week of special services was held beginning on July 19 with visiting pastors bringing messages. The speaker for Monday night was Bishop Lennis Cornish, on Tuesday night Pastor Deion Gibson, Wednesday night was Prophet Lawrence Arnett spoke, on Thursday night Pastor Elon McIntosh preached, and on Friday night Pastor Tyrone Mills

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Methodist minister Rev. Seme Jean Joseph is shown with his wife Patrice; son Deshan and daughter Maude.



Anglican minister Fr. Earl Hepburn, his wife Zoe and daughter Gabrielle will be moving to Grand Bahama.

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More Church News

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was the speaker. The climax was on July 25 when the church held a grand service and reception.

The theme for this celebration was "Walking in Humility with Expectations to Divine Perfection." This day was set aside by the church family to honor this man and his wife for their unwavering commitment to doing the work of God. Pastors from the north, central and south came to celebrate with the Zion family.

The speaker for the special service was Bishop Cardinal McIntosh. His talk was very straightforward and timely as it gave the Zion family many great principles to help them live better. He told them that it is time to hear from God. God has a plan that is inclusive of his purpose for their lives.

At the end of this message, several pastors brought brief congratulatory remarks.

Singers get vocal training

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco vocalists got an opportunity to learn from two of the best vocal coaches in The Bahamas, Pastor Ivan and Sister Nadine Moss of Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Chapel. The vocal training workshop was organized by Simmone Bowe and took place over two days, July 27-28, at Friendship Tabernacle Church.

The purpose of her bringing this workshop to Abaco was so that singers can learn



Pastor Ivan and Nadine Moss conducted a vocal training workshop at Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town.

how to keep their voices healthy, to enable them to have a long life of singing. They learned techniques that will enable them to take care of their body and voice.

The first night of the workshop was a mixture of theory and practical. Mrs. Moss, lead singer of Mt. Tabor's Praise and Worship team, was the first presenter and told them that singers and musicians should give God their best. When singing is excellent, God will bless it and He gets the glory. Pastor Moss then took them through the theory.

Ms. Bowe stated that vocal training can be made available on a continuous basis if the interest is there. She wants Abaco choirs and musicians to know that they can take part in this training as well. She plans to bring more workshops and conferences to Abaco for dancers and choirs to teach them the right skills, too.

Soul Saving Ministries Anniversary Celebration

By Samantha V. Evans

The congregation of Soul Saving Ministries honor their pastor, Prophet Lawrence Arnett, on July 18th for being in church ministry for 18 years. The mission of this church is to teach and develop people locally and internationally so that their faith in God can grow and He can influence their lives.

On this day Dr. Charles Culmer from Nassau spoke on the theme "A

Commendable Servant, Faithful to The Call."

Following this message, Pastor Arnett was presented with gifts. Several pastors in attendance were called upon to bring brief remarks before the service ended with dinner.

Pastor Arnett was treated to a gala anniversary banquet on July 16 at Abaco Beach Resort where he was also showered with gifts and entertained by Dynamite Daisy.

Prophet calls for righteous government

By Samantha V. Evans

Three days of prophetic word was delivered by Prophet Mikalin Seymour at the Dundas Town Burial Society Building in Dundas Town on July 21-23. The theme was "God's Redemptive Plan to Help Bring about a Righteous Government." He said that God wants a righteous nation. Over the three days he revealed the economic plan, God's purpose and plan for the nation, and dispelled some myths about religion.

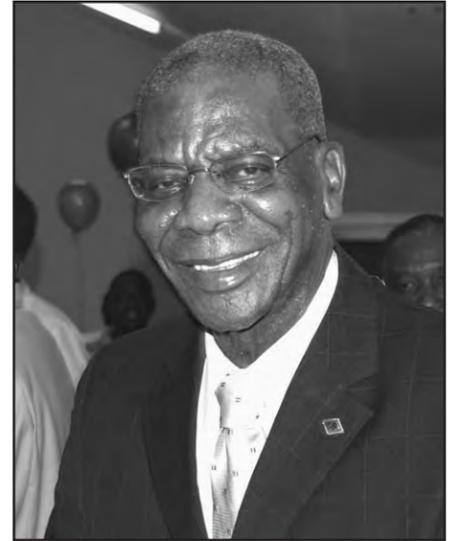
Auditions Held for Community Choir

By Samantha V. Evans

Auditions began for the Soul Saving Ministries Community Choir to date 20 persons are now in the choir with ten of them being youth. The second audition for singers was held on July 23 at the church and audition for the musicians was held on July 24. The brainchild behind this community choir is Priscilla Ferguson, who now lives on Abaco and writes music.

It is intended that it will be a gospel choir and all the songs will be original. A third audition will be held during the third week of August. When 30 members are selected, they will begin practicing in September for their debut at a Christmas concert to be held in December at the church. They also plan to perform at national and community events then branch out to inter-

Bishop Cooper celebrates 80th birthday



Bishop Archelaus Cooper celebrated his 80th birthday on July 26. The congregation of Faith Walk Church of God in Cooper's Town honoured him at a banquet held in the church hall.



Pastor Lawrence Arnett celebrated 18 years in the ministry. He is shown here with Dr. Charles Culmer.

national performances.

Assistant Pastor, Marvin Mills, would like to see persons from all denominations join the choir. It is a community choir that is open to all people.

Persons who are interested can contact Priscilla Ferguson at 699-9002, Marvin and Melvern Mills at 367-0095 or Thomas and Tamica Nixon at 367-2605 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Last month Pastor Christopher Dean celebrated seven years at Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town. He is shown with his wife.

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A summary of fishing rules

The Bahamas government has the responsibility to protect and manage the fishing resources for the benefit of the Bahamian people. The intention is to allow visitors to catch fish for their immediate enjoyment but not to compete with commercial Bahamian fishermen. The following guidelines apply mainly to visitors.

Fishing from a boat owned by a non-Bahamian requires a fishing permit for the boat. The boat is licensed which covers the occupants. This permit is usually acquired by cruising boats when clearing Customs on entering the Bahamas. The permit fee is \$20 for one visit, usually considered 3 months, or \$150 annually.

Foreigners residing here and owning boats which are based here should purchase the fishing permit annually. The permit is valid for all people on board. Having Bahamian registration does not change the foreign ownership aspect which is the critical element requiring the fishing license.

Locally, permits may be purchased in Cooper's Town and Marsh Harbour from the Fisheries Officers. Boats entering at a port of entry will receive a fishing license as part of the "Entry Package" given by customs. Non-Bahamians arriving by aircraft would have to obtain a fishing license from a fisheries officer during normal work days, Monday - Friday.

Boats owned by Bahamians do not need a permit for recreational fishing. This includes 100% Bahamian-owned rental boats. Foreigners can fish from a Bahamian owned rental boat without obtaining a fishing permit.

Non-Bahamian fishermen in a boat are "restricted to hook and line" with a maximum limit of six lines in the water. Electric reels are allowed but must not have more than five hooks per line. Six or more hooks on a line is considered long-lining which is illegal.

Permits are required by non-Bahamians wanting to use more lines, to fish with spears or nets, to use fish traps or for any other type of fishing method. Although not emphasized in the past, a permit is required before a foreigner can use a spear for scalefish or crawfish. The fishing license referred to earlier does not give this permission as normally issued. However, the officer issuing the license can endorse it to include spear-fishing. The endorsement constitutes the required permit. Bahamians are also required to get permission to engage in spear-fishing.

Marine Resources officers are enforcing the fishing rules more closely and foreigners are advised to check with an officer if unclear on the regulations. Foreigners are advised to stay clear of the crawfish "condos" which are constructed and placed by Bahamian fishermen for their own use. Bahamian fishermen are very possessive of these artificial habitats and do not treat foreigners or competing fishermen kindly when they are found raiding these artificial habitats. To avoid confrontation, foreigners looking for crawfish are advised to confine their search to reefs and other natural habitats frequented by crawfish.

There are restricted areas where fishing is not allowed by any means by any person. This would apply to the Pelican Cay Park in central Abaco. No marine resource may be taken from the park and enforcement is by the Bahamas National Trust. Marine resources include everything in the water; fish, shells, rocks and seaweed. Since the marine parks do not have signs and fenceposts, it is wise to give them extra clearance so there is no question as to your location. Enforcement officers strongly suggest that you do not combine a fishing trip with a visit to a park. If authorities board your boat in a park and find fish on board, problems will ensue since you cannot prove where they were caught. Also, if you are out deep sea fishing and a Fisheries Officer finds dive equipment on board as well as fish, problems may arise. Spear-fishing is not allowed by anyone in the coastal zone of Abaco, or any Bahamian island, defined as within two hundred yards from the coast as measured at the low-water mark. This prohibited zone is the same for all Family Islands except Freeport which has a one mile exclusion zone. All divers with a permit may spear fish while free diving but are not allowed to use power guns or trigger-operated guns of any kind. The most common spear used is the Hawaiian sling.

Recreational divers may not spear fish, or catch conch or crawfish while using an underwater air supply of any kind. A compressed air license is required for all commercial Bahamian fishermen using compressors when diving for crawfish. SCUBA equipment is not allowed. Licensed Bahamian fishermen may fish by free diving to any depth. When legally using compressed air, commercial fishermen must only fish in the 30 to 60-foot zone and then only to catch crawfish with a spear and only during the season. Note that compressor use begins at the 30 foot level and extends to 60 feet. Compressors are not to be used in water shallower than 30 feet. It is interesting to note that virtually all of Abaco's popular fishing grounds (inside the barrier reef) are less than 30 feet deep. This includes the Little Bahama Bank extending to Walkers Cay, the Abaco Sound from Little Harbour north beyond Coopers Town and most of the waters in Abaco's south-side marles. Bang-sticks using shotgun shells for personal protection underwater are allowed but must have an annual firearm license from the Police and permission by the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources. The following bag limits for fish apply to all non-Bahamians, whether in a foreign boat or Bahamian boat regardless of the fishing method. A combined total of 18 fish per vessel for kingfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo. All other migratory fish caught, unless it is to be eaten, shall not be injured unnecessarily but returned to the sea alive. All fish aboard vessels must have the head and tail intact to aid in the identification of the fish species. Vessel bag limits for foreigners are 60 pounds of scalefish, and ten individual crawfish at any time. This applies to a foreign owned boat holding a fishing license or a Bahamian owned boat which is exempt from the license requirement. A foreign owned boat may now have six conch aboard at any time. All turtles are now a protected species and are not to be taken by anyone, Bahamian or foreigner. Grouper and rockfish weighing less than three pounds may not be taken. The bag limits may be legally taken to Florida when the vessel leaves the Bahamas. Foreign and Bahamian Nationals may export the following quantities from the Bahamas without permission from the Minister:

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feeding reef fish, grouper, snapper, etc).

Any fish within the bag limit can be given away to friends but visitors who sell or exchange their fish for accommodations or dockage are subject to prosecution.

Legal size for crawfish is a minimum tail length of five and one half inches (5½") or a three and a quarter inch (3¼") carapace (shell) length. The minimum size applies to everyone. Egg bearing females must not be disturbed. The eggs are visible as a red mass (berries) under the tail.

The closed season on crawfish is from April 1 through July 31 and applies to everyone. A closed season, December - February, exists for Nassau Grouper. Specific opening and closing dates for the grouper are often changed annually as more information is learned on the grouper's reproductive cycle.

Any crawfish in freezers of Bahamians, second home owners or visitors on April 1, the first day of the closed season, should be documented with a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. You may or may not be inspected by a Fisheries officer

to verify the quantity. The bag limit applies to freezers ashore as well as boats.

There are no limits to the amount of fish that can be legally purchased by visitors. However, amounts above the bag limits should be documented with receipts and invoices to clarify the origin of the fish. Bahamians must observe the minimum sizes and closed seasons but are allowed 250 pounds of fish. Quantities above that are considered commercial and appropriate licenses are required.

Only adult conch may be taken. This applies to Bahamians and visitors. The adult conch is identified by a wide and well flared lip on the shell. Juvenile conch have a thin lip which has not yet flared. Walking out on the flats and catching a conch is allowed. Help keep conch plentiful in the Bahamas by leaving the juveniles.

Conch may not be exported or taken to Florida by anyone unless documented with a CITES permit which is issued by Nassau. This is due to conch being an endangered species internationally, and transportation across international borders is governed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, CITES. Individuals

exporting conch with a CITES permit are limited to ten pounds. Commercial exporters are allowed larger quantities.

One other rule requires that fish resources imported, as on a boat arriving in the Bahamas, must be declared to Fisheries officials or to Customs officers. This is to avoid any misunderstanding as to whose fish are on board. If you have undeclared fish on your cruising boat when you enter the Bahamas, they are presumed to be Bahamian and must be within the bag limits.

Bahamian fishermen using boats exceeding 20.5 feet must have a FDC registration for the boat. Applications are available from fisheries offices. Bahamians in boats 20 feet or less in length are exempt

from this requirement. The department of Marine Resources advises that this requirement has been in place for many years but has not been widely enforced. Bahamian fishermen must now have this registration for their boats.

The Abaconian compiled this information in March, 2007, revised in July 2008 to include the amendments of October 2007 and includes the turtle ban enacted in 2009. It has been reviewed by local and Nassau Marine Resource staff. The Department of Fisheries is now named Department of Marine Resources and encompasses a broader role than previously.

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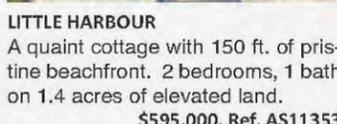
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