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BTC holds daylong celebration for launch of 4G on Abaco

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By Canishka Alexander

Tellis Symonette, BTC's senior vice president of Family Islands, called May 19 a great day as they celebrated the launch of 4G service with a special Abaco-only sale at the Parish Hall.

At the opening of Treasure Cay's flagship store, Marlon Johnson, vice president of BTC's Brand and Communication, explained that they are in Phase One of their launch of 4G service. By the end of July, it is hoped that the entire island will have full coverage.

Johnson expressed that with the investments made by BTC, customers will enjoy a brand new retail experience. Indeed, the record number of customers was very encouraging and heralded greater things to come for Abaco. Johnson also gave an update on the forest fire that destroyed some of their equipment, and said that they are "doing all they can to create redundancies to prevent fires from destroying fiber lines in the forests."

"We are investing millions of dollars all over the country to upgrade the infrastructure, so that we can make the network as robust and as reliable as possible. We ask customers to be patient because we can see the end line," he said. "We are chang-

Above: a BTC representative explains the features and benefits of different mobile platforms available to Abaco customers with the new 4G network. BTC held a blowout sale and celebration on May 19 starting at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour.

Please see BTC

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Schooner Bay welcomes crowd for Spring Fest



On May 19, Schooner Bay held its annual Spring Fest. Vendors, such as Stephen Knowles above, entertainment and watersports greeted the crowd. See page 15.

Tornado causes extensive damage in Murphy Town



On May 25 a tornado touched down in Murphy Town. It caused damage to several homes and businesses in the area. Luckily, no one was injured. However, residents and business owners in the area have some work ahead of them if they are to rebuild. This served as a reminder of the power of nature and with hurricane season upon us locals and visitors should look to prepare. Please see page 5.

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BTC From Page 1

ing texting platforms, and putting in brand new 2G and 4G network for voice and internet. At the end of the day we feel comfortable that folks are getting a wonderful experience, and it's going to rival cellular experience anywhere in the world."

In Marsh Harbour, numerous phones were sold at great discounts throughout the day for customers to experience 4G service firsthand. Added to that, Symonette said the fair was a family affair and included activities for children along with local vendors who served food and drinks.

In the meantime, the old Royal Bank building will be completely renovated

within the next month to become BTC's new flagship store in Marsh Harbour.

"When the Marsh Harbour store is open, it will be a very exciting store - a very colourful store," Symonette shared. "Also all devices and handsets will be live, so that people can see what will be offered to them before they purchase them."

He added that more staff members will undergo training to better serve customers, and therefore offer them a good

"We are investing millions of dollars all over the country to upgrade the infrastructure"

experience.

"As we get more demands and more requests for new service, we are very excited about coming to this island. It's exciting going from island to island making sure we enhance the quality of life for our Bahamian customers."

The BTC sponsored festivities lasted all day and into the night. The event ended at Snappas with live performances from Bahamian artists and free giveaways of merchandise and phone cards.

Right: Though there was live entertainment that evening at Snappas, the party at the Parish Hall was started with a DJ.



Above: Crowds started gathering early in anticipation of buying one of the many, deeply discounted phones or 4G enabled tablet devices.



Customers were treated to free merchandise and giveaways. The most popular of which were the three dollar phone cards.

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Central Abaco News

Tornado hits Murphy Town and causes extensive damage Abaco Block and Concrete in hardest hit area

By Mirella Santillo

A tornado touched ground in Murphy Town between 2:50 and 3:00pm in the afternoon of May 24, minutes after two employees had left the office building of Abaco Block and Concrete. The Abaco Block and Concrete building was hit hard and the inside of which is now destroyed.

Because of the bad weather, Shawna Pinder and Rebecca Sweeting were instructed by the owner of the company, Larry Albury who was in Freeport, to close the plant early. The two women punched out at 2:37pm, minutes before the tornado hit. Most of the roof was taken out, all the windows were smashed, insulation was left hanging from the ceiling and shards of glass were everywhere, said Ms. Pinder.

Mr. Albury, who arrived on Abaco the following day on the first flight from Freeport, said it was lucky that the damage was restricted to material things and that no lives were endangered.

None the less, the damage to the equipment and the grounds was extensive. A material conveyor was pushed on the road through the fence. A jeep Pajero laying on its side was totaled. One of the cement trucks was hit and smashed by one of the tanks thrown from the Abaco Petroleum yard across the road.

Abaco petroleum also lost a second tank which was spotted away on the shore, as well as a container which ended up in

Abaco Block and Concrete's sand pile. Moreover, the fencing from both companies' yards was completely destroyed.

On May 25, Mr. Albury inspected the damage and met with insurance examiners while employees were trying to clean up. It is expected that it will take close to two months for the company to be operational again.

According to eye witnesses, it seemed that the tornado initiated as a water spout that touched ground and navigated a circle over some area of Murphy Town. It was reported that debris was spotted at the back of Abaco Central High School.

In front of Abaco Block and Concrete electrical poles were hit which destroyed transformers and wires. It took a BEC crew several hours, well into the night, to repair the damage and have the power restored in the area.

Trees in the area were uprooted and houses in Murphy Town lost part of their roofs.

With hurricane season taking an early start, it is important to get prepared.

Above and Right: Abaco Block and Concrete's building and yard received the brunt of the tornado. Debris was scattered across the yard and many of the trucks and vehicles were destroyed.

Right: Buildings in the Murphy Town area received structural damage.



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Central Abaco News

Red Cross members begin planning for emergencies as hurricane season approaches

By Canishka Alexander

Members of the Central Abaco Red Cross group met for their monthly meeting at the Church of God in Dundas Town on May 19. Led by Sarone Kennedy, group leader, he reminded those wishing to become members that they must complete the three sections of their orientation.

Claudine Burrows completed her orientation by speaking on volunteerism; Barbara Johnson, director of the Abaco Red Cross Center, also gave brief remarks to members about the Red Cross and commended the great work that Sarone and Regina Kennedy have done.

Kennedy then went on to talk about why it is important for each member of the Red Cross to be clear on its mission and purpose. The month of May was designated as Red Cross month; however, a major concern was that Red Cross members are

not visible in the community.

Nevertheless, the month of June may just increase their visibility as it ushers in the beginning of hurricane season. Kennedy emphasized the importance of being Red Cross ready, which requires members to formulate a plan in the event of an emergency, prepare a kit with everything they need, get training and stay informed.

The last point addressed at the meeting was an Emergency Preparedness Day that is being tentatively planned for this month in order to sensitize the community about the different types of emergencies. The next meeting has been scheduled for June 4 at 6 p.m., but a venue has not yet been determined. Contact Sarone Kennedy for those interested in attending the next meeting.

Railing installed on Forest Drive

By Mirella Santillo

On May 5, Mr. John Williams, a contractor from Dundas Town started the installation of a metal railing on the portion of Forest Drive in Dundas Town, where a steep drop prevented the sidewalk to be completed.

The work continued over the weekend and on the following Monday, a backhoe operator Mel Brice transported fill where the sidewalk is to be poured.

Mr. Williams said the railing will be extended to another 50ft in the near future and that railings will be installed as well on the opposite side of the road where another very steep ditch presents danger to automobilists.

Rotary Club plans Owantas Pond Cleanup

The Rotary Club of Abaco is planning a cleanup of the Owantas Pond area in Marsh Harbour. The tentative date for the cleanup is Friday, June 8.

Owantas Pond is the small area off of Don McKay Blvd. heading south from Marsh Harbour. It is a popular picnic spot for locals and visitors. The gazebo and small dock provide shade and a viewing area to spot the wildlife in the area. However, a recent buildup of trash has left the area unsightly.

Island Waves: Creative Cultural Centre plans highway cleanup Volunteers sought

ISLAND WAVES: Patti Limperes Creative Community Cultural Centre & C4 Studio is planning a garbage cleanup along S.C. Bootle Highway on June 9. The cleanup will start at 8:00 am. The cleanup crew and volunteers are asked to meet at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. All are invited to join in the cleanup campaign to stem the tide of garbage that has built up on the streets.

Island Waves has its studio in Marsh Harbour next to Memorial Plaza. The volunteers with the studio focus on organizing community events and helping the youth. They provide tutoring and extracurricular help to students on Abaco.

The studio also features jam nights with the Island Waves Band. Music is just one of the different arts the Centre hopes to help the community's youth with. They hope to help refine talent and create a space that can be a positive outlet for the youth.

For the highway cleanup on June 9 the Centre is partnering with Terry Benjamin and New Vision Ministries. They are hoping to add more volunteers. The cleanup along S.C. Bootle will be done in intervals to ensure a thorough cleanup.

The Abaconian reminds our readers to be prepared this hurricane season. Stock up on supplies and locate your nearest shelter.



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Central Abaco News

Horticultural Society holds election meeting

By Mirella Santillo

The May meeting of the Horticultural Society-Abaco Branch was held in Linda Weatherford's shady garden in Sweeting's Village.

Well over twenty members attended the gathering which was an important one. President Anita Knowles was to take votes for the election of next year's board.

A list of proposed members had been submitted to all the members by email and was met with no objection, so without any delay she asked the new board to be accepted. After being seconded by Jack Har-

dy, she immediately introduced the new members.

Ximena Thompson will be next year's president supported by Jim Eastwood, as vice president. Barbara Foreman will remain the Treasurer, Mirella Santillo will act as secretary and Mr. Hardy will keep his post as auctioneer.

A show and tell demonstration also took place at the meeting. Laine Summerville brought a colorful hanging plant, called Party Time, for its display of green and red leaves. Ms. Foreman brought photographs of one of her plants, the Pelican Vine, which has a huge flower with a bag-like appendage to trap pollinating insects.

She also had photographs of the Carrion Plant, also called Corpse Flower

which boasts some of the largest flowers of the plant kingdom, towering at several feet of height. The plant is so called because of its rotten flesh smell that attracts flies, again for pollination.

Mr. Hardy gave a few tips on what to grow and not to grow during the summer months. Among the list of heat loving vegetables were bell peppers and other types of peppers, cucumbers, corn and tomatillo.

He advised gardeners who were not cultivated anything during the hot months to cover their gardens with clear plastic or seed marigolds to get rid of nematodes. He then proceeded to an auction which had among many other plants, a Party Time, several Bromeliads, Bridal Bouquet, Sansevieria, Dracaena and Zemia.

Ms. Knowles reminded the audience that the last meeting of the season would be held on June 9 at the home of Bernard Curry, in Treasure Cay.

She also urged the new board to make plans for next season and announced that there was material for sale, such as pots, bonsai potting mix and other gardening paraphernalia.

Psychologist presents workshop on situational leadership

By Canishka Alexander

Psychologist Richard Adderley and his colleagues from the Bahamas Human Resources Development Association (BHRDA) facilitated a workshop on situational leadership on May 17. According to Adderley, situational leadership requires one to use different styles of leadership for different people depending on the task. It is also demonstrates how people may be good at one task, but perform poorly with other tasks.

"A lot of times we take for granted that because someone has a certain level of qualifications that they can master every task," he explained. "So sometimes we set people up for failures because we don't give them the necessary instructions that they need to perform a certain task thinking that it should be easy for them. When you are leading people, leadership also needs to be task specific because the instructions that you give have to be based on the task."

Adderley soon gave the participants an assignment where they compared the traits of a good and bad boss, and shared how each type of boss made them feel as an employee.

The key to the workshop, Adderley said, was to observe how we manage peo-



Left: members of the Horticultural Society hold their election meeting in Linda Weatherford's garden. All proposed new members of the board were accepted. Next month marks the last meeting of the season and will be held on June 9 in Treasure Cay.

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From the Editor's Desk // In our Shadows



This edition of The Abaconian marks the sixth one since taking on the responsibility of bringing you this newspaper. It has been an incredible privilege. It has also given me a new respect for my predecessors.

You, dear readers, have been incredibly kind in your support. It always surprises and delights me to run into someone who enjoys what my staff and I put out. And I doubt that will ever change.

Perhaps you noticed the new logo on the front page. I am sure everyone will have an opinion, to which you are of course entitled. But if you like it, please direct your compliments to our in-house graphic designer extraordinaire: Mr. Timothy Roberts. If you do not like it please direct your complaints to me since it was my decision to go to print with it.

Either way, I would like to get feedback. For this newspaper to truly be called "The Abaconian," I need to know what Abaconians are thinking and feeling. This goes beyond a logo change or how you feel about a particular editorial. Let me know where you see this island going. Let this newspaper be your mouthpiece. This publication already has the potential to act as a community center made of ink and paper, but I need your voice to be effective.

I invite you to send me your letters, whether you want them published or not, and to call me up. I intend for this newspaper to be a tool for good in our community and I want it to be an effective tool. And to be effective I need your support and your voice. Otherwise we are just stabbing in the dark

without a cause.

The summer months are coming upon us now. It is a time when the sun really decides to stick it to us and the weather gets a little bit more unreliable. It is also when the schools unleash their masses. And that is what I want to focus on now.

The quickest way to change our future for the better is by focusing on these children. I am not just talking to parents and family. But those of you on the threshold of childhood yourselves, or in a position to be a positive influence, I ask you to take an active stance in the future of our country.

And the future of our country are wide eyed and jumpy now. Watching that clock tick towards the proverbial summer when they get to be wild and free. We should give them that freedom, yes, for it encourages their growth. But we should not completely abandon them to the scorching, and blinding, heat of summer.

Even those of us who feel small in the grand scheme of things can cast a great long shadow in this bright, Bahamian sun. And your shadow may be just enough to keep some youth from burning up.

You never know what some child or teenager is going through. And you never know how your kindness or attention may impact them. But what you can know is that the dividends will build up over time.

We are not as ignorant as we pretend to be sometimes. We can see loneliness, we can anger and we can see those trembling first steps down a path that will lead to personal ruin and, compounded, the ruin of our community and country. We can see these things, especially in our bright sun, but it seems so easy to brush things off as not our problem.

But when our future is so dependent on the future actions of these young people it becomes overwhelmingly stupid not to take an active role in their lives. Yes, I know we are not all parents. But we all know some child or teenager who we can take an active role in mentoring or showing kindness.

And it doesn't have to be much, just enough to cast a shadow against this scorching heat.

Upcoming Events

- June 1: Taylor Hicks Concert @ Green Turtle Club
- June 1-June 2: Schooner Bay Tuna Classic
- June 6-June 9: BBC Marsh Harbour Championship
- June 7: Geno D & Impact Band @ Sea Spray
- June 8: Rocking with FRIENDS
- June 10-June 15: Treasure Cay Fishing Tournament
- June 8: Rotary Owanta Pond Cleanup
- June 9: Island Waves SC Bootle Cleanup
- June 20-June 24: BBC Treasure Cay Championship
- June 21: KB & New Entry Band @ Sea Spray
- June 22-June 28: Central Abaco Lionfish Derby
- June 22: Junkanoo Festival @ BAIC Park
- June 29: Stranded Naked @ Fiddle Cay
- June 29: Junkanoo Festival @ BAIC Park
- June 30: St. John Church Mini Fair & Fun Day
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Letters to the Editor

Can we grow?

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that the article, "Teaching on an Out Island" has stirred such fervor that a reading professional has sought to the distribution of the article through photocopying and distributing it throughout the community. Simultaneously I say thank you and laugh as I contemplate the saying, "If you want to hide something put it in a book." This week I have definitely seen this statement negated. Indeed Sir Lynden your fight to develop a more literate people has not gone in vain! It has come to full term.

Nevertheless, as all of us know motherhood is a life long process. There is always more we can do no matter what age we are to develop ourselves fully. I wish to get to the point where my articles will inspire a written response to the designated email. I wish to get to the place as a writer where we will use the newspaper to articulate our thoughts and feelings and not children as puppets on a string. I believe we must evolve to the place where we can read something and not allow emotions to be the victor because of something we believe the article to be saying. True writers not only write to give information or to tickle our ears but to provoke thought and action on issues affecting our lives. The reader must be adept to recognize the difference. Ultimately I believe this is the goal of literacy and it saddens me that we are in fact such a far ways off from this.

As another reminder to the reading public, a personal experience is just that. Personal experiences are for the most part subjective. We don't and we will not always agree with an individual's slant on a matter. History for example is a perspective on the past. Will the slave and the master's story be the same? Will the stories of the poor and downtrodden and the rich and powerful be the same? It is very unlikely that they will!

In view of the foregoing, I wish to commend the reading public for responding to my article and to reiterate that it is my greatest desire that I use my life's experiences to impact the lives of Bahamians. Hording our experiences does little to help others. We must rise to the challenge, look beyond ourselves! Let us not focus on tangents or waste one second skulking in the background to talk about them! And please let's not use our power to encourage others to do the same. Such behavior would be majoring in the minors which we have no time for. Let us improve our relationships by talking and listening to one another not gossiping about what we think the person might be saying along the high-ways and by-ways of the community.

No, we are not always going to agree! If a married couple has a disagreement, will going to bed angry strengthen

or weaken that relationship? To avoid stagnant relationships, obviously, honest and open communication is the path we must take for a healthy one. So I invite my reading public to let us grow together.

Drop me a line at Sherrel_Johnson7@yahoo.com if you are so moved by something I might write. Whether you agree or disagree with my perspective is beside the point. Let us enjoy weekly intellectual discourse. It is vital to improving the human condition!

Sherrell Johnson

Insults or Issues?

Dear Editor:

I am a student of St. Francis De Sales School, and I am writing to inform you about the importance of the election process to me.

The election process is done to elect a new government. In order for a person to be elected a process known as Gerrymandering is done. However, it may seem as if this process leads to the insults of political parties at one another. As a result, each political party focuses more on insults than issues in The Bahamas.

I truly believe that the main political parties should be focused on the issues more. Insults are just negative words, but issues are problems requiring a solution. The Bahamas faces many issues such as the crime rate, jobs, works and many more. If the main political parties were more focused on the issues than the insults, then there will be a probability that many solutions would be formed. If these issues were solved then The Bahamas will be a better and wonderful place.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope you have a wonderful day.

Student,

St. Francis De Sales

Airport safety requirements are too lax

Dear Editor,

Please allow copy of my letter to Civil Aviation Nassau to be printed in your paper.

A recent Public Notice for Vacancies for Air Traffic Control Trainees for Marsh Harbour, Abaco was published in the "Abaconian" newspaper.

As reported, the applicants must possess a minimum of 4 BGCSE passes at Grade "C" or above or equivalent. It is my understanding that the BGCSE examinations are given during the senior year of

high school. Given the responsibilities of the safe and orderly movement of air traffic by air traffic controllers, with emphasis on the safe movement of air traffic, I feel the requirements as presently structured are inadequate for an individual controlling the safe arrival and departure of international air traffic.

In the United States, like the Bahamas, a member of ICAO, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the educational requirements for an individual with no prior air traffic control experience and/or a full four-year course of study learning to a bachelor's degree, or some combination of the two.

Perhaps the Bahamas Civil Aviation Dept. should revisit and upgrade the pres-

ent requirements in order to give pilots and their passengers the safest experience in Bahamas air space.

Sincerely,

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North Abaco News

BTC opens new Treasure Cay store ahead of 4G service rollout

By Eric Albury

Bahamas Telecommunication Company announced the launch of its 4G technology on May 18 at the opening of a BTC location in Treasure Cay.

In CEO Geoff Houston's prepared remarks, which were presented to The Abaconian in his absence, he stated the goal of BTC was to have 4G available throughout all the islands of The Bahamas.

"Today, a blazing fast world of apps is open to you... at speeds never before experienced in Abaco," said Mr. Houston.

The CEO also apologized for some disruptions in service while the new tech-

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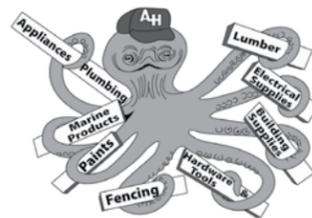
Above: Marlon Johnson, BTC's vice president of brand and communications, offers the Treasure Cay BTC store's first customer a \$50 phone card.



Above: Bahamian artist Zyandric Jones poses next to his mural. The Treasure Cay BTC store features the images of two Abaconian icons: the wild horses and the Abaco parrot.

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nology was being implemented into the systems.

“We know that some of these upgrades have caused temporary disruptions and we apologize for that, but we believe we are nearly complete with a 100 percent overall improvement in the service you will experience,” said Mr. Houston.

BTC claims that they strive to be a constantly improving service, aiming to meet the expectations of its customers. The recent service interruptions are only temporary.

“We at BTC are proud to be a part of a company filled with vitality and driven by the goal of becoming a customer-focused, customer-driven, customer-oriented and especially customer-friendly business,” said Mr. Houston.

The new Treasure Cay store is a critical part of BTC’s new focus on constantly improving customer service, according to BTC’s senior vice president of commercial and family islands, Tellis Symonette. There is a push for an “upgraded interactive experience.”

According to Marlon Johnson, BTC’s vice president of brand and communications, thirty five of forty one cell sites on Abaco have been completed with the remaining few to be completed over the next few weeks.

Abaco is the third largest sector of BTC and Treasure Cay is the second largest contributor in the Abaco market. Customers were invited in to the new store to view the new 4G compatible merchandise and were treated with a variety of giveaways.

Please help alleviate Abaco’s litter problem

Opinion Piece By Jennifer Hudson

I recently heard someone refer to Abaco as ‘Litter Island’ and I must say that I wholeheartedly agree with them. Litter seems to be the word on the tip of many people’s tongues these days and no wonder for Abaco is, sadly, beginning to look like one HUGE garbage dump. I personally am very troubled by the situation and find it depressing, especially in the south since that is the area in which I live and so see the most, but I hear people complaining about the disgusting situation in various areas in the north also.

I frequently travel into Nassau and am impressed with how neat and tidy Nassau looks these days. On my return to Abaco my heart drops as it is only a few minutes before I’m sickened by the messy state of many parts of the island; SC Bootle Drive, Forest Drive and parts of Murphy Town to name a few. But the area which I think now has the doubtful distinction of being the most litter ridden area of Abaco is the Ernest Dean Highway. Anyone taking a drive along there between the airport and the city dump at Spring City and even beyond will see verges covered with trash, not just cans, bottles, plastic bags and other small items but huge cardboard boxes, plastic chairs, tarpaulins and other large objects. There are several large trash bags lining the road with their contents spilling out and blowing all over the place—a horrible sight!

The smaller items have usually been thrown out of somebody’s car window but the larger ones along with trash bags have fallen off trucks. How can people have so little love and respect for their island that they will allow this to happen? How can they have such little pride that they can shut their eyes to the filth they are creating? They need to understand that the day will come when this can all come back to

haunt them. Visitors do not like to see this mess. With so many other islands that they can visit much cleaner than this one why are they going to continue coming here? If the visitors stop coming then the island will lose its primary source of income and this will affect everybody; unemployment will rise and people’s pocketbooks will hurt.

According to Mrs. Yvonne Key, member of the Marsh Harbour and Spring City local government committee, people drop so much litter in Marsh Harbour that the township pays for litter to be collected five days a week and the amount of trash picked up necessitates two truckloads to be taken to the dump twice a day, this is staggering. The committee has provided drums along the tourist strip in which the tourists can deposit their bottles and cans.

Visitors arriving at the Marsh Harbour airport and travelling down to Treasure Cay pass through areas which leave much to be desired as far as the garbage and litter situation. In the South lies the very high end establishment of the Abaco Club on Winding Bay. Guests must travel from the airport through the worst litter ridden area on the island to get to this exclusive club. They must wonder what they have come to when they are driven through the litter lined highway and I wonder how long they are going to be willing to pay out huge sums of money to continue coming. It will be a sad day for Abaco if they decide to leave. Schooner Bay and Serenity Point are other high end developments in the South currently under development but how are they going to encourage people to come and purchase lots and build homes when the highway leading up to them is so dirty?

What is the answer to all this? One way to prevent litter would be for all those people who throw beer bottles, soda cans, Kentucky fried chicken boxes etc. out of their vehicle windows to stop doing so. Another would be for all of the trucks which take garbage to the dump to cover their vehicles securely so that debris will

not fly off and remain on the verges. After all, this is the law so why do people not obey it?

The Friends of the Environment are formulating a three-year plan to target the problem of highway litter and will be starting a mini pride campaign in the near future. The Ministry of Tourism is on board with this as is the Ministry of Works which will be helping with signage.

If you know you are one of the persons responsible for throwing litter out of your vehicle or allowing it to fall off your truck, PLEASE make the decision to stop before our beautiful island is just a sea of garbage.



Press Release

Ritchie and Roshanne Eyma (nee Minnis) have worked as sales agents with the Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty team in Nassau for six years. Drawn to the beauty of the islands, the friendly people and the more relaxed pace of life, they have recently relocated to the Abacos. Both professional artists, their interests include language studies in French, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Sign Language and Bible volunteer work. They are very happy to be working along with Green Turtle Real Estate to provide a personable and professional service to meet their clients' needs in the Abacos. Please contact them at 225-0374 or 426-9841/2 or email at ritchie@greenturtlerealestate.com. Chris Farrington, Broker at Green Turtle Real Estate said “I am happy to have Ritchie and Roshanne join me as a team. We have worked together in the past and I am excited to be working together again.”



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Science & Tech

Gilpin Point made an official fossil site

By Mirella Santillo

On May 5, Nancy Albury with the National Museum of The Bahamas, Dr. David Steadman with the Florida Museum of Natural History at University of Florida, Dr. Janet Franklin with Arizona State University, and Kellie Janes, Principle of Man-O-War Public School went to Gilpin Point to receive a large assortment of fossil artifacts.

The property owner, Mr. Perry Maillis, found the fossils there in 2009 and decided to donate them to the National Museum of The Bahamas. Ms. Albury said that Gilpin Point has now been declared an official historic site and encouraged Mr. Maillis to continue looking for artifacts.

When Mr. Maillis was walking the beach looking for sea glass and shells, he found some bones in an area of the beach usually covered with sand. During certain times of the year, the beach sands alternately build up or recede, revealing deeper sand layers where Mr. Maillis collected

several bones, a small wooden wheel and an old English walnut shell.

Later, Sabrina Bethel found more of the same type of bones several hundred feet away.

Curious to have more information on the discoveries, he contacted Friends of the Environment. Anita Knowles, then Secretary of the organization, referred him to Ms. Albury who identified the artifacts as tortoise bones.

In December of the same year, Ms. Albury, curator of the fossils found at Sawmill Sink and Professor Richard Franz, a paleontologist from the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida, met Mr. Maillis at Gilpin Point to investigate the collected artifacts and the sites at low tide.

According to Ms. Albury's notes, they observed that "both sites were within a splash zone of a sand beach that was partially shielded by elevated limestone mounds which were eroded remnants of a much more extensive rocky platform." The fossils were collected from a layer of fine-grained sand and organic sediment with

rotted wood, over two feet thick. After examining the bones, the scientists identified them as tortoise and sea turtle bones. A more extensive examination of the bones suggest they may have been burnt.

The question that arose from these findings was: what were a tortoise that lived on land and a sea turtle doing at the same site? Dr. Steadman hinted that the presence of the pulley and the old English walnut shell from the same deposit may imply humans were involved with in the demise of the animals. Ms. Albury noted that some of the tortoise bones had crocodile bite marks, an indication that crocodiles and tortoises lived at the same time on Abaco.

Ms. Albury said that more evidence is needed to put the puzzle together, so the next step is to have the fossils radiocarbon dated.

"At Sawmill Sink, there is no abrasion from waves or currents and the pH and salinity are stable," said Ms. Albury. "The sites on the beach are not stable, but the artifacts were buried which helps to explain the preservation. It will be interesting to know their age." She is now working on the fossils that will be archived as specimens of the National Museum of The Bahamas.

Mr. Maillis hopes to have the first site excavated in the fall, hopeful that more artifacts will be found, especially something that will give a clue as to who was using the site.



Above: Nancy Albury observes fossils recovered from the Gilpin Point site. Perry Maillis found fossils at the site in 2009 and decided to donate them to the National Museum of The Bahamas. Since then the area has yielded artifacts that have increased the understanding of ancient Abaco.

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South Abaco News

Schooner Bay Spring Fest booths offer variety

Art, education and food lined stalls

By Jennifer Hudson

Schooner Bay held its second Spring Fest on May 19. The event, which ran from 9 AM to 5 PM, drew people from the length and breadth of Abaco as well as from New Providence but it was generally felt that the attendance was lower than that of the first Schooner Bay Spring Fest two years ago.

Several people from Nassau were up very early that morning for the trip to San-

dy Point on the Bo'Hengy II and seemed to be very much enjoying their day on Abaco, although less people arrived from Nassau than had been expected. Two young boys, Anthony Dias aged ten years and his brother Nicholas aged eight years who attend Queens College in Nassau, got up at four o'clock on Saturday morning in order to be at the Spring Fest and felt that it was

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Huel Moss with Fruity Freddie Farms was one of many booths offering Bahamian-made crafts and products.

Spring Fest activities excite

Slippery pole and bird watching prove popular

By Mirella Santillo

An array of activities awaited people of all ages who attended this year's Schooner Bay Spring Fest. Educational information on the underground formation of the island could be found at Friends of the Environment's booth. There were eco-tours in the coppice to learn about plants and birds. The model house was open to visitors and games for youngsters were available. Arts and crafts, various foods and drinks and music by three different bands were there to capture the interest of those present.

Although everything was in place to receive the visitors by 9:00am the bulk of the people did not arrive until lunch time. This proved to be all the better for the early birds who took advantage of the cool-

ness of the early morning to walk the large coppice area with Mr. Ricardo Johnson, learning about the coppice eco-system and the surrounding vegetation. The Schooner Bay developers have set aside one hundred acres of coppice.

By 10:30 Mr. Johnson had already taken two groups of tourists and locals through the woods. Mr. Johnson is an expert on local birds and very knowledgeable about the various zones and habitats of the island and is always eager to pass on his knowledge to interested parties.

In the meantime, the younger kids had the run of the bouncing castle. They played volleyball near the harbour or tried their

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The slippery pole was a popular game among the children. The twenty dollar prize proved to be difficult to reach.



Located on the pristine beaches of Great Abaco, just a short flight from Nassau and South Florida, is a unique place called Schooner Bay. It's a planned and phased authentic Bahamian harbour village, where stores, homes and businesses will co-exist with the native landscape. A place where traditional architecture, true island lifestyle and a myriad of experiences will cater to all, including tranquil beaches nature trails, the arts, eco-adventures and unlimited fishing. With the harbour now open, this blossoming community, even in its early years is delightful. Welcome to sustainability. Welcome to tradition. Welcome to Schooner Bay.

~ Cottage Lots from Low \$100's ~



South Abaco News

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well worth it. The high point of their day was coming first and third respectively in the 5K run.

Highlights of the day included an Abaco Arts and Crafts Expo, community sports and recreation activities and live music featuring "KB." Fortunately, the weather which had been very doubtful for the preceding few days, shone bright and clear and the many activities took place beneath a backdrop of a clear blue sky dotted with the multicoloured kites of the kite fly-

ing competition.

The many arts and crafts booths showcased native pine needle baskets, original artwork by several different artists, a large assortment of shell work trinkets and jewellery, wood turning and a variety of items produced by the Every Child Counts School which included paintings, soaps and jewellery travel bags. Ceramics were also on display by Latonya Moss, a student of ECC who has been learning the art of ceramic making for two years and now owns her own business, 'Latonya's Ceramic Creations'.

Artist Antonius Roberts brought over from Nassau several beautiful pieces of casuarina wood which were assembled on-site into attractive and comfortable benches. He hopes to have these used in many parks and community areas on Abaco. One of these benches had been hand painted with an underwater scene by Blake Russell, a very talented student of Every Child Counts School, to be auctioned to help towards his travel expenses for further study of art in Italy.

The Bahamas National Trust booth displayed the new and interesting concept

plan of the Abaco National Park for public use under its theme 'Pine, Parrots and People.' Park Warden, Marcus Davis, explained the concept of the area which will include a wildlife drive, visitor centre, coppice trail and a Blue Hole.

It is hoped to eventually include several weekend cottages. The Friends of the Environment encouraged people to become members of their organization to help preserve the environment whilst also emphasizing their 'size matters' campaign for crawfish.

Nancy Albury was happy to talk about the stunning Blue Holes of Abaco and to explain about the formation of the beautiful stalactites and stalagmites in Abaco's underwater caves. An amazing cross section of a stalagmite was on display.

As always, it is not long before the pangs of hunger strike and there was plenty of food to satisfy all tastes and appetites. George Willmore, alias "Showbo", was serving up his famous conch salad, the Lightbourn Family Farms had a variety of fresh produce for the health-conscious, and there was a variety of food for those wishing something a little more substantial.

Fruity Freddie farms offered jams, sauces and wines which could be used as condiments on the day or taken home to be enjoyed later. All of this could be helped down with some healthy juices by 'Abaco Delights' and a variety of beverages organized by the Rotary Club of Abaco. The many free water stations strategically placed provided a very welcome service on that hot, dusty day.

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- Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13** #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage, 44,675 s/f cleared, walled parcel. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **\$1,499,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2** - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**
- Beach & Canal Lot Package** #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Beach Parcel** #1842 - Exceptionally oversized 1.26 acre beach lot, 165' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$1,399,000.**
- Windward Beach Lot 19, Block 201** - #2046 - 12,450 s/f lot, 90' beach frontage, elevated level parcel, native stone seawall. Superb sea Views. **\$599,000.**

Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel

Sand Banks Creek Acreage - #1988 - 24 acres at Treasure Cay entrance, 539' water frontage, 1,060' road frontage, good elevations. Ideal for commercial development. **\$995,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

- Brigantine Bay** - #1662 - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** - #1559 - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**
- Windward Beach Drive - Beach Parcel** #1693 - Oversized 17,000 s/f parcel with 100' powder sand beach frontage & 200' sea wall. All utilities available. Suberb sea views. **\$599,000.**
- Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot** - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**
- Galleon Bay** - #1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$498,500.**
- Brigantine Bay** #1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**
- Galleon Bay** #422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4** - #1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered dock with power & water. **\$349,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** #1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**
- Brigantine Bay** #1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
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TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

- Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**
- Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #2036 - Prime residential lot # 17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**
- Multi-family Residential Lot** - #1774 - 21,826 s/f parcel zoned "multi-family" near Treasure Cay Beach. Close to shops, restaurants, etc. Ideal for guest villas. **\$499,000.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

#1787 - "Rivendell" - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 2 building lots total 41,800 s/f 236' sandy beach frontage & 2 garages. **\$599,000.**

GUANA CAY

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Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4 #1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

Inland Lots 11 & 12 - #1661 - 2 adjoining lots, 9,600 s/f each in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **Each \$24,600.**

TURTLE ROCKS

"Coco Beach" #1676 - Newly built 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 level fully furnished beachfront home, 1,700 s/f under air, 1,290 s/f open patios. 0.9 acre parcel with 101' sandy beachfront, dock and boat lift. Sensational sea views from virtually every room. **\$999,000.**

Beach Home - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,874 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 0.5 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$650,000.**

Beach Lot - #1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Water views. **\$225,000.**

CASUARINA POINT

"Casuarina Cottage" #1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

NORTH ABACO

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

Boiling Hole Lot 18 - #1827 - Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 17,472 sq. ft. with 100' hard rock shoreline & magnificent sea views. All utilities available. **\$79,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

Lot "A" - The Bluff #1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$491,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home - #1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club #1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$699,000.**

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Regattas of Abaco #27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$184,900.**

JOE'S CREEK

#1571 - Inland Lot #15 - 18,000 s/f parcel 400' from beach with beach access. Electricity available. **\$42,500.**

LEISURE LEE

#1846 - "Yellowbird" - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,900 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$550,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

Residential Parcels

#1845 - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000 s/f boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$225,000.**

#602 - Large 15,344 s/f cleared & level lot with 197' of fully seawalled, protected canal frontage. Water installed, other utilities available. **\$249,000.**

#1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$179,000.**

#1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 100' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **\$179,000.**

#2054 - Lot #204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

#1844 - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. **Reduced to \$145,000.**

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SAFA decisions on hold until hearing from the new Government

By Mirella Santillo

Approximately ten members attended the monthly South Abaco Farmers Association meeting and despite President Leslie Thompson's positive attitude, there was a feeling of indecision as Abaco farmers have to wait and see what the new government's policies regarding agriculture will be.

The Chairman of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, Edison Key, who has been supporting SAFA and farming in general, will be replaced. Until the new Chairman takes his position, what will happen to farming incentives on the island is only a supposition.

SAFA members are hoping that the promises of the previous administration will be kept and that the balance of the grant money they were promised will soon become available.

The meeting took place at Central Abaco Primary School on May 10. The minutes of last month's meeting were read by Secretary Barbara Gibson and immediately approved, as there were no issues arising.

During his presentation, Mr. Thompson went over the ground-breaking ceremony held on April 27. He said that approximately 40 people from the business community attended. According to Mr. Thompson, it was a very successful event with everyone very supportive of the Association.

People, he said, "were ready to assist and support." He announced that as soon as the new Minister of Agriculture and the new BAIC Chairman have taken their positions, he will send them the plans of the association. In the meantime, he suggested that the farmers continue to tend their farms.

Vashti Johnson went over the results of the Agri-Expo. Not too many farmers had produce to sell at the time, but there was livestock, canned tomatoes and sauces, fruits and teas. It was said to be a means of exposure for the association.

Vandrea Lightbourn informed the audience that the association was in good standing and that she had the receipt of the dues. SAFA can now obtain a business license and go forward.

Vice President George Martin said he had been contacted by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture about organizing workshops. He asked the people present to let him know what they were interested in by the end of the meeting. Most farmers agreed that they wanted to learn about grafting, pesticides and operating a green house.

Mr. Martin mentioned the signing of a petition to request the use of the farmers market on a regular basis. The secretary will send the petition to Nassau. He expressed the need to push the government to continue the program to make sure each farmer is recognized and his produce showcased.

Mr. Thompson asked for a day next week to work on the container that has to be leveled up. He mentioned that the Treasurer, Jaqueline Estevez - who unable to

attend - suggested to hold a cook out to raise money for seeds and various equipment.

"I hope to have more information at the next meeting that will be held on June 14," said Mr. Thompson. "There will be a guest speaker, Mr. Pat Smith, who is very knowledgeable on farming matters."

Activities

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hands at flying a kite. By 11:00 whoever was still sleepy got a wake-up call when the first live band of the day, "Impact," started to play lively island music.

MC Shelley Austin, walking the grounds with a microphone, kept on announcing the activities. "Visit the vendors' stalls, register for an eco-tour; kids 6 to 16, gather at the harbor for a ride on the greasy pole; come to the harbor and learn to kayak." She sent invitations to participate throughout the day.

The greasy pole game ended up being very successful. Children lined up by the boat ramp, while one of the Schooner Bay staff rubbed cooking oil over a large pipe parallel to the water. Kids had to make their way along the pole without falling in the water and ring a bell placed at the end of it. The winners received \$20. They were quite a few who took a dip, but quite a few made it to the bell. The first girl to ring the bell was Victoria Aitken; the first boy was Anthony Dias

By mid-afternoon, they all moved away from the harbor to participate in the

lime and spoon race and then in the sack race with their parents.

It was a full day of adventure and excitement for the children.

Two fishing boats had gone to sea to enter the One Day Fun Fish Rodeo. They did not come back until late, but with one happy winner, Mr. Blaine Sweeting from Cherokee Sound, who caught a 50 pound wahoo and a 15 pound tuna.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the appearance of KB who sang with the New Entry band. His performance of popular, funny Bahamian songs attracted a circle of spectators laughing and dancing around the stage.

A Junkanoo Parade from the popular group, the Murphy Town Superstars, ended the day's activities. Dressed in colorful attire, their brass band playing to the rhythm of Junkanoo, they rushed through the crowd until the rain arrived, dispersing everyone towards the bus stop.

One of the organizers, Mr. Glen Kelly, thought it was a very successful event. He estimated that approximately 500-600 people (100 from Nassau) visited the festival that day.

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Letters to the Editor

“Penniless” but rich

Dear Editor:

We first met Aubrey Clarke in 2002. We were returning to the US from Grenada on our sailboat and were passing through the Abacos. Aubrey was making drinks and conch fritters with his Tailgator and deep fryer near Dive Guana. It was a gathering place for cruisers and local people. It was always a fun evening, lots of story swapping and making new friends.

It was this type of activity, along with the excellent waters, people and anchorages that brought us back to the Abacos year after year. Baker's Bay had been a gathering spot for cruisers with its good holding, nice beaches, easy access to the Atlantic side with its patch reefs close to shore and of course the Robinson Crusoe like ruins of the resort.

It was educational to take the dingy and tie up and wade the creek into the mangroves. So much life in the water and trees as this was a nursery for fish and other wildlife. Change is always inevitable but we could still be disappointed in how much was lost in the process of change. Promises were made and apparently broken. There were a lot of good intentions but follow-up appears to be lacking.

Sometime ago, there was an article in the Abaconian written as a farewell and a warning. The writer was responsible for implementing and putting in place the policies and procedures for protecting the environment at Baker's Bay.

She wrote about what had been done and what would be required to protect the ecosystem. Her final words were what scared us. She was concerned that over time there would be no follow through. From the sounds of it, her words were prophetic.

As with any systems, whether it is mechanical or biological (an ecosystem), they require both maintenance and preventive maintenance to continue functioning. Preventive Maintenance is usually the first to go because it takes time and money and nothing is visibly needing attention. When things go wrong, and they will, maintenance becomes time consuming and expensive so repairs are prioritized and the less visible are ignored until a crisis stage situation arrives. Then comes denial and the finger pointing. Reading the Abaconian it appears that stage has arrived. In the mean time, the reefs suffer.

We know where Aubrey's head and heart are. He may be "Penniless" but he is not ignorant nor poor, he is rich with friends. We wish him well.

Ian and Sue LeMair
S/V Kokopelli

Not safe at home

Editors note: We were asked by Ms. Russell to publish this correspondence sent from Ms. Russell to her law firm.

I write this letter to you requesting legal representation with regards to the above captioned. I have been a resident of Poppy's Way Marsh Harbour for seven years. As a Bahamian, I feel as though I no longer have rights as they are continually violated by the residents.

They continually enter my property by jumping the fence to steal water and fruits. Hurt my animals e.g. insert a stick into the rectum of my cat, kill several kittens, dispose their garbage next to my fence, and play extremely loud music at all hours. I am asthmatic and they constantly set fires.

My husband and I do not feel safe in our home as we are continually threatened. Some of my family members have already moved out of the community as they could no longer cope with the situation. Complaints have been made to the Police Dept. who would sometimes respond. The Dept. of Environmental Health is aware of the garbage situation. Nothing has been done to rectify the situation. I have watched the refuse grow to the point where I now have to replace the fence due to the height and weight of the pile. Communications were also forwarded to the Sr. Island Administrator as well as the local government committee. I am yet to receive a reply.

I hope that you can assist me with having this most vexing situation resolved.

Thanking you,

Martha Russell



Business

Government Seeks balance for poultry farm

By Timothy Roberts

As an Abaco poultry producer faces economic hardship the newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, V Alfred Gray, pledges to look into increasing tariffs on imported chicken in order to provide a fair chance for Bahamian farmers.

After the government reduced the tariff on imported chicken by 10 percent in 2011 after lifting the restriction requiring chicken importers to have a permit in 2010, Lance Pinder, operations manager at Abaco Big Bird Chicken Farm, said that business for the family owned operation has fallen drastically with the possibility that they may be forced to close their doors in two to three months.

Mr. Gray said that his ministry is prepared to look at increasing the tariff on imported chicken or eliminate the importation altogether. "As long as I am satisfied that there is sufficient in the local market to supply The Bahamas' needs for a reasonable period of time," he said.

He added that the government's first obligation is to Bahamians and protecting their interests. He said it is important that Bahamians are not put out of business by

government policies. "To the extent we are able to help them without doing violence to the other aspects of the economy, we are prepared to do it," he said.

Mr. Pinder said that after the tariff reduction and the removal of importation restrictions their business dropped by 60 percent. He said that they used to have about 70,000 - 80,000 birds at a time, now they are down to 25,000. He added that their staff have had to take pay reductions and are working part time.

He said that having to compete with cheaper imports from the U.S. and Brazil, combined with the rising cost of chicken feed and electricity have all led to a downturn in their business.

Mr. Pinder hopes that the government will put some controls in place and stop some of the imports allowing them to get some of their products sold. "That's the quickest thing they can do," he said. "We need something done now and then maybe we could get a better plan later on to make it work better for everyone."

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ple and build relationships, so that we bring out the best in them. He said that anyone who wants to be a good leader must be able to influence others in order to do well.

He then listed four basic leadership styles: directive, coaching, supportive and delegating. The leader can determine which style to use based on the person's competence or commitment to do the job. Tied to the leaderships styles were the development levels that included: the enthusiastic beginner; the disillusioned learner; capable, but cautious performer; and the self-reliant achiever. At the end, an action plan must be developed by the leader.

Rachel Rolle, BHRDA president, explained that they are a part of a non-profit organization for human resources professionals, and that the purpose of their visit was to establish membership for persons in Abaco within the HR profession. At the end of Adderley's presentation, a BHRDA membership and informational meeting was held.

In addition to Adderley, who serves as VP of Education, and Rolle, Aancia Scavella, vice president of public relations; and Renee Mayers, VP of membership, were also present at the workshop. Other BHRDA executive members are: Barbara Gardiner, treasurer; Dellarese Richardson, secretary; and Paul Haven, president elect and VP of programmes.

Tornado damages businesses

NEMA visits to gauge damage

By Tim Roberts

Residents are counting their blessings after a tornado ripped through an area in Murphy Town just before 3pm on May 24 causing damage to roofs, vehicles and snapping several utility poles leaving three families without shelter but causing no injuries in its wake.

The tornado, which was said to have touched down in the area of Abaco Central High School, tracked northward towards Simms Drive where it snapped a utility pole, damaged the roof of a Laundromat and tore a portion of a roof off a triplex. Residents there were shaken but unharmed.

It then moved westward toward Abaco Petroleum's Depot where a worker, Israel Wallace, heard it blow past as it flung debris at the 40 foot container he was in. He pointed out that the tornado hurled two 3000 gallon tanks (empty) some distance away - one traveled about 300 feet across the road and damaged the front end of Abaco Block and Concrete's mixer truck and the other one was found closer to the shore line even further away.

The major portion of a small office roof was ripped off and the fence lay in a twisted heap along the edge of Shell Road. Mr. Wallace also noted that one of the fuel trucks had moved several feet and was now parked at a different angle.

The tornado continued its path of de-

struction tearing through Abaco Block and Concrete's fence and peeling away a large portion of the two-story office's roof and blowing out all the windows. Office staff later said shards of glass were stuck in the walls.

The company jeep, a Mitsubishi Pajero, was picked up by the tornado which tossing it into the utility pole tangling it in high tension wires and then throwing it over two twenty-foot high piles of sand and rock.

Shawna Pinder, an office worker at Abaco Block and Concrete, said the weather was bad and their general manager, Larry Albury, called them and said that if nothing was happening they could close up and go home. They waited until about 2:30pm for a customer that wanted to purchase some blocks after which they closed up and left.

By the time she arrived in the Marsh Harbour area she received a phone call from a friend asking if she was okay and was informed that Abaco Block and Concrete's office had been "demolished". Then her father called to see if she was okay. "It was scary. God is good!" she said.

Mr. Albury said that there's a lot of work to do as he has been calling contractors, electricians, air condition and glass people to get quotes and hopefully get the ball rolling to get open for business again. He says he is hopeful to get back to business hopefully in two to three weeks.

He said they will need to get the main feeder (conveyor) repaired and in place before they will be able to see if there were any damages to the two plants (cement mixing silos).

He said the cement mixer truck was totaled and repairs are cost prohibitive as heavy machine equipment parts are 85% duty (To bring in a truck would also be 85% duty). During this hard economical time it is a write-off and likely will not be replaced unless the government could allow them some kind of compensation.

NEMA VISITS

Captain Stephen Russell, Director of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) arrived on May 25 with a Royal Bahamas Defense Force Officer and an engineer from the Ministry of Works to do a firsthand assessment of the damages resulting from the tornado, and to see how they could best assist those persons affected.

He noted that over the past two months there has been three noted tornadoes (one in Grand Bahama, one in Nassau and now one in Abaco) and he believes it is a growing trend that needs to now be accounted for.

"We have to shift our strategies to further prepare our citizens for these types of disasters," he said. "They (citizens) need to be aware of the possibility and the preparations they need to take. We need to shift our focus and sensitize our people."

He noted that we will also have to re-visit building codes to better prepare buildings to mitigate against the extreme winds that come with tornadoes. "We need to broaden our scope to prepare for not just hurricanes but for tornadoes, fires and other things," he said

William Krezel, Engineer from Ministry of Works in Nassau, he visited an apartment complex and several businesses where he saw roof damages. He said tornadoes are "focused energy", and he said unofficially that by the damage he witnessed the he considers it to have been an F2 (Fujita Scale).

An F2 is considered a significant tornado with winds between 113-157 miles per hour and causing considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars pushed over; large trees snapped or uprooted; light object missiles generated.

They will continue to work with local agencies to provide relief and assistance to those affected by the tornado.

Treasure Cay recommits to its golf product



Treasure Cay Resort hosted an all-day golf scramble, tournament and award ceremony on May 10.

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residents who come to enjoy a day on the course.

Many residents of the Treasure Cay development strongly believe in the importance of golf as an important amenity to their community. The tournament that day symbolized the Treasure Cay ownership's response and plans for further investment.

Partnering with Sands Beer along with others, the golf course reception area has received a facelift. Apart from the new bar, "The Sands Trap," located at the beginning of the course, a new deck area has been built to accommodate guests.

Along with reinvesting in the clubhouse, the management team decided to

increase the equipment available to guests. Six new sets of Nike rental clubs will be made available. This will allow guests to visit without the hassle of shipping their clubs.

Below: Treasure Cay Marina partnered with Sands Beer to improve an existing amenity. The "Sands Trap" is now the patio and lounge area that greets guests of the golf course. Along with the improved infrastructure, the course is now offering sets of Nike golf clubs to rent to those visitors who do not wish to ship their gear all the way to Abaco.



Snappas holds toga party to kick off Summer season



On Saturday, May 26 Snappas Bar & Grill in Marsh Harbour had a toga party. Encouraging locals and visitors alike to arrive in their Greek and Roman inspired costumes; the staff decorated the area to reflect the night's theme. Snappas owner, Bill Albury, said the idea behind the theme parties, which he plans to have a few more of throughout the summer, is to thank his regular local patrons who stick with the establishment through the slow season as well as encourage new visitors. Pictured are Jesi Sands, Bill Albury, Tia Knowles, Chandi Lowe, Ashley Barr, DJ Jose, Leigh Davis, James Malone, Ryan Saunders and Guy Toothe.



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The firm primarily focuses on real estate transactions, banking and corporate matters. They take a personal approach to their cases. Rhonda Hull, Managing Director, explains "We wanted to develop a specialist firm that was able to respond to our clients efficiently."



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Further Business

Rum Runners looks to grow night life scene on Abaco

Rum Runners, the new late night bar and grill in Marsh Harbour, is aiming for a specific clientele. According to Lilian Miller, one of the managing partners, they are catering to the mature crowd who enjoy light music, great food and unique drinks. Uprooting from Grand Bahama, the crew and partners at Rum Runners say that Abaco is the place to be.

Alphie Butler, originally from Crown Haven, is another partner in the business along with Ian Higgs and Roger Farrington. When they, along with Ms. Miller, moved the business from Grand Bahama they were made ownership partners in the business that was originally run solely by Ms. Miller. Having an ownership stake is motivating and adds to the job's fun, according to them.

"Each time we interact with a patron," according to Mr. Butler, "it becomes much more personal. We pour more of ourselves into the job and work harder to satisfy our customers. It's now our business too, and we think it reflects in the service."

Located in the building next to Insurance Management, Rum Runners is poised to become an anchor business in what can be identified as the Marsh Harbour strip along with the other restaurants, bars and retail outlets running along the harbour past Abaco Beach Resort. An already popular stretch of property, the injection of new business may bring the energy back to the recession weathered area.

According to Ms. Miller, Rum Runners will be offering a product that adds to the area and complements the surrounding competition. With a focus on late nights, soft music and unique drink specials to draw their crowd.

Deck added at Chopsticks

By Samantha Evans

Chopsticks, a restaurant located on Roderick Corner behind the old M n R Building in Marsh Harbour, has recently added a large deck to the left corner of the building.

Owners Shuvalo and Virginia Roberts added the deck to allow their customers to dine outside and watch the game of their choice on game nights. The deck has not yet been covered but it will be soon to protect patrons from the elements.

The take-a-way specializes in Chinese and Bahamian dishes, burgers, and snacks along with traditional Bahamian sides.

Auskell adds plastic surgeon to its list of physicians

By Joy Archer

The Abaco Auskell Medical Centre's Surgical Centre's new addition to the physician line-up is Dr. J. Rasmussen, a plastic surgeon.

Abaco Groceries rewards customers



On May 12, Abaco Groceries had a giveaway of three flat screen tvs with purchase of Joy or Bounty Products. The winners were: Alexis McIntosh, Keva McKinney and Jennifer Albury. Above: Robert Key awards Jennifer Albury her new television.

Dr. Rasmussen works out of West Palm Beach, and she recently begun working in Abaco at Auskell. She offers a wide variety of services like Botox and fillers, scar evaluations and biopsies, which can be performed at the Auskell Surgical Centre.

Dr. Rasmussen offers local consultations for potential plastic surgery patients and offers both invasive and non-invasive procedures. Also offered are hair removal treatments as well as cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries such as tummy tucks, face lifts and non-surgical enhancement.

With the new surgical center fully operational at Auskell, Dr. Rasmussen can now perform minor surgeries in office and more complex procedures can be per-

formed in her West Palm Beach office. Auskell sends a thank you to all those who supported Dr. Rasmussen's first visit. For appointments and further information, call the main office at 367-0020.

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RUM RUNNERS BAR & GRILL

OPEN

Thursday to Sunday 3pm Until
Serving the best in
Tropical Island Favorite Drinks
**Martinis, Frozen Daiquiris,
Beer Specials, High Balls.**

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with
music from the 60's, 70's & 80's

Live Local Entertainment
by **ESTIN SAWYER**

Saturday nights from 9pm - Midnight

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BBQ Ribs • BBQ Chicken
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Hotels and House Rental Agents

+ agents with multiple cottages and houses

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise			Lubbers Quarters	
	Sea Level Cottages	4 hse		366-3121
			Man-O-War	
	Island Home Rentals +	2 hse		365-6048
	Schooner's Landing	5 condos		365-6072
	Waterway Rentals +	14 hse		365-6143
			Marsh Harbour area	
	Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms		367-2158
	Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse		367-2719
	Abaco Towns	16 apts		367-0148
	Ambassador Inn	6 rms		367-2022
	Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms		367-3980
	Conch Inn	9 rms		367-4000
	Living Easy +	16 hse		367-2202
	Island Breezes Motel	8 rms		367-3776
	Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff		367-2681
	Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott		367-3600
	Regattas	32 apts		577-6764
	HG Christie +	11 hse		367-4151
			Sandy Point	
	Oeisha's Resort			366-4139
	Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm		366-4119
	Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm		800-628-1447
			Spanish Cay	
	Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse		365-0083
			Treasure Cay	
	Bahama Beach Club	88 units		365-8500
	Brigantine Bay Villas	5 units		877-786-8455
	Treasure Cay Resort +	95 rms		365-8801
	Mark's Bungalows	4 units		365-8506
	Abaco Estate Services +			365-8752
	Island Dreams Rental +			357-6576
			Turtle Rock	
	Villas at Palmetto Beach	3 villas		262-820-1900
			Wood Cay	
	Tangelo Hotel	14 rm 1 villa		365-2222
			Web Sites with Abaco Information	
	http://www.abaconian.com		http://www.abacos.com	
	http://www.abacoinet.com		http://www.oii.net	
	http://www.abacoinfo.com		http://www.bahamas.com	
	http://www.abacocottage.com			

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Restaurants • Services • Transportation
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Everyone reads **The Abaconian**

All phones use area code 242 unless noted

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Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560 • 911
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518

The following services are provided by volunteers

Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town	366-0500 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Integrated Medical Center	367-1304
Emergency	458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	365-2172

Tourism's People-to-People program

Be matched with a local person or family with a similar interest such as Bird watching, Attending church, Foreign language, School class visit, Environmental interest. Marine, Native plants, History, Humane Society, etc. This is not a dating service or an offer for a free meal or lodging but an opportunity to meet someone locally with similar interests. Call Tourism's **Doranell Swain** at 367-3067 for more information. Email: dswain@bahamas.com

Airlines Serving Abaco

Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
Air Gate Aviation - Daytona/New Smyrna	367-3636
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Center - North Florida	367-3522
IBC Airways - Ft. Lauderdale, W Palm Beach	367-1336
Locair - Fort Lauderdale	1-800-205-0730
Regional - Freeport	367-0446
Sky Bahamas - Nassau/Ft. Lauderdale	367-0996
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Western Air - Nassau	367-3722
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032

Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida

Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops

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

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each passengers above two

• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08

Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light,	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins Bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165

• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel \$ 10
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern \$10

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.

• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08

Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30

Ferry Schedules - Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

Albury's Ferry Service - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 - VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch

Marsh Harbour>Hope Town	7:15am	9:00am	10:30am	12:15pm	2:00pm	4:00pm	5:45pm
Return:	8:00 am	9:45am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn

(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30am	1:30pm	3:30pm	5:45pm
Return:	8 am	11:30am	2:30pm	4:45pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

* Not on Sundays or holidays

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

T Cay Airport>Green T Cay	8:30am	10:30am	11:30am	1:30pm	2:30pm	3:30pm	4:30pm	5:00pm
Return:	8am	9am	11am	12:15pm	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:30pm	

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

Abaco Adventures - Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$40 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$45 Round Trip

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama

Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town - Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Bahamas Ferries Summer Schedule only (April to Dec)
Sandy Point & Nassau Every Friday & Sunday, except holidays, under 4 hours. Call 225-3376 or 366-4119 Call for rates.

The Great Abaco Express Eco & Historical bus tours • Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

Attractions

Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyanne Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay

Pocket Beaches

- Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour
- Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)

- Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
- Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
- Sandy Point & more

Items of interest

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

Charter Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	45	F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	12	F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033

Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina	150	F	365-8250
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Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina	26	F	365-6008
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Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina	183	F	367-2158
Conch Inn	75	F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36	F	367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29		367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	52	F	367 2700

Hope Town

Hope Town Marina	16		366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways			366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6	F	366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F	366-0065

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina	75	F	365-0083
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Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina	158	F	365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37		577-0003
Orchid Bay	64	F	365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour	367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024

Bikes & Scooters • Boats Cars & Cart Rentals

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796
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Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0530
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay

Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)
+ Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza	\$	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$	367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$	367-4444
Gino's	\$	367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$	367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$	367-4005
Snappas	\$\$	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	\$\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$	366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$	366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L)	\$	366-0760
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$	366-0095
Munchies	\$	366-0423
OnDa Beach	\$\$	366-0558
Sea Spray †	\$\$	366-0065
Sugar Shack +	\$	366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub	\$\$	366-3503
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Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's	\$\$	366-3139
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Man-O-War

Dock'n Dine	\$	365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	\$	365-6501

Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$	612-1021
Grabbers	\$\$	365-5133
Nippers	\$\$	365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$	365-5175

Treasure Cay

Coco Beach Bar & Grill	\$	365-8470
Florence's Cafe	\$	365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$	365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	\$\$\$	365-9385

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	\$\$\$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$	365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$	365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	\$\$\$	365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	\$\$	365-4234
Sundowners	\$\$	365-4060

Sandy Point

Nancy's	\$\$	366-4120
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Abaco Cays Realty, Ltd.

Specializing in the "Gems" of Abaco, her Cays



Great Guana Cay
 - 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
 - 60' Atlantic Beach
 - 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
 - 336 s.f. open decks
 - Beautiful views of Atlantic Ocean
 - 10,000 gal. cistern
 - Close to town
 #GGH1191 \$499,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,355 s.f. of Residence
 - 23,546 s.f. - 0.54 Acre
 - 125.78' on White Sound
 - 127.28' on Sea of Abaco
 - Private sea to sea
 - 2 docks - deep draft
 - Boat Access Only
 - 50KW Generator
 #GTH1137 - \$995,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 4 Bd, 2 Bth
 - 1,962 s.f.
 - 2 kitchens
 - 30,874 s.f. - 0.708 Acres
 - 360 views
 - 30' elevations
 - Centrally Located
 #GTH1192 - \$1,200,000



Great Guana Cay
 - 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
 - 60' Atlantic Beach
 - 1,558 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bth
 - Crows Peak lounge
 - Abaco's best beach
 - Near Nipper's & Town
 - Rental History
 #GGH1190 \$735,000

ELBOW CAY
"BERKLEY'S BLUFF" - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - BRING OFFERS NEW PRICE \$375,000.

GREAT GUANA CAY
"SEA TO BAY" - 148,104 s.f. - 3.40 Acre - Sea to Sea parcel - 201.87' on the Atlantic Ocean - 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour inclusive 2 boat slips - Great elevations - Can be Divided. #GGV1008 \$1,472,000.

"SURFER'S BEACH" - 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. Combine with "Lost Shaker" for a total of 68,138 s.f. - 1.56 Acre site. #GGV1156 - \$388,000.

"CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront building site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' of Atlantic beachfront - Dock access - good elevations - superb ocean views. #GGV1006 - \$478,000.

"LOST SHAKER" - 36,839 s.f. - 0.847 Acre - 65' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - oversized parcel - good elevations - easement to beach. #GGV1000 \$460,000.

"ATLANTIS" - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 FORCLOSURE MUST SELL! \$350,000.

"SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 24,292 s.f. - 0.557 Acre 136' prime waterfront - great elevations - fabulous views of Della's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Shared dock access or can build a private dock on shoreline - 8' depth at MLW - #GGV1118 - \$368,000.

GREEN TURTLE CAY
"COCONUT BEACH" - 63,815 s.f. - 1.465 Acre - Prime beach front lot - secluded beach cove on north end - driveway in place and approved building plans available - GTV1172 NEW \$675,000.

"PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime building site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public dock access - Beach access - #GTV1080 \$240,000.

"MADERIA HILL" - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre = Dock Access - Beach Access - Great elevations. BANK OWNED - MUST SELL! #GTV1009 - \$395,000.

"CONCHED OUT" - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic beachfront - 12' elevations - beautiful ocean views - very private area - additional acreage available. #GTV1008 - BRING OFFERS - \$325,000.

"NO NAME CAY PARCELS" - 1. One Acre +/- 345' of Atlantic shoreline \$159,000. 2. One Acre +/- 250' of Atlantic Shoreline 3. One and a Half Acres +/- 525' of Atlantic Shoreline. #NCV1188

"SEABREEZE" 14,960 s.f. - 0.343 Acre - close to ocean beach clubs & town. #GTV1173 \$145,000.

"COCO BAY BREEZE" - Prime building site - .2699 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 \$47,500.

MAN O' WAR CAY
"SUMMERPLACE" - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Prime building site - over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - private dock - fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWW1082 - \$185,000.

CENTRAL ABACO
"BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 44" - 16,117 s.f. - 0.37 Acre Corner Lot - close to beach, shopping & airport - utilities. #ACV1189 \$45,000.

"CENTRAL PINES" - Lot 276 - 0.275 Acres - great opportunity fist homw, duplex or triplex. Phone, cable, city water and paved roads. ACV1194 \$45,000.

"SAND BANKS CREEK" LOTS 4&5 - #4 1.120 Acres - 97.42' on the creek. #5 - 1.155 Acres - 100.92' on the creek. Both lots creek to highway - near Treasure Cay. #CAV1182 - \$89,500.

"BAKERS CREEK" - 17 Lots - 10,567 - 16,031 s.f. - paved roads underground utilities - water access - beach/commons area - panoramic views - \$646.00 per month bank financing to qualified buyers with 10% down. #ACV1180 \$55,000. a lot

"RED BAY & LOGGERHEAD CREEK" - 0.233 - 67.42 Acres of prime development opportunity, possibilities unlimited. ACV1184 - ACV1185 - ACV1186 \$139,000 - \$1,685,500.

"THE GATEWAY" - AT WINDING BAY, SOUTH ABACO
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 - 8,000 gallon cistern
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 - Galvilume Metal Roof
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 - Corner Lot
 - Workshop/Garage
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 - City water
 - Great Rental Property
 - Water views
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 - Views of the Sea of Abaco
 - 384 s.f. of sun porches
 - Rental History
 - Located at Bluff House Resort
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 - 4 bd, 3 bth
 - 1,255 s.f. Residence
 - 17,792 s.f. - 0.408 Acre
 - 768 s.f. Covered Decks
 - 812 s.f. Open Decks
 - 360 Views
 - Shared Auxiliary Gen.
 - Well Kept Gardens
 #MWH1195 - \$749,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 17,191 s.f. - 0.394 Acre
 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
 - Covered Screen Porch
 - Wood Floors
 - Shellstone Tile
 - Dead End Road/Private
 - Community Dock Access
 #GTH1149 \$599,000



Man O' War Cay
 - Sea to Sea property
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,096 s.f. Beach Res.
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 625 s.f. Guest Cottage
 - Land 0.764 Acre
 - Workshop/Laundry
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Green Turtle Cay
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Ingraham bids farewell to supporters



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham flashes the torch to his gathered supporters at Treasure Cay Public Beach. Mr. Ingraham will officially step down on July 19 which is the anniversary of the day he was first elected. It will also be two weeks before his sixty fifth birthday.

By Rashida Murray

Five days after the former prime minister the Rt. Honorable Hubert Alexander televised his resignation, he returned to his constituency of North Abaco. Faithful supporters greeted the former leader of the Free National Movement at the Treasure Cay public beach on May 13.

Supporters were proudly wearing their colour red in celebration of the former FNM party leader's service. Some of the leaders accompanied Mr. Ingraham on his return home after the election. Among them was Hubert Minnis, the new leader of the opposition in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Minnis expressed his profound gratitude for Abaconians' unwavering support of Mr. Ingraham and the FNM party over the past years. Mr. Minnis thanked Mr. Ingraham personally for the role he played in the development of his political career within the organization of the FNM.

Mr. Minnis emphasized that the FNM will remember the contributions Abaco made in making the Bahamas a better place. He noted that Abaco has been an FNM stronghold for many years and under its government the new international airport that will not only improve air transport and service but will provide additional jobs and rekindle the economy.

He also boasted that Abaconians are to be proud of the first world medical facility coming to Marsh Harbour, another project powered by the FNM visions of "taking modern healthcare into the next generation."

Mr. Minnis appealed to the people to maintain their standing and send a clear message in the possible by-elections that

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Top swimmers from around Abaco compete in the Perry Cooke Memorial Swim Meet



On May 25 Abaco schools came together to compete in the sixth annual Perry Cooke Swim Meet in Hope Town. With over fifty events that day each swimmer had an opportunity to shine in their strongest stroke. There were a few upsets throughout the competition and a lot of strong showings from the competitors. There were individual races as well as relays between the schools. Boys and girls ages 6 to 16 competed in 25-meter and 50-meter events. For more see page 10.

Left: James Boyce competes in the Boys fifteen and over.

Former Prime Minister wishes to “return seat to the people”



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham met with many of his supporters during his retirement party on May 13. The Treasure Cay Public Beach was the venue that evening as supporters and party members arrived to meet with the former Prime Minister and get the chance to speak with him regarding his upcoming retirement. There were many well-wishers from all over Abaco who showed up throughout the night to join in the festivities. Above: Mr. Ingraham hugs a group of young FNM supporters who arrived that evening to see him.

May. The FNM held a formal convention to elect a New Leader of the party.

Mr. Ingraham had led the FNM for 19 years and now at age 64, he says he is ready to retire. He also stated that he will resign his seat in the House of Assembly on July 19, the anniversary of the day he was first elected to serve and two weeks before his 65th birthday, the mandatory retirement age for civil servants.

Mr. Ingraham’s only request was for the good people of Abaco to accept his resignation, saying, “I wish to return your seat back to you.”



Above and Right: Dr. Hubert Alexander Minnis addresses the crowd at Mr. Ingraham’s farewell party. Dr. Minnis is the new Official Leader of the Opposition and head of the Free National Movement. Dr. Minnis is also the Member of Parliament for Killarney.

Below: The crowd reacts to the Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham’s call for Abaco to remain “red.” With Mr. Ingraham’s looming absence the people of North Abaco will make a decision in a by-election. Mr. Ingraham told the crowd he would not endorse any particular person to run, but instead wanted the people to choose for themselves, just as they chose him when he first ran for North Abaco.

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Abaco is still “red.”

After Mr. Minnis’ remarks, the crowd cheered on former Prime Minister Mr. Ingraham as he began his address. He graciously thanked the people for firstly appointing him as the candidate of choice for North Abaco. He thanked the people electing him on eight consecutive occasions, twice as a PLP candidate, once as an independent and five times as an FNM. He

was especially grateful to the people of this great nation who gave him the privileged opportunity of serving as the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Mr. Ingraham conceded to the defeat of the election held on May 7 after the Bahamian people rejected the FNM government. Mr. Ingraham announced that people of Abaco will again appoint another candidate of choice to run in his stead when he officially resigns his position as Leader of the Free National Movement on the 26 of



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 Guana Cay #1150 92A & 93B - 3/4+ acres, 200' from water. \$99K
 Guana Cay #13710 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$249,900
 Guana Cay Fishers Bay Lots 28 & 28B #11029 94' waterfront. \$299,900
 Guana Cay #1276 17,460 sq. ft. lot in Village \$200,000.
 Tilloo Cay #13500 2.7 acres sea to sea, 50' deepwater dock. \$569,900
 Tilloo Cay #13709 #47 #48 #49 11,000 sq. ft. 100' to beach. \$99Kech.
 Tilloo Cay #13999 Lot 19 waterfront electric avail. 13,050+/- sq.ft. \$199K
REDUCED Tilloo Cay #13999 Lot 19/Waterfront \$185K

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 Pelican Shores #1127 163' Harbour frnt 90' dock 26,200 sq.ft. lot. \$700K
 Royal Harbour #1005 Lot #26 off front street 14583 sq. ft. lot. \$175K
 Stede Bonnet Road #13901 Residential Lot 8,125 sq. ft. \$78K
 Sunrise Bay #1066 Lot 12 13,226 sq. ft. Gated community. \$238K

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 Gilpin Point **OWNER FINANCING** Interior \$40K+ Beachfront \$225K+
 Long Beach #1224 Lot 31 12,600 sq. ft. elevated views. \$125K
 Long Beach #13970 Lot 396 Hilltop near bch 10,800+/- sq. ft. \$89,900.
 Old Kerr #13987 14 acres 209' of beachfront, 45'+/- elevations. \$248,500

NORTH ABACO
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 Leisure Lee #1002 Lots 27, 28 29 & 30 "Open to Offers". \$43,900 ech
 NEW Leisure Lee #17201 Interior Lot 22 10,000 sq. ft. \$45K
 Red Bay #13021 5 acre parcel off S.C. Bootle Highway \$150K
 NEW Treasure Cay Lot 44 Blk 167 multi-family \$45K
 Treasure Cay #13018 Lot 8 Block 190 "Open to Offers". \$68K
 Treasure Cay #13019 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$79K
 Treasure Cay #13020 Comm.lot adjacent school 9.4 acres \$229K
 Treasure Cay Lots 8 & 9 "as shown above". \$130,000 buys both.
 Treasure Cay #14798 Lot 78 Block 1 Section 1. 10,000 sq.ft. \$59,900
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School & Youth News

Long Bay PTA Board holds surprise dinner for teacher appreciation

By Samantha Evans

The third week of May has traditionally been set aside every year to honor teachers. This year, the PTA Board of Long Bay School decided to have a surprise dinner for the entire staff at the school rather than sending them to a restaurant like past PTA Boards have done.

On May 17, students and the PTA Board members escorted the teachers and staff into the school auditorium. Their spouses were also present to enjoy the grand meal prepared.

According to PTA President Mona Bain, this made the event more personal which allowed them and other parents to cook and serve the food. The students served the food to the teachers.

The menu consisted of veggie steak, shrimp and chicken, cheese and fruit platters, and an assortment of desserts. Soft gospel music was played while dinner was served followed by the presentation of gift bags to all fourteen teachers and staff.

The members of the PTA Board are President Mona Bain, Vice President Joan Baillou (who also serves as Secretary), Treasurer Shannell Oliver, Teacher's Representatives Berlin Dormeus, Barry Gomez and Ms. Moultrie, and Chaplin Clyde Bain.

Language Services opens on Abaco

By Samantha Evans

Ritchie Eyma and his wife Roshanne Minnis-Eyma moved to Abaco this year and in April opened Ritchie Eyma Language Services in Royal Harbour Village next to Java Coffee Shop.

Before moving here, he had an office on Queen Street in Nassau and even after moving to Abaco, still services his clients there. The services he provides include translation, interpreting, and teaching Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish.

Mr. Eyma's goal is to teach students how the brain works as they learn the language chosen so that they can begin speaking it as quickly as possible. He does not use one method in his classes but changes it every 15-20 minutes, which serves to motivate and excite the students.

He is currently teaching beginning Haitian Creole classes, which will last for six weeks.

The students are all adults, but Mr. Eyma can also teach school age children.

While in Nassau, he offered corporate classes to BTC, Fidelity Bank, and others and hopes to begin similar collaborations with businesses on the island.

Mr. Eyma can be contacted by calling 225-0374, 426-9841 or language@ritchieeyma.com.

Summer program to focus on character building

By Samantha Evans

The Holistic Learning Center will be hosting a summer program that will focus on a variety of activities including character building, math and language skills, Bible trivia, board and video games.

The program will also engage the creative side of students by introducing beading, arts and crafts, headband making and jewelry making. There will also be outdoor sports for the boys and those girls who like to play sports.

The registration for the program ends June 8, at which time all forms and the registration fee must be returned and paid. The program will begin June 25 and end July 26.

The program is open for students 8 to 14 years old and will last from 9 a.m. to noon. One-on-one tutoring will also be available.

Those interested can call 551-7672 or 458-7264 for more details and to collect an application form.

Infinity-No-Limit launches its mentoring program

By Samantha Evans

Infinity Mentors of the Abacos and Beyond launched its mentoring program on April 21 with a thank you party for the first set of students and adults who took part in their Brides of the Caribbean Bridal Show.

Coordinator Bekera Taylor informed the young people of the grant that the government gave the group to assist in purchasing supplies for the group's upcoming Technical and Hospitality Training Center.

This mentoring program has been a life dream of Ms. Taylor, who believes that someone needs to guide the career choices of young people while networking and being exposing them to all that life has to offer.

Ms. Taylor is a strong believer that every individual is born with a purpose but often needs to be challenged for their passion and purpose to be ignited.

The group meets once each month when they discuss issues, socialize, and brainstorm products to be made and upcoming fundraisers.

Rangers host self-help programs

By Samantha Evans

Rangers on Abaco have been working to learn various aspects of the Defense Force this year. As it got closer to their installment ceremony, they engaged in various self-help programs.

The first program organized was a mini-social held at the Anglican Parish Hall on May 4. The event was well supported by high schools. Tickets were sold, food was served, and music was played as the students socialized in a safe environment.

On May 12, the Rangers held a grill and car wash at the AID parking lot in Marsh Harbour. Approximately thirty Rangers from Central and South Abaco were in attendance. They served chicken and ribs with various sides. The Ranger Program donated all of the items. They used money that they raised previously to fund other events.

The community responded well with many of them leaving their cars to be cleaned then came back for them and got something off the grill.

These programs were held to purchase the uniforms for the Rangers.

The Defense Force Officers in charge of the Ranger Program are Leading Seaman Jipcho Brennen, Able Seaman Jirvano Edgecombe, Petty Officer Edward Russell, Leading Seaman Eddie Rolle, Marine Seaman Enoch Smith and Marine Seaman Wildino Fox. Also present were advisors Katherine and Victor Cooper.

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Special Olympics Torch Lighting Ceremony held in Abaco



Above: ECC student Eric Sawyer lights the torch for Lt. Karin Evelyn with the Defence Force Rangers. Lt. Karin carried the torch for the first two miles during the May 12 ceremony.

By Mirella Santillo

The Law Enforcement Torch Lighting Ceremony was held the morning of May 12. Starting at the Airport Roundabout, this is the second event of the Special Olympics, which for the first time is being held on Abaco.

The local Police were represented by several officers who conducted traffic. Five Royal Defense Force Rangers were present and the Torch bearer was Coast Guard Lt. Karin Evelyn who was sent to Abaco to represent the United States Embassy. She held the Torch while it was being lit by Every Child Counts' Eric Sawyer.

Lt. Karin, followed by the five Defense Force Rangers, started the run towards Don Mackay Boulevard. They were heralded by a police officer and two Scur-

vy Few members who were riding motor bikes.

A delegation of parents, teachers, supporters and photographers had gathered to witness the athletes' departure towards town. Included in the crowd was Ms. H. Simmons -Johnson, District of Education Superintendent.

Two delegates from the Special Olympics Board, Chairman Nello Lambert and Cleopatra Adderley, were among the spectators who subsequently formed a parade.

Lt. Karin carried the Torch for the first two miles and then passed it on to the next athlete who carried it for the next two miles and so on up to Murphy Town Park where the athletes, accompanied by Detective Boyd, circled the track.

Caroline Sawyer, one of the organizers, thinks that approximately 150 people joined the athletes along the way as they ran through Dundas Town.

At the Park, tents had been set to shelter refreshments and drinks that awaited the participants. The Island Waves Band and singer Ashton Sawyer were also in place near the track to accompany the last part of the ceremony with tropical rhythms. It was early afternoon when the function ended.

The Abaconian congratulates all the high school graduates this month. The best of luck to you as you pursue your dreams.

Below: Students from Every Child Counts participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run on May 12.





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Bahamas Sea Base Scouts Program continues in memory of Maggio

By Mirella Santillo

The marine scouts program started by the late Joe Maggio is now at the beginning of its twenty eighth season. The first arrivals of the Summer Season arrived on Abaco on May 21. There are usually over 100 scouts spread out on different boats, mentioned Kim Cansler, who is the Sea Base director. Her husband, Steve Cansler, replaced Mr. Maggio as the new Bahamas Sea Base Marine Superintendent. Together they now run the program.

"It is not an easy task," said Mr. Cansler, "to step in Joe's shoes, but I hope the program will continue." The Canslers have been part of the program for the last six years and were thoroughly trained by the former Superintendent to eventually replace him.

"We are thankful to him for the time we had," said Mr. Cansler.

There are now ten boats registered in the program. They boast an international crew of captains from as close as the United States to as far away as New Zealand, South Africa, France, Ireland and England.

A lot of the participants are from the mid-west of the United States. For them, discovering the island life and environment is a completely new experience. During

their stay they learn about boating, snorkeling and reef-care.

"Most of them have not seen anything like the under-water scenes we have here," explained Mr. Cansler. "They love the wildlife and are mesmerized by the little reef fish and the barracudas. It is a life changing experience for the people who come here and many are return scouts."

One of this year's new captains, a 21 year old man, was a scout formerly enrolled in the Sea Base program.

The program is expected to run smoothly, weather permitting, until August.

0-13, and Kemp had signed her daughter Shania Kemp up for the plan during one of Lewis' visits to the school. Shania soon received a birthday card, and her mother was asked to fill out an online questionnaire.

At first, Ms. Kemp admitted that she didn't want to do the questionnaire, but she decided to follow through. A few weeks ago, she was surprised when Principal Josephine Kumar contacted her to tell her that she was selected as the winner.

Ms. Kemp said: "I am very thankful, and if it had not been for Ruby Lewis' visit to our school, and Mrs. Kumar, I would have never heard about Heritage. Because of them I joined Shania in Heritage, and I'm now a recipient of \$500. We are not getting any younger, and our salaries are not being raised, so we need to do something to help our children in their education."

Because Abaco is a part of the group she covers, Ms. Lewis expressed satisfaction over Ms. Kemp's win. Even more fulfilling, though, is the knowledge that an education plan is the best gift that a child can be given.

"It's for your child's future," Ms. Lewis explained. "As a matter of fact it's their passport."

According to Ruby Lewis, the Heritage Plan also covers the parents at no cost for disabilities and sickness, the plan is transferable, the company pays six percent interest and it remains that way throughout the entirety of the plan, and the earlier the child is enrolled in the plan the lower the contribution amounts. She added that once the parent saves toward the first year of the child's post-secondary education, Heritage provides US dollar cash scholarships toward the next three years.

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Bottom and Left: Bahamas Sea base Marine Superintendent Steve Cansler and wife, Kim, who is Director of Operations for Bahamas Sea Base. Together they carry on the legacy of community and volunteerism left behind by the late Joe Maggio. May 21 marked the beginning of the Summer Season for the Sea Scouts Program.

St. Francis teacher receives cheque from Heritage Fund drawing

By Canishka Alexander

On May 22, Ruby Lewis, sales manager for Heritage International Scholarship Trust Foundation, visited St. Francis de Sales School to present a \$500 cheque to Coreisa Kemp. Ms. Kemp is a teacher at the school who was selected as a recipient during their annual drawing for parents who participated in their birthday club.

As a non-profit organization, Heritage offers an Education Savings Plan to parents with children between the ages of

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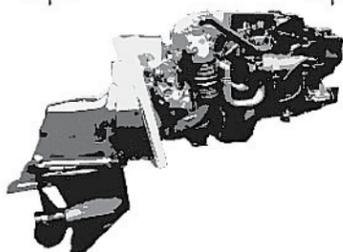
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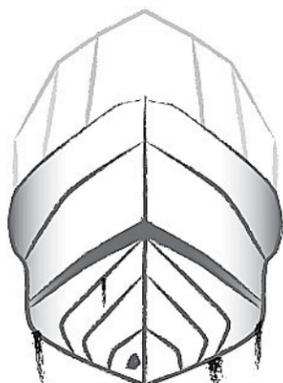
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Agape Christian High School presents "The Prodigal"



The Prodigal cast consisted of: Maxine Bass as Anna; Leandra Rolle as Beth; Patiqua Thurston as Jan; Christopher Sawyer as Philippe; Diana Lowe as Cherie; Brieonna Russell as Lisa; Abigail Jones as Flo; Michaela Roberts as Katiya; Kendall Stubbs as Mr. Knox; Devin Winder as Blazey Blaze; Johanan Cartwright as Jonathan Prie; and Janae Gedeon, O'Desha Cox and Leslie Archer as the press reporters. Nemara Saunders, Beth-Ann Johnson, Modline Fertil and O'Desha Cox were the singers, while Deneisha Sawyer, Verneisha Moore and Cierra Carroll performed in the dance routines.

By Jennifer Hudson

The High School Department of Agape Christian School gave two performances of its annual drama presentation in the school's Grace Gym on May 17 and 18. The cast of 21 included actors, singers and dancers, all of whom came together to present a first-rate performance. The students, who ranged in age from grades 7 to 12, were all members of the Drama Club

who had selected drama as their elective.

Only a very small amount of time is allowed in the timetable each week for an elective so the students devoted much time during their lunch hours and after-school for rehearsals in order to perfect their performance. Their dedication was all the more praiseworthy since many of them come from far distances on the mainland and also from the cays.

This year's play was entitled 'The Prodigal' and was written and directed by the school's very talented music teacher Ms. Courtnee Romer who amazingly writes and directs four musical plays a year, one for each department of the school. The play was loosely based on the story of the prodigal son from the Bible but instead featured a girl who left home against her family's wishes to try and get into a modeling career in New York. Of course, she lands herself in a series of difficulties and finally returns home where she is welcomed with open arms by her mother and eventually by her sister.

The actors were well chosen for their parts and were all very convincing. They all deserve a great deal of praise for their professionalism and memorization of all their lines. Special mention should be made of Maxine Bass who played the lead

character, Anna, as she had an incredible amount to remember and did so impeccably. Christopher Sawyer provided a special slice of light relief in his portrayal of the character Philippe with a very convincing, phony French accent.

The quartet of singers who performed at the beginning of each scene helped tell the story in song. Their voices were beautiful, blending well and they were a delight to listen to. Special mention should be made of Brieonna Russell who played the part of Lisa and was outstanding in her singing of the solo 'Born this way.'

Also Kendall Stubbs who played the part of Mr. Knox and sang a very moving solo 'Who am I?' for which he received much applause.

The dance team was choreographed

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A shot of SCENE II of The Prodigal: Anna (Maxine Bass) talking with Lisa (played by Brieonna Russell) about her plans to go to New York.



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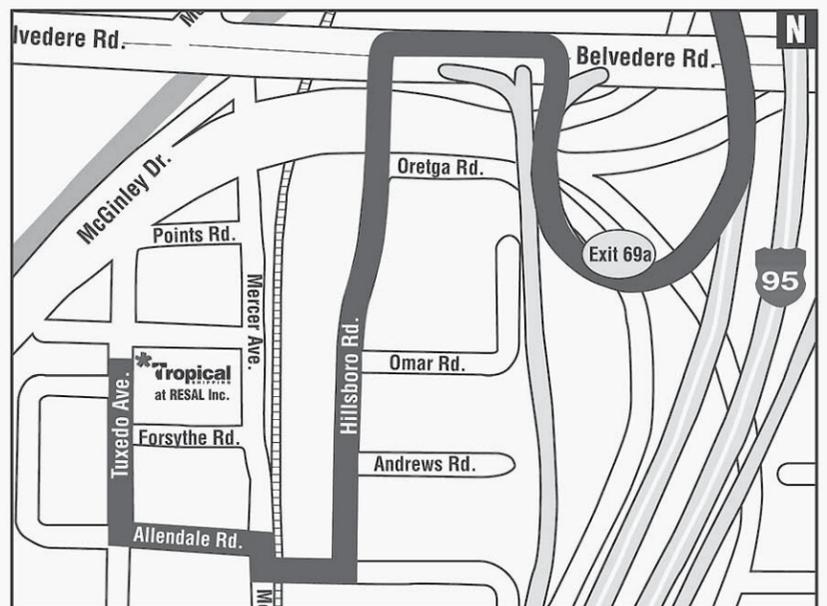
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There are currently 25,000 students in Nassau benefitting from the Heritage Plan; however, Ms. Lewis is interested in increasing the numbers of students on Abaco who can benefit from the service that Heritage provides.

Ruby Lewis can be contacted at (242)427-2351 or at ruby_lewis@heritag-eesp.com.

Below photo shows (left to right): Mr. Ajero, who designed the cheque for the presentation; Ruby Lewis, Heritage sales manager; St. Francis Teacher Coreisa Kemp; Principal Josephine Kumar; and Shania Kemp.

by Stacey Adderley who also did the set design. Many other teachers and friends came together to assist with props/set painting, sound, lights and woodwork construction all of which helped to make an excellent performance. The performers received a very well deserved standing ovation with the audience joining in the final song.

In a vote of thanks, Mr. Kevin Sawyer commented on the tremendous amount of talent there is in this country, a lot of which was onstage that night and he urged the audience to give the young people the encouragement and guidance they need.



St. Francis student Quitel Charlton wins National Speech Contest

By Canishka Alexander

Quitel Charlton, a 12th grade student from St.

“I am afraid every time I step on the stage; I start to freak out...”

Francis de Sales School, competed in Toastmaster International’s National Speech Contest. The competition was

offered to students involved in the organization’s Youth Leadership Program. The speech contest took place at Evangelistic Temple in Nassau on May 18.

Quitel was selected to represent Abaco in a contest that was described as “the best of the best.” The contestants were given three topics to choose from, and Quitel spoke on the topic: “The Bahamian Youth – In Search of Purpose.”

She explained that the approach she took was different. During her speech, she told her audience that society has left the youth with no choice but to go out and search for a purpose.

However, she also highlighted to the young people that their search for purpose isn’t something that has been lost rather it is something they already have. They just have to reach deep within themselves and pull it out.

It was yet another winning speech for Quitel, and she received a plaque inscribed with the words: 1st Place Category A.



Above: Quitel Charlton won first place at the Youth Leadership Program’s National Speech Contest. This Toastmasters’ produced contest selected some of the the best and brightest students from around the country to copete.

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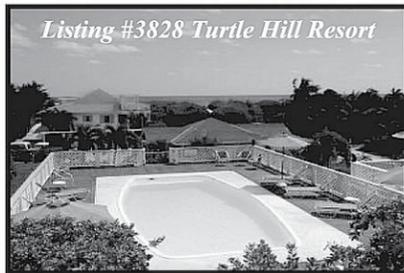
Although many who follow speech contests see Quitel as a veteran speaker, she admitted that she is still fearful right before competitions. Nevertheless, her fear seems to be the key to her success.

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"I thank God for giving me the strength and the talent to come out as the best because the competitions hit me with the same amount of force," she confided. "I am afraid every time I step on the stage; I start to freak out five minutes before every competition, so I believe it's my fear that drives me to bring out my best."

Quitel is only a few days away from her graduation that will take place on June 8, and she is excited about completing another chapter in life. However, she is always prepared for whatever comes next.

"Practice makes it better and when you know speech you flow better," she shared. "I'm always ready. Today I'm ready. I'm always ready."

The Youth Leadership Program is offered to students at Abaco Central High School, Forest Heights Academy and St. Francis de Sales School.

school's track while carrying the torch.

I had a chance to speak to Nicole DeNardin who helped with this year's fundraiser for the Special Olympics in Abaco. She said she was happy to see so much support from the community. This was the first year for Abaco to participate in the passing of the torch for the Special Olympics. She says she loves working with athletes throughout the year.

While attending this event I also met some exceptional parents and athletes from the community. Dawn Sawyer's son, Myron, has been competing in the Special Olympics for five years and loves it. Myron competes in Bocce which is a game that resembles bowling but is played on grass. Gia and Hannah compete in the 100 yard relay while Troy likes to compete in the 100 yard dash.

All in all, the day was a great success. A community came together to celebrate the hero in all of us.



Above: Corrinne Cornish (right) accepts scholarship from Pathfinders/Lincoln College. Left to right: Leazona Richard, Administrator at Abaco Pathfinders; Erika Hepburn and Corrinne Cornish.

Below: Tristen Walkes receives a full scholarship from Howard University. Tristen was unaware he would be getting the prize.

ECC participates in Torch Run

Editors note: This story was submitted as an excerpt from "Island Waves News" which is a newsletter published by the Island Waves Creative Community Cultural Centre in Marsh Harbour. The Centre tutors students, such as this young writer, and organizes community events, like the upcoming garbage cleanup on June 9.

By Olivia Zammit

On Saturday, May 12, many people from the community came out to support Abaco's local Olympic athletes. The very talented Island Waves Band added music to the festivities and there was a lot of delicious food enjoyed by all.

The athletes started their journey carrying the torch from the airport roundabout all the way to Abaco Central High School where they continued to show their endurance by running more laps around the

College Tour highlights admissions procedures for Abaco students

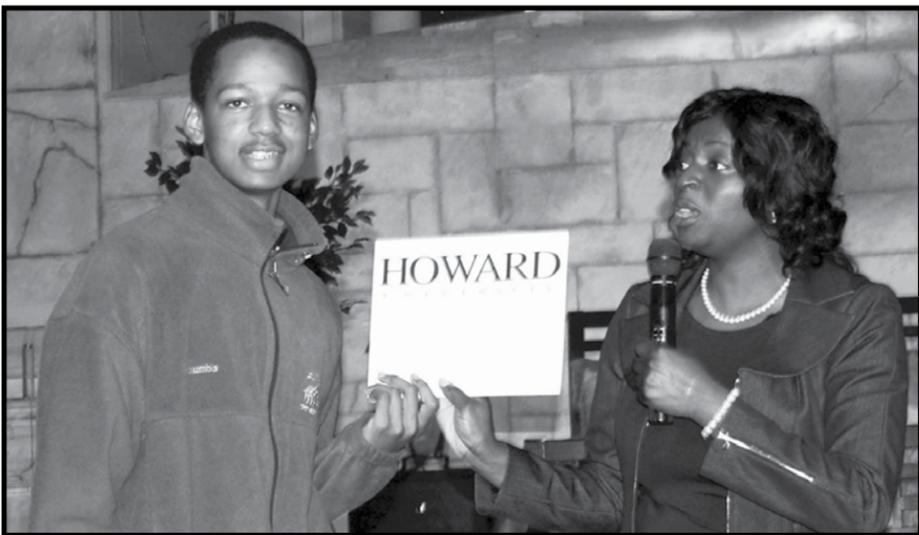
By Samantha Evans

A College Explosion Tour was planned for May 24-27 in Nassau and Abaco. The Ministry of Education partnered with Bahamas Harvest Church to coordinate a three-day college fair with various representatives from the Bahamas and the U.S.

The one-day event in Abaco took place at Change Ministries Church on Thursday, May 24.

Some of the colleges in attendance included Spelman College, Morehouse College, Palm Beach Atlantic University, SCAD, Nova Southeastern University, Howard University, Lincoln Technical Institute and Lincoln Culinary Institute.

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Perry Cooke Memorial Swim Meet held in Hope Town

By Eric Albury

The 6th Annual Perry Cooke Memorial Swim Meet was held at the Hope Town Community Pool on May 25.

Agape Christian School took the Best Overall trophy for the juniors, while Forest Heights Academy took the trophy for the seniors.

Events were organized into events and heats, which separated the kids by age group, gender and stroke. Boys and girls ages 6 to 16 competed in 25-meter and 50-meter events.

Relay events were also held as a form of inter-school competition. Agape Chris-

tian School took the junior girls relay, while Hope Town School won the junior boys relay. Forest Heights Academy won both the senior boys and girls relays.

Immediate Right: Roman Pinder received several awards for his performance.

Far Right: Stroke Judge Chris Pinder encourages his son, Maddox Pinder, before his next race.

Below from left to right: Khalea Richard, Charlie Cash and Lilly Higgs.



Above: Stella Higgs competes in the butterfly stroke.

Below: Albury Higgs moves quickly through the Hope Town community pool.



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SPORTS

Five teams compete in inter-island baseball tournament

By Canishka Alexander

The Inter-Island Baseball Tournament that was open to players in the nine to 10-year-old division kicked off on May 18; however, the official opening ceremony for the tournament took place mid-afternoon the next day at the Murphy Town Ball Field. On the first night of the tournament, a game took place between the North Abaco Baseball Club and the Central Abaco players.

North Abaco earned their first win by beating Central Abaco, 10-1. Other teams represented at the tournament were: Freedom Farm; Legacy Baseball; and Grand Bahama Little League.

Coach George Mills, president of the All-Abaco Little League Baseball Association, was the master of ceremonies. He called on Billy Jean Ferguson to lead in the opening prayer.

Whelma Colebrooke of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, began her remarks by sharing the mandate of her ministry in its promotion of recreational programs and activities to develop youths to be equipped as leaders locally and on a national level. She reminded audience members that it is all about "building unity, powerful youths and people, and in the process, contributing to a changed community."

Next, Craig Kemp, president of the Bahamas Baseball Federation, thanked the All Abaco association members for their hard work. He explained that the purpose



Above: Baseball game between Freedom Farm and North Abaco players on Saturday evening at Murphy Town Ballfield.

of the mini tournaments is to improve the players' game for the upcoming nationals, which will be held in Grand Bahama from June 21-24. In April, players in the 11-12 division attended a tournament in Rock Sound, Eleuthera.

"I believe the kids enjoyed themselves," Kemp expressed. "The tournaments help them understand what they need to improve on, they bring awareness to the islands, and they garner support for the sport."

He said that 900 youths are expected

to attend the nationals in Grand Bahama, which is being sponsored by the Grand Bahama Port Authority. The large number of players represent 46-48 teams that will be participating, and includes six age groups:

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I would like to thank all of the voters & supporters throughout the constituency, from Stalwart Councillors of our great party to first time voters. From supporters of other parties to independent voters, who supported my bid to become your Member of Parliament, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for "Believing"!

Although things did not come out how we would have liked, I am so proud that we ran a clean campaign, and I've said it many times,
"I would rather lose doing what is right, than win doing wrong."

With that said, because I have a genuine love for our country, I am profoundly grateful that the Bahamian people chose to set our country in a new direction.

On a personal note, I was not elected to serve you in parliament, but I will continue my efforts in helping to make Abaco a better place. Just like many of you, Abaco is my home and birthplace, so let's work together to ensure that future generations will enjoy Abaco as we do.

Thanks again to all of you!!!

Gary M. Sawyer
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SPORTS

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coach pitch, which is the seven and eight-year-olds; the nine and 10-year-old division; 11-12 division; 13-15 division ; 16-18 division; and 25 and under division.

On the final day of the tournament, the Grand Bahama Little League team went up against Legacy players in the bronze game; meanwhile, the championship games were played between North Abaco and Freedom Farm.

The results for the nine games played on May 19 are as follows: Freedom Farm beat the Legacy players 10-0 in Game One; Grand Bahama Little League and Central Abaco tied 1-1 in Game Two; in Game 3, Freedom Farm scored 12 to North Abaco's five points; Legacy players came back in Game Four to beat Grand Bahama players: 3-0; in Game 5, Freedom Farm made a clean sweep against Central Abaco players with a score of 11-0; then in Game Six, Grand Bahama won their game against North Abaco by scoring 5-3; it was a close game in Game Seven when Grand Bahama took a two-point lead against North Abaco to end the game 5-3; Freedom Farm swept yet another game in Game Eight against Grand Bahama to leave a score of 7-0; and in the final game, North Abaco devastated the Legacy players by garnering 12 points leaving them to settle with a score of one.

The tournament was brought to a close on May 20 with a bronze game between Grand Bahama Little League and Legacy, and a championship game between Freedom Farm and North Abaco. Grand Bahama won 18-5, and Freedom Farm took the gold with a score of 20-9 against North Abaco.

Softball season continues following completion of general election

By Canishka Alexander

Abaco Softball Association President Nigel Bootle made an announcement toward the end of April that all softball games would be postponed until after the general election. About two days after the election, Mr. Bootle distributed a schedule of games to all teams and association members.

On May 18, a double header was featured at Baker's Field in Cooper's Town between the Talk of the Town Tornados, and the F.E.S. Peacocks at 8 p.m. followed by a game at 10 p.m. with New Vision and the Shiloh Destroyers. The following day, Mr. Bootle noted that an All Abaco Baseball Tournament is scheduled for the entire day.

The next round of softball games took place on May 25 at the Murphy Town Ball field. The first game showcased the R.J. Bonefish Runners and the Lady Sluggers. At 10 p.m., the Creeters Bulldogs went up against the D N R Sluggers.

On May 26, the Lady Sluggers went to Cooper's Town at 8 p.m. for their second game of the weekend against the Talk of the Town Tornados. The same goes for the R.J. Bonefish Runners, who played their second game against the F.E.S. Peacocks at 10 p.m. that night.

Local swimmer to compete in CISC

On June 22 through June 27 the Caribbean Island Swimming Championships (CISC) will be held in Aruba. Local Miller Albury, who recently competed in CARIFTA, has been selected to help represent The Bahamas. Miller, along with twenty eight other team mates will travel to Aruba to compete.

Miller is the son of Bill and Victoria Albury. He made finals in CARIFTA and represented the country and island well along with fellow young Abaconians Albury Higgs, Elroy McBride and Shane Jones.

Re:Focus concert and service held at New Vision Ministries

By Samantha Evans

In a time when so many religious organizations are surfacing with doctrines that appear to bring words of deliverance, healing, and prosperity, New Vision Ministries decided to host a Re-Focus Concert and Service that was held on Saturday night May 19 beginning at 7pm and ending Sunday, May 20 with a service at the church.

The event began with a concert led by Aaron Keyes and his Band. Aaron Keyes is a worship pastor who has served as a worship leader at Grace Fellowship Church outside Atlanta, Georgia for eight years. He has a passion for restoring the word of God to the foundation of worship and seeing a shift in the next generation of worship leaders to become more biblically empowered worship pastors.

The songs they sang proclaimed the goodness of God, his forgiving power and ability to make old things new, and the love of God. He encouraged worshippers to not be ashamed to lift their hands and speak of God's goodness in their lives.

Keyes stated that it is important to let the next generation know that it is alright to dance in God's presence. He added that he wished that someone had told him that when he was a young Christian. He has noticed that many in the world hold hope for that day when they get to heaven with no regard for today but now, he explained, is the time to enjoy the journey to Heaven. Therefore, they should dance, sing, and shout in the presence of God.

Once they get to know God, according to Keyes, they will come to realize that

Correction:
In the May 15 issue Section B under the story "Government Ministries acknowledge success of local athlete," Albury Higgs was identified as a member of the Abaco Swim Club. She is not.

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Politics and Government

Hope Town District Council meets

By Eric Albury

The Hope Town District Council met on May 17 to discuss matters arising in the Hope Town, Man-O-War and Great Guana islands.

The proposed 120-foot dock for the Abaco Inn has been delayed until ownership of the land or proof of lease has been approved. A homeowner brought his objections to the Council, claiming that his current dock conflicts with Abaco Inn's plans.

There have been complaints of a man camping out in a vacant lot in the middle of Hope Town. Homeowners attending the Council complained of the lot's unsightliness and the rats that the camp attracts. Police have visited the premises and asked him to leave.

Garbage disposal continues to be an issue amongst the cays, with no easy solution for the Council presenting itself. They will continue to explore their options for the best way to deal with the islands' trash.

The derelict barge in Great Guana has been given a week from the meeting to be removed or action will be taken. The owner will be charged in full for the transportation of the barge to a secure location.

Some homeowners in North End on Hope Town have requested that the road leading to and from the settlement be repaired and paved. However, the community is still split on this decision. Others prefer the road to remain the way it is as to

deter speeding and constant traffic through the area. The Council suggested that a petition be circulated to make a decision on this issue.

Hotel licenses were also presented to the Council, and were approved or deferred until a satisfactory report was submitted.

The next Council meeting has been set for June 21.

Hole in the Wall Restoration Committee meets Spilled mercury remains a problem for repair efforts

By Mirella Santillo

A group of eight people composed of The Hole in the Wall Restoration Committee members and stakeholders met at the Ministry of Tourism Training Center on Thursday May 17. Millie Dawkins chaired the meeting.

Ms. Dawkins said that one of the committee's issues had been resolved: it had been decided that the Bahamas National Trust will assume the role of management agency for the Hole in the Wall Lighthouse grounds.

Unfortunately, no representatives of the Trust could attend the meeting to verify the extent of the agency's involvement.

The members present planned to set a meeting when one or more agents of the BNT could attend.

It was further confirmed that the Defense Force would be responsible for the functioning of the light. Lieutenant Bain said that the Defense Force personnel will re-install the solar panels, the battery and the light, but not before the mercury that can still be found in the lighthouse has been totally removed.

It was suggested to contact Kimberley Wells at the Health Department to initiate the removal of mercury.

The Port Authority is to remain responsible for the maintenance of the lighthouse building, but no representatives of that agency were present.

Ms. Knowles asked that BNT representatives and Leeland Russell or Richard

Cunningham with the Port Authority be contacted.

The road leading to the lighthouse was also presented to be a problem that has to be dealt with. Stanley White offered to follow up on this issue.

Nancy Albury with the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation said that some of her equipment could be used to find out the exact location of the caves and to assess the depth of the rocks in that area. She will present the assessment at a subsequent meeting.

A tentative date of June 14 was set for the next meeting date, pending contact with the representatives from the Defense Force and BNT.

Gary Sawyer named as a Senator



Above: Gary Sawyer, the Progressive Liberal Party candidate for Central and South Abaco, was named as a Senator. Here he is seen (blue shirt, center) arriving from Nassau after meeting with the government. Supporters were present to greet him.

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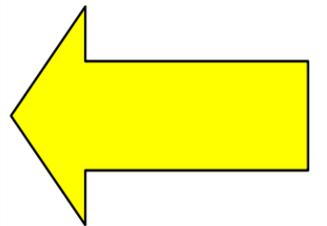
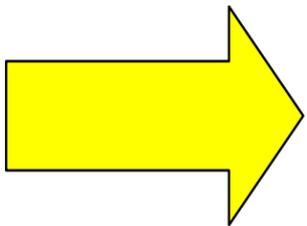
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The advisors and representatives from all the present colleges were available after the panel discussion to meet with the curious students.

All of the colleges or universities in attendance have a great Bahamian contingency at their sites and hope that this event will interest more students for the upcoming semesters.

Receiving scholarships that day, which came as a surprise to both recipients, were Corrinne Cornish and Tristen Walkes.



Above: After the panel discussion, many of the students were able to meet with the advisors and discuss questions. Information was handed to all the curious students.

Professor and students of Ryerson University volunteer at ECC

By Mirella Santillo

Jean Golden of Ryerson University in Toronto, and a group of seven students accompanied by the professor, arrived on Abaco at the beginning of May to spend one month volunteering at the school. Jean Golden is a Professor of Sociology and Human Rights at the university.

The volunteering plays on the strengths of their academic backgrounds. Five students have graduated as Social Workers and two of them are studying Early Childhood Education.

Professor Golden explained, "They have a strong background in disability, as they have trained and worked in that environment." Professor Golden outlined what goals she had for the future and asked the students to explain their involvement with the school during their stay on Abaco.

Since the beginning of the month they have contributed mostly to classroom support. Each student is bringing her experience and applying it to the needs of the classroom. Archana Kathir and Erikka Dal Dello, who are used with working with young children, are trying to adapt to the culture while incorporating concepts learned in their study program.

They worked full time and are developing a dance and performance program. They practice a lot of one-on-one sessions with the children. They both chose to come to volunteer at Every Child Counts and the interaction with the ECC students will be part of their course credits.



Throughout May, students and a professor from Ryerson University have been volunteering at Every Child Counts in Marsh Harbour. From right to left: Rachel Gillis, Amanda Lewis, Stephanie Henthorn, Pr. Jean Golden, Erikka Dal Dello, Heather Cox-Giurdon, April Pisani and Achana Kathir.

The Social Work students did not come as an academic placement this year. They are assisting part-time in the classrooms. Even though there are some grants to support them, they are self-reliant as far as the trip expenses are concerned.

The next trip will involve longer stay of two to four months, specified Professor Golden.

Presently, the Social Work students are involved in community programs and visit other schools. They are meeting with parents and community leaders. After talking to Pastor Silbert Mills, they are hoping to have some air time on the local radio and television network to bring awareness to the community about their work with children with disabilities.

Professor Golden hopes to bring journalism students in the future along with sociology and political science students who could handle written projects and write reports.

The idea is to help support the future vocational workshop, training center and assisted living facility by bringing over students already experienced in those fields. That valuable assistance could be of help in the future development of the school.

As the end of their stay gets closer, the students happily discussed what their involvement in and out of the school was. Amanda Lewis is already working to obtain money and grants to help support the residents and the workshop.

Heather Cox-Giurdon is in the process of preparing a model of what the goals are and keeping track of what is going on in the school to have records handy for some eventual benefactors. Heather, together with Amanda Lewis and April Pisani, coached the athletes who competed in the Special Olympics and accompanied them to Nassau.

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Rachel Gillis is going around talking to teachers, parents and volunteers, collecting input on the school to find out what does work and what could work better.

Stephanie Henthorn has contacted a few of the bigger North American organizations to find out if they have anything to give the school and Ryerson University to see if there are any resources that could be used, such as models of assisting living facilities. She is working from a Human Right approach, using what she had learned in Canada and applying it to the classroom here. She is in the process of developing an information binder including some of the disabilities found in students to help people working with the students, especially volunteers.

April Pisani is focusing on the spiritual side, expending the program on meditation and mindfulness to help the children develop a sense of self-awareness. She is practicing activities with them to help them calm down.

Professor Golden is very enthusiastic about the future of ECC as she plans to spend more and more time on the island. Another plan of hers is to bring disability experts to train local teachers. Mr. Sheldon Levy, President of Ryerson University, has agreed to set aside funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help professors to come here.

She would also like to have Ms. Carole Kominsky, who is a specialist in dancing for people with disabilities, come and work with the school students. She is also trying to create an alumni group of the students who have come here so they can in turn obtain financial support for the school from their families and friends.

Abaco students recognized at Student of the Year ceremony

By Canishka Alexander

Of the 13 students nominated for Abaco by the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, seven of them placed as finalists and semi-finalists. There were three finalists: Shelby Sawyer of Amy Roberts Primary School placed ninth; Lilly Higgs of Hope Town School was 14th; and Mikayla Marshall of Agape Christian School was the 22nd finalist.

As for the semi-finalists, there was Chloe Sweeting of St. Francis de Sales School; Giovanni Rolle from Moore's Island All-Age School; Jaquay Sands of Cooper's Town Primary School; and Kalina Weatherford from Man-O-War Primary School.

The 2012 nominees from Abaco included: Charmiqua Cornish of Treasure Cay Primary School; Alisha Greene of J.A. Pinder Primary School; Twanasha Lightbourne of Central Abaco Primary School; Duane Johnson of Long Bay School; Brianna Sweeting of Cherokee Primary School; and Cadidra Thomas of Fox Town Primary School.

Chloe Sweeting, one of the semi-finalists and a 6th grade student of St. Francis, talked about her experience. As part of their nomination requirements, the students were asked to write a 400-word essay on the topic: "It is Still Better in The Bahamas!"

Chloe said she interviewed people visiting from England in New Jersey, and there reasons for visiting The Bahamas are for the warm waters, clear skies, bright sunshine and clean beaches. As she reflected on the awards ceremony, she said the part she liked most was when they called up everyone and presented awards and scholarships to them.

Church News

Auction to help Latter Rain building fund

By Samantha Evans

The Church of the Latter Rain held a Building Fund Auction and Steak Out at the church in Dundas Town on May 19.

This event was held in aid of the church's building fund.

The yard sale offered items available for sale such as children and adult casual and dress wear, shoes for all ages, hand bags, CDs and DVDs, fabrics, bathroom towel sets, teddy bears, along with men's and women's suits. Other items that were hot sellers were jewelry, cell phones, kitchen items, and lamps.

The auction contained items that were donated for this bidding event. Some of the items included building supplies, windows, sea scooters, bicycles, speakers, power tools, and hurricane impact doors.

The event lasted late into the evening.

Vyrona Archer honoured at Women of Excellence Conference

Submitted by Joy Archer

On the weekend of May 10-12, Vyrona Archer of Dundas Town travelled to Nassau to take part in the Women of Excellence: Mother & Daughter Vessels of Honour Conference and Honouree Service.

Minister Monique Seymour hosts the conference in conjunction with her home church - Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Faith

Church - that coincides with Mother's Day each year.

The aim of the conference is to draw attention to Christian mothers who have "laboured in the vineyard." Because Ms. Archer was chosen to perfectly fit this description, she was selected as an honouree.

Mrs. Archer served in several ministerial positions and has taken part in a variety of ministry training.

She began with teaching Sunday School for five years and performed in the capacity of a lay minister for twenty five years. She has also participated in training and ministry under Pastor Benny Hinn and Morris Cerrullo.

Dr. Allen provides seminar on shame

By Canishka Alexander

Dr. David Allen presented a seminar on the theme - Shame: The Hidden Emotion - at the Christian Counselling Centre on May 18. Those who frequently attend the monthly seminars are now aware that S.H.A.M.E. is an acronym for Self Hatred Aimed At Me.

Dr. Allen said that the tragic thing for believers is that we are not aware of our shame because we don't talk about it. However, he warned that when people don't talk about shame it gets bigger and bigger.

"So people call it a heart attack, they call it a stroke, but if you get the story behind the heart attack or stroke, you'll find

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Crime Report

Causing harm

Just after noon on May 11, a woman was beaten by her boyfriend while visiting a friend in Murphy Town.

Causing harm

A Spring City woman reported on May 11 that her cousin of Sandy Point was injured during a fight at a Marsh Harbour High School. A 14-year-old boy from the Mudd was subsequently arrested.

Attempted housebreaking

A Central Pines woman was called by her neighbor about noon on May 10 with information that her house was being broken into. The police were called. Their immediate response caught and arrested two Central Pines men, 21 and 24 years old, in the process of breaking into the house.

Shop breaking and stealing

At noon on May 12, a proprietor of a liquor store in Marsh Harbour reported that he had been broken into the previous evening through a rear door. The cash register was stolen along with 10 packs of Rothman's cigarettes, a total value of \$450. The suspect was arrested at 1:30 p.m. on the same day, after surveillance footage was reviewed. He was charged and scheduled to attend court on May 8. While at court, the complainant withdrew the matter from the magistrate.

Housebreaking

At 1:55 p.m. on May 13, a resident of Crown Haven reported a break-and-en-

ter in the morning of the same day. The culprit stole a piggy bank valued at \$35 containing assorted coins and \$40 of cash off the kitchen counter. Investigations into this matter are continuing.

Disorderly Behavior

Police officers on duty at the public beach of Treasure Cay on May 13 arrested a 40-year-old male of Blackwood for disorderly behavior. He was charged for the offence and released on bail for \$500. He will appear in court on May 18.

Housebreaking

A resident of Cooper's Town reported that her home had been broken into between 7:15 p.m. on May 12 and 12:05 a.m. on May 13. Cash in amount of \$176 and assorted items were stolen. Investigations into this matter are continuing.

Unlawful entry and stealing

A male of Dundas Town reported that at 10:15 a.m. on May 10 he received a call from his wife stating while she was at home in their bedroom, partially dressed, that a man entered their residence and began moving tools belonging to the complainant. A 31-year-old male of The Mudd was arrested and charged in reference to this matter. He is scheduled to attend court at 10:00 a.m. on May 15.

Housebreaking

A 52 year old male of Archer's Hill, Dundas Town reported that sometime between 8:30am and 3:00pm on 17 May, 2012, some unknown person(s) broke into

his residence through a glass window stealing a black Playstation 2 game system valued at \$200.00.

Officers of the Central Detective Unit (CDU) arrested a 15 year old juvenile of The Mudd and a 14 year old of Charlie Boo Corner in reference to this matter. An assortment of jewelry and play station 2 games were recovered and identified by the complainant. The accused persons were charged in court on May 22.

Attempted Housebreaking

A woman in Marsh Harbour reported that on May 17 some unknown person(s) attempted to break into her residence through a southern window. The culprit(s) broke the window glass but were unsuccessful entering the residence. Police are investigating this matter.

Assault & Threats of Death

A 47 year old man of Dundas Town reported that on Thursday May 17 at about 8:50pm, while he was in the area of Surfside Club located in Dundas Town, he was approached by a male known to him who slapped him in the face and threatened to kill him. Police are investigating this matter.

House Fire (Arson suspected)

A 20 year old woman from Crossing Rocks reported that at about 12:00am on Friday, May 18, while in Marsh Harbour, she received several telephone calls from her family and friends reporting that her home in Crossing Rocks was on fire. The fire was contained to the master bedroom of the four bedroom and two bathroom house. Police are investigating the matter which they believe may involve arson.

Drowning Reported

Bahamas Customs personnel on Spanish Cay reported on May 17 that there was a drowning on the island and requested

assistance from the police.

Police Officers and Detectives responded to the scene and spoke with a 60 year old female resident of Tampa, Florida and wife of the victim and her brother a 56 year old male resident of Jupiter, Florida.

The deceased is a 65 year old male of Tampa, Florida who it was reported had a medical history of heart problems and high blood pressure. He was snorkeling in the area of Spanish Cay when the incident occurred. The police are still investigating the matter.

Human Smuggling

Police Officers of North Abaco acting on information received searched a 35ft white Grady-White boat moored at the Crew Harbour located at Fire Road on May 17. Officers arrested three Bahamian men on the premises and upon searching the vessel officers discovered and arrested ten migrants of Haitian descent including six children. The migrants were transported to the Marsh Harbour Police Station (MHPS) and were later handed over to Immigration Officials for further processing. The vessel was seized and secured at MHPS as investigations by Bahamas Immigration officers continue.

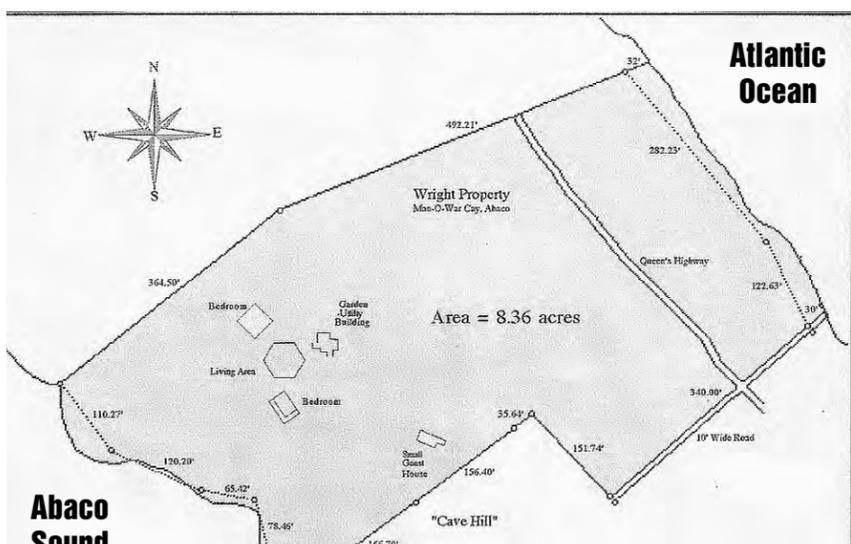
Assault with a Deadly Weapon

A 23 year old male of Marsh Harbour reported that sometime around 2:10pm on May 16 while in the area of Long Bay School located Dundas Town, a man known to him pulled a knife on him. Police are investigating this matter.

Armed Robbery

A 58 year old female of Murphy Town and owner of a local restaurant / Diner located Don McKay Blvd. in Marsh Harbour reported that sometime around 5:00am on May 16 at her place of business an unknown masked man armed with

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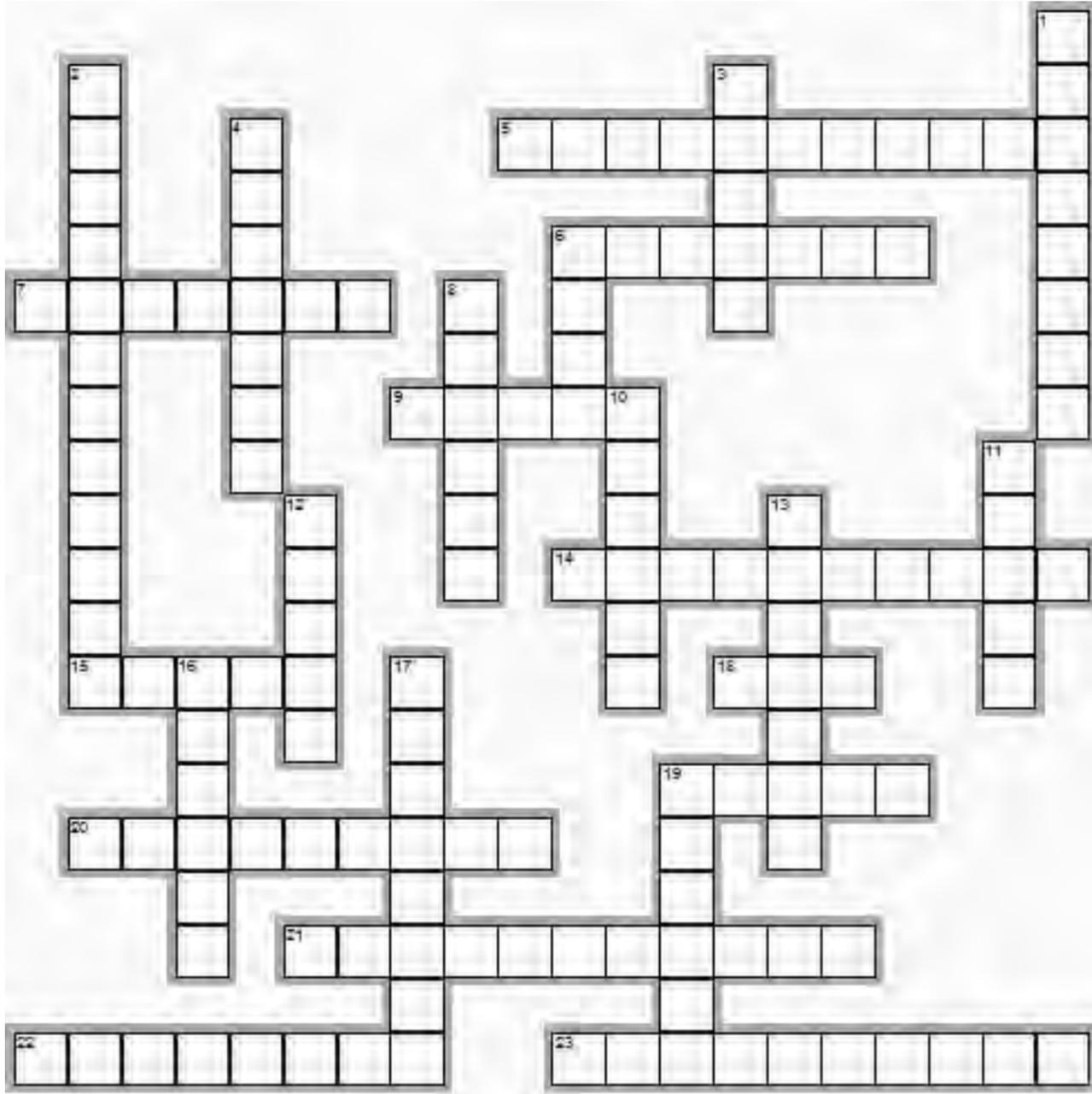
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 9. A unit of speed; sometimes found in ropes.
 14. The bark is used for flavoured liquors.
 15. A large rodent all but extinct in The Bahamas.
 18. _____ Island; Known for its ruins and The Hermitage.
 19. Used for catching fish and craw fish but not conch.
 20. Necessary for thunder.
 21. Name for an island chain.
 22. Divided into "Greater" and "Lesser;" the West Indies.
 23. Home to Haiti and the Domini can Republic.

- Down**
1. Buried by pirates for safekeep ing.
 2. The Bahamas, India and Canada are members.
 3. For when you want to be under water longer than you can hold your breath.
 4. Adjective; Descriptive of being in water.
 6. _____ skin drum.
 8. A red fleshy fruit; Don't squeeze the _____
 10. Music played with a saw- the second word in the phrase.
 11. Not true.
 12. Derived from cane.
 13. A blubbery marine mammal un usual to The Bahamas.
 16. _____ of the Ocean; The deep between our shallows.
 17. A bright tropical flower with a pronounced stamen.
 19. Pretty beach collectibles.

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Campaign Time in Moore's Island

Submitted as an Opinion Piece by
Sherrell Johnson

When the paint dries, the music stops playing, the food is done and the posters come down, what do we have left? We have the memory of yesterday's hand shaking ours, and the goose bumps we felt as a result of it. We remember yesterday because it was yesterday. The sky was busy with airplanes flying into the Island to bring those who we hadn't seen in a while. Yesterday began a new election cam-

paign and our hopes are revived as Gary Sawyer, Edison Key and Roscoe Thompson present their platforms.

As the weeks and months waned the thoughts that crystallized in mind was for a number of Bahamians choosing a political party had no bearing on policies or the character of the representative or intellectual ideologies and discourse.

Voting is an emotional experience and the person who riles us up or has the biggest payout is deserving of our vote. For the politicians this is good news. However for those who are concerned about the upward mobility of the country this is heartrending.

There is no tweaking of archaic political views. In fact, just leave it in the quarry.

The PLP in Moore's Island

The Progressive Liberal Party's platform included a sea wall and proper docking facilities to secure the many boats owned by local residents. For athletes who have been training on a field of rock, a world class track and field stadium is on the agenda. Even the local school library he promises under the PLP government to outfit with state of the art computers and books.

To this, the crowds who were fully adorned in gold colored shirts, hats and bandanas, wave their flags. Yes's and whistles ring out and fists pump into the air. The need for proper morgue and burial facilities was also addressed.

While these things are significant they still did not speak to the development of human resources which is important to the advancement of any country.

The FNM in Moore's Island

The Free National Movement's platform was a terse, "Think for yourselves!"

At the rally Mr. Key appeared visibly upset with the people of Moore's Island. A number of the local residents report that the antagonistic relationship he shares with them stem from the fact that many residents who supported him when he was running for office under the PLP rejected his representation under the FNM.

Mature residents of the Island say that the 60 votes the FNM got during the 2007 election campaign was more than they had ever gotten in the history of this Island.

Interestingly, persons who had been voting PLP all their lives as a result of Mr. Key switched to the FNM. The 60 voters might have been a small number to him, but if he continued to show his loyalty to the people each time he ran, the 60 votes could only grow in number.

In any event by 6 o'clock Edison Key's charter was storming out of Moore's Island. In his absence the street party continued although it was clear from Mr. Key's side there was nothing to celebrate. Even the King of the Jungle quietly passed the school to seize the little prey gathered at their Headquarters.

Unfortunately, the little morsel found was not fit for a King and he charged his horsemen back to civilization.

The DNA in Moore's Island

The Democratic National Alliance's platform seemed to be action based in Moore's Island. Although the party is still in its infancy stages, perspectives turned out in large numbers on.

Roscoe Thompson was without calvary, in jeans and T-shirt. He seemed totally unaffected by the position.

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Undaunted by the rain, he presented his ten minute speech which was difficult to hear because the more he spoke the harder it fell.

Prior to this rally the DNA has spent the last five months engaged in walkabouts in the community to familiarize themselves with voters. Books and writing utensils have also been donated to the local school. Most importantly, it is rumored that Mr. Thompson plans to install a very important solar powered light needed to guide ships coming out from sea into the local Harbor at night.

The actions of DNA representative Roscoe Thompson appear to be speaking louder than his words. Moore's Island I am concerned about your needs!

My People

From all political sides the impression is this: election time is the season when purses are unlatched and personal vendettas come to center stage.

In the month of April alone, I have witnessed people put on FNM shirts, sit down and enjoy hearty meals at these rallies. The same people a few weeks later could be seen wearing PLP shirts and present to enjoy whatever handouts were being given out there. The following week they could be seen doing the same thing at the DNA rally.

This political season begs the question, are people concerned about anything else other than a few bottles of Kalik and free food? Are people really concerned about the poor state of affairs this island is in or are they merely interested in having a good old time? These questions are

important considerations because when the rallies are through what we have left are people who need a robust local economy that would employ local residents and hopefully stifle migration.

This island badly need professional development courses for adults who wish to upgrade themselves, a community centre that offers wholesome activities and entertainment for the young people, so that there are clear demarcations for where children congregate and adults. This island needs an aggressive social services division to assist young parents with the challenges of parenthood.

When the paint dries, the music stops, the food is done and the posters come down, what we have left is people whose hope we must restore and minds we must re-educate. Sometimes the most valuable thing we can give a person is not the material things but training and knowledge that could equip them for a lifetime.

My fellow Bahamians how long will we halt between ideas and emotions? How long will we continue to sell our birthright for thirty pieces of silver? Bahamians it is high time we abandon the breast and dine at the table where solid food is provided. The quality of our lives depends on us!

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Crime Report

a black handgun broke into the business through a western glass door and stole her purple handbag containing an undisclosed amount of money.

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Attempted Shop Breaking

A 57 year old female resident of Marsh Harbour reported on May 16 while at her residence she heard an unknown person attempting to break into a local Café located below her residence on Archer's Blvd.

Detectives and Police Officers responded to the scene and met the owner of the Café, a resident of Central Pines who reported that some unknown person(s) attempted to break into her establishment through a southern kitchen door. The culprit caused damages to the door lock but was unsuccessful entering the establishment. On May 16 a male suspect of Marsh Harbour was arrested in reference to this matter.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

A 22 year old female resident of Marsh Harbour reported that sometime around 1:35pm on May 14 while at her place of work she was approached by a black male known to her who brandished a silver blade knife and told her he was going to kill her putting her in fear of her life.

Police Officers responded immediately to the scene where they arrested the suspect, 58 year old male of Murphy Town, in reference to this matter. He was found in possession of a silver blade knife. The accused was charged and scheduled to attend court.

Assault & Causing Damages

On May 14 an eighteen year old female of the Mudd reported that her brother came home to their residence and beat her about the body and also broke her bedroom window. Police are still investigating the matter.

Shame From Page 17

the shame there," he said.

Dr. Allen explained that we do many things to destroy ourselves. He said that alcoholism, addiction, sinning, and not loving our brother and sister are all shame-based. Although shame blocks love, the only antidote to shame is love.

"That's why the Bible says for God so loved the world. Did you realize that?" he queried.

He ended by telling the story of a man named Lucaya, who was taken into captivity. After a while, the chains that bound him were broken, but because he was so accustomed to being enslaved he stayed right where he was never realizing that he was free. In the same way, Dr. Allen said that Jesus has freed us, but we live in chains as though He never came.

Dr. Allen scheduled his next seminar for June 8 at the Christian Counselling Centre.

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St. James talent show raises money

By Eric Albury

The St. James Youth of Hope Town hosted a talent show on May 15 to raise money to go on their mission trip in July.

The event was held at the St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town, during which no admission was charged, but donations were encouraged and accepted.

A total of \$1,248 was collected by the youth, which will be put towards travelling expenses to Georgia this summer.



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NVM From Page 13

Jesus is always happy and joyful so that will become their countenance as well. After the worship concert ended, Pastor Dave Rhodes took center stage and spoke about the importance of having a vision and the importance of the church being a radical movement for God.

He spoke of the need for more Christians to get involved and for them to believe that broken things can be made whole again. He stated that services should be filled with the Spirit of God and not just be

a meeting place where people take place in religious activities. He believes that church is about community but also about kingdom.

While on Abaco, some of the team were able to enjoy the beauty of the island, eat some of our native dishes including conch salad and take part in some scuba diving. Dave Rhodes lives in North Carolina and is a husband and father.

May 15 Crossword Answers

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| Across | Down |
| 1. CASUARINA | 2. ATLANTIS |
| 4. CALYPSO | 3. FAMILY |
| 6. BOCCE | 5. SUNSET |
| 8. CRUISE | 7. CACIQUE |
| 10. PEARLS | 9. ORGANIC |
| 13. ARAGONITE | 11. BANANAS |
| 16. POPULI | 12. REGATTA |
| 18. CAVE | 14. BONEFISH |
| 20. BAREFOOT | 15. EROSION |
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