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Fiddle Cay Party Launches Regatta Cheeseburger in Paradise Hosts Cruising Sailors and Others



Hundreds enjoyed the midday party at uninhabited Fiddle Cay prior to the registration for the Regatta Time in Abaco race series. The family event attracts sailors for the series of five races as well as many landlubbers who come for the parties and shore activities. This party is hosted by Bobb Henderson, a second home owner on Green Turtle Cay who enjoys treating everyone to hot dogs and hamburgers to the music of Jimmy Buffet. Green Turtle Cay can be seen in the distance.

By Garnell Limperes Stuart

The first day of Regatta Time in Abaco, July 3, set everyone in high spirits as the Cheeseburger in Paradise Beach Party kicked off on Fiddle Cay. Located about 15 minutes north of Green Turtle Cay, one must either charter a ferry or take a small boat to reach this once deserted cay. Once a year this quiet, peaceful setting harbours party lovers before the Regatta races. Mostly visitors from Florida and the contestants in the Regatta attend the beach party, but locals from Green Turtle Cay and other communities bring their boats over and join in. Local Lacaro Curry says, "This is my first year and I had a real fun time. I'll be back next year."

It was quite a scene! Boats are spotted coming in from all directions while music is playing loudly, hyping up the crowd before they arrive. Dinghies are stationed off shore, people in swimsuits stand in the water with their margaritas and rum punches, waiting in line for their hotdogs, hamburgers and fries. The food and drinks are plentiful. Over 500 hamburgers and 300 hotdogs are served. One hundred gallons each of Margaritas and Rum Punch are served in cups with numbers on the bottoms of them. At the end of the party, they give away prizes, so they remind you to hold on to your cups! Bobb Henderson, coordinator of

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North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Races July 20-22

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Minister Signs Dock Contracts



The Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister of Works, seated, is shown at the signing of the contracts for the repairs of government docks in North Abaco. Signing here is Mr. Calvin Parker. The other contractor signing afterwards was Mr. Noel Bootle. Accompanying Mr. Roberts to North Abaco were the Hon. Leslie Miller, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Hon. Brave Davis with National Insurance in his portfolio.

BTC Hosts Luncheon for Business Leaders



Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation hosted Abaco's business community at a luncheon to present their technological capabilities and their commitment to offering excellent customer service. Shown here are Mr. Henry Romer, VP for the Northern Bahamas; Mrs. Patrece Williams, Senior Supervisor, Abaco office; and Mr. Emalin Sawyer, Manager BTC Abaco.

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Beach Party Draws Hundreds

Fiddle Cay

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this event, thinks back to one of his favorite local musicians. "It's like a tribute to Jimmy Buffet. He likes cheeseburgers." There are five to six boat parties going on at once, with the boats tied up to each other.

In the past 1,000 people have been known to attend the Cheeseburger in Paradise party. Yet, it all started years ago when Bobb and a few buddies were on the beach eating sandwiches and having a few drinks. They decided to have a small gathering each year on Abaco just for fun. Holding the parties on Bobb's houseboat *Stranded Naked* soon became too crowded and so he held the first beach party on No Name Cay, which is located south of Green Turtle.

Everything was simple. Forty cheeseburgers grew into 80, and each year the number kept rising. At 100 pounds of fries, Mr. Henderson calls the cut-off.

Lonnie Wilson of Green Turtle Cay enjoyed himself at the party. "This will be my fifth time. Bobb let me know about it years ago. Back then the people were shy and skeptical. Now they know it's all about fun."

Bob designed the *Stranded Naked* T-shirts and tank tops. Sold for \$15, the sales help pay back some of the costs of the party. In 1997 *Stranded Naked* became part of Regatta Time in Abaco with sponsors. Abaco Outboards sponsored the barge which was extremely important for transporting items needed for the party. Other sponsors have been Dolphin Marine, David Bethell from

Green Turtle Cay, Plymouth Rock Liquors, Ice House, Margaritaville, and the Regatta committee.

Abaco Shipyard also contributed by harbouring the fancy houseboat *Stranded Naked*. This houseboat was bought and reconditioned by the Bobb in October 1998 and has been a main attraction to the yearly beach party. Bobb has since started a swimsuit company which he has named after his houseboat. Bobb recalls how he discovered the name for his houseboat and now his company.

"My mom gave me a shirt of a man and it said "Stranded" on it, so I made *Stranded Naked* the name of my swimsuit business."

Bobb pays for the food and drinks himself. But, he couldn't have pulled it off without teamwork. About 10 people help him plan the function. With 15-20 friends assisting, it takes about two days to set everything up. Everyone helps take it down afterwards. Many of the decorations have



Bobb Henderson, right, hosts a casual midday beach party on Fiddle Cay each year to kick-off the Regatta Time in Abaco event. At his own expense and with community sponsors and helpers he provides hot dogs and hamburgers. With help from local liquor dealers, he keeps everyone happy with a variety of drinks. Pictured with him is Ned Cray, a musician, actor and writer who was on one of the boats.



Boats of all sizes and descriptions ring a white sandy beach bringing visitors and locals at Fiddle Cay. The laid-back atmosphere encourages everyone to socialize as they enjoy the music of Jimmy Buffet and the food and drinks offered. Over the years it has become a party no boater wants to miss. This year bad weather threatened but held off until after the party ended.

been around for eight years or longer, such as the tents, which are stored in a shed after beings washed down with fresh water. Locals from Green Turtle helped build the wooden tables. Before and after the party, the beach is thoroughly cleaned. It's a great way to start the Regatta Time in Abaco boat races. As for the party people, this is just the beginning.

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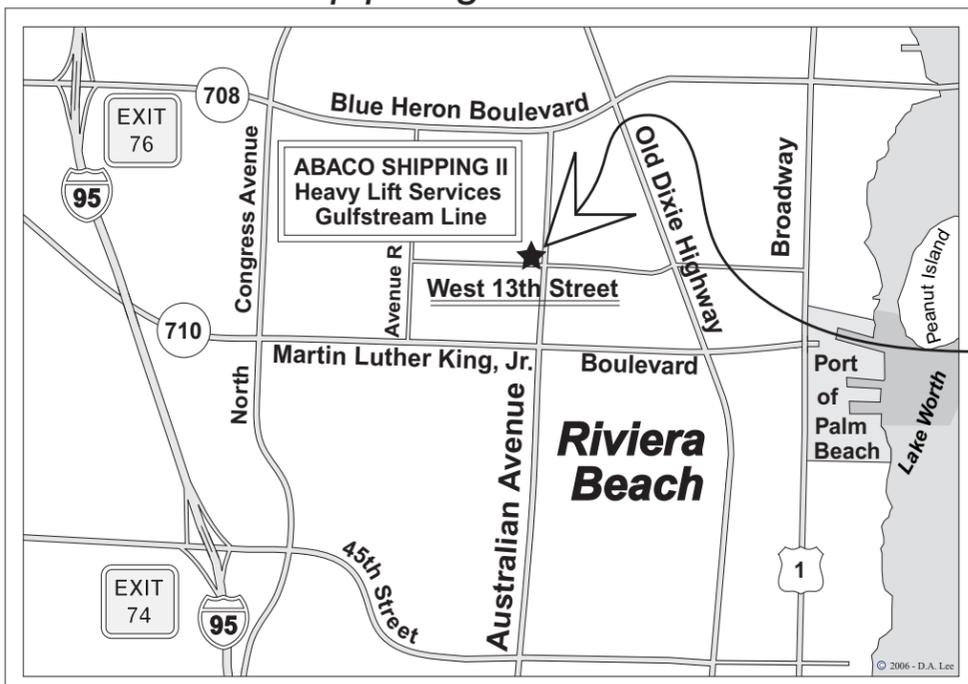
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BTC Brags on Its Technological Focus

On June 29 The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd. hosted the Abaco business community to an Enterprise Power Luncheon held at The Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

With the theme *Happy Together* BTC's Enterprise Sales Team emphasized their commitment to the business community and introduced customers to the Enterprise Sales Team. The focus of the event was to create an overall awareness of the services offered by BTC and to illustrate their response to the business communities' demand for efficient technological services.

In his welcome address, Mr. Henry Romer, Acting Vice President of Northern Bahamas, said, "Competition, cost, and customers are driving major changes in the telecommunications industry. This change is evident in the transformation of BTC,

our network, services, applications, and the way we work are all in transition. The new demands and requirements of 'you,' our Enterprise Clients, have caused us to enhance our service delivery. Not only are we forced to deliver more efficient service, but we also have to find new and innovative ways to do so." Mr. Romer assured the business community that, as the telecommunications industry assumes its new shape, BTC will evolve into a dynamically structured company. "BTC's new direction consisting of our IP offerings and our voice, video, data, and wireless services, I assure you that will be inspired by what BTC is presently doing and its future direction," he said.

Gregory Bethel, Executive Chairman of BTC's Board of Directors, also addressed the audience. He acknowledged that BTC

is proud of the contributions it has made to the development of the technology in The Bahamas and that BTC is committed to the success of the corporate sector.

Mr. Leon Williams, Acting President and CEO, and Mr. Antonio Stubbs, Acting Senior Vice President and CTIO, gave a presentation on BTC and the company's future as it relates to new technology. Mr. Leon Williams reiterated BTC's commitment to maintain

the company's reputation as an industry leader through partnerships with the business community and through the delivery of communication tools that are needed to conduct business in a seamless and profitable manner.

Mr. Williams further emphasized the fact that BTC offers telecommunications solutions geared precisely to the requirements of Bahamian businesses in addition to support for communication processes. "Our goal is to give you the means to win new business and to enhance and strengthen your customer relationships.

The 70-plus luncheon attendees were entertained by Stone McEwan as they dined on filet mignon and shrimp skewers. They also received new GSM phones activated with \$20 of air time, books and other BTC items including pens, calculators, leather portfolios and more.

Gary Smith of Bahamas Customs, Abaco



Senior staff members of BTC including the entire executive management team were present for the program. It outlined BTC's emphasis on providing the business community the latest in technology. Shown here are Valeria Lightbourne of Batelco Sandy Point and Emalin Sawyer, Manager of BTC Abaco.



About 75 business people and government officers attended an Enterprise Power luncheon hosted by the Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation on June 29. The group was treated to a lavish lunch in a beautiful setting of The Abaco Club at Winding Bay while being in formed of the technical advances BTC is presenting.

was the lucky winner of a Motorola Razzr cellular phone, Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco was the winner of Motorola Slvr cell phone, and Rowena Pinder was the winner of a day spa package for two at The Abaco Club at Winding Bay. In addition, guests were given a tour of BTC's wireless demo room where they were afforded the opportunity to test Blackberries, one of the many new wireless products BTC will be featuring in the very near future.

GSM Cellular Upgrade Will Be Dedicated mid-Sept

During the past 18 months Batelco has been installing Abaco's new GSM cellular phone system. This is a comprehensive digital system replacing the present TDMA system or Time Division Multiple Access for those who wondered. This older system has

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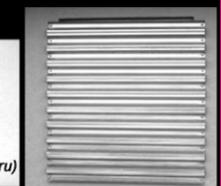
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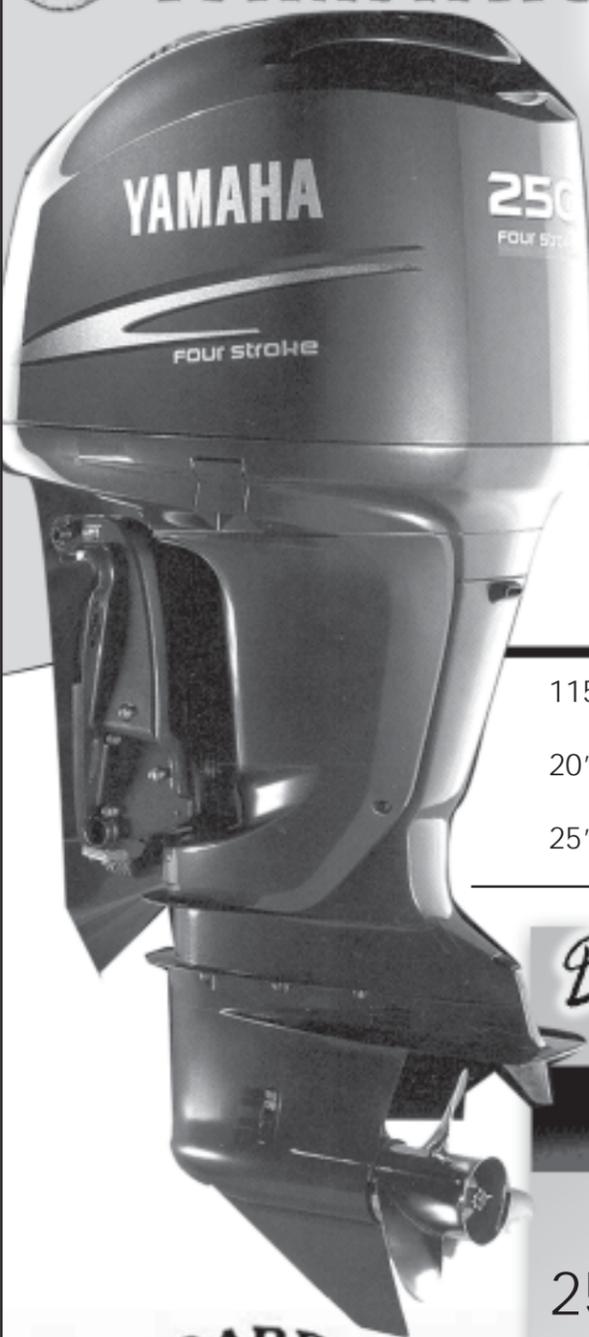


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News of the Cays

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Rage Wins in Long Island

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The *Abaco Rage* took first in the Class A races in the Long Island Regatta held on June 2-3 at Salt Pond. The *Lonesome Dove* took second in the Class B Races. "It was the best we have ever sailed at Long Island," said *Rage* crew member Richard Cook.

The *Rage* improved on its fourth place finish in Georgetown, Exuma, earlier in the year, where the *Dove* took first after winning all three Class B races. A waterlogged hull was a major factor in the *Dove's* step down the podium.

With light winds throughout the races, the A Class races were some of the most competitive of the regatta season. Going into the final point race, the *Abaco Rage* was

tied for second, with another two boats tied for third. *New Courageous* and *Rupert's Legend* were both strong contenders.

Thanks to excellent crew work and steering from Chris Thompson, the *Rage* won the final race, just a boat length ahead of their competition, giving them a first overall.

Tida Wave, which placed first in the Class A Division in Georgetown, did not attend the Long Island Regatta, so that rematch will have to wait until the Harbour Island Regatta in October.

Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the Long Island Regatta. The *Abaco Rage* Sailing Syndicate hopes to be able to send four boats to represent classes, A, B, C and E.

"The Long Island Regatta experience was just phenomenal," said Mr. Cook. "It's beautiful there, and the people are outstanding. We couldn't have had a better time."

In between practices the *Rage* crew took the time to see some of the sites, making a visit to Dean's Blue Hole.

Next on the *Rage's* schedule is Regatta Time in Abaco, although, as always there are repairs to be made and work to be done before the next series of races.

The *Rage* would like to thank their sponsors and supporters, especially their major sponsor, John Bull, and Lighthouse Marina for helping to make 2006 such a successful season.



The kids especially enjoyed the day's festivities at the Man-O-War Independence celebration on July 8th. Here they are diving for coins. This youngster came up with a handful.

Man-O-War Cay held its annual all-day Independence celebration on July 8th for all to enjoy. The day began with games, races and tug-a-war contests at the ball-field for the young and young at heart. At lunchtime the crowd gathered at the waterfront to socialize, relax and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs and ice tea. T-shirts marking the Man-O-War Independence Day Celebrations were also on sale.

Man-O-War

Independence Celebrations

By Portia Jonsson

In comparison with countries like Greece and China, The Bahamas is considered a baby, it is just 33 years old this month. As a nation, The Bahamas has a short and rich history.

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Class A Bahamian Work Boats sail in the Long Island Regatta. The *Abaco Rage* took first in Class A, and the *Dove*, also an Abaco boat, took second in Class B. Photo by Monica Cook.



The men demonstrate their strength in a tug-a-war contest at the ballfield in Man-O-War during their Independence celebrations on July 8th.



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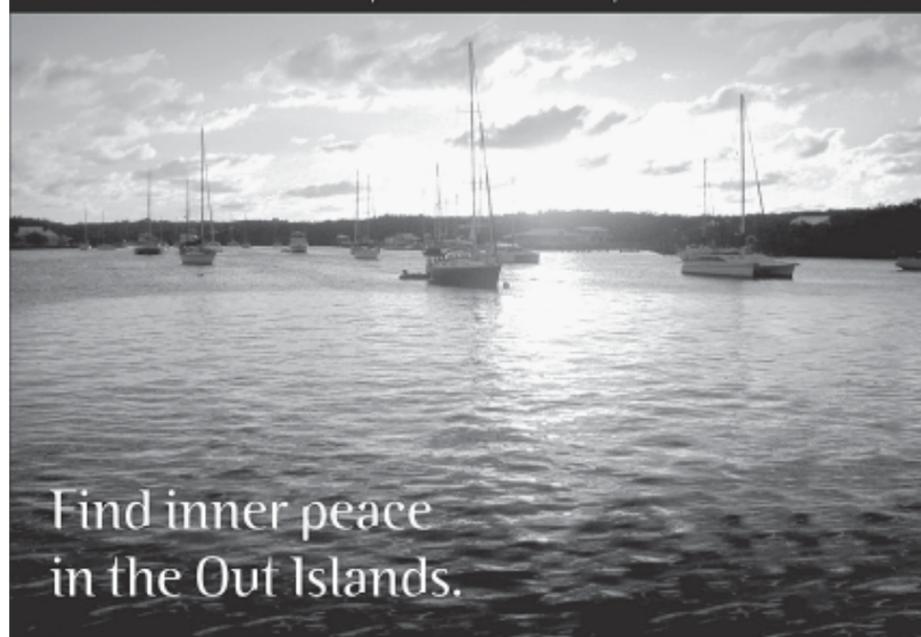
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More News of the Cays

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The children, who were especially enjoying the day's festivities, dived off the docks to beat the heat of the summer sun. Climbing the slippery pole, which is always a crowd pleaser, and fireworks brought the day to a close.

Green Turtle Cay Bahamian Captures Top Regional Award

As a testament that hard work pays, Bahamian Raymond Lowe was recognized by the Caribbean Hotel Association as the

region's Supervisor of the Year during a special awards luncheon on June 27 at the region's Caribbean Hotel Industry Conference in Miami.

"Mr. Everything" is the nickname that General Manager Lynn Johnson has given to Raymond Lowe, Maintenance Manager at the Green Turtle Club. "Over the span of a 32-year career at Green Turtle Club, Raymond has amassed and mastered a range of skills and knowledge which makes him a resource for just about 'everything' for employees and guests of the property. We are extremely proud of his achievement and recognition," she stated.

Raymond began working at the Green Turtle Club part-time as a dockhand at the age of twelve. He was supervised by his father, Bertram Lowe, who he is quick to reference as a great inspiration. His father, along with Green Turtle native Earclin McIntosh, provided him with a sound foundation and understanding as to how to be a "jack of all trades."

The skills which he has acquired are endless, having become proficient in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting and tile laying. He has witnessed the marina transformed from one with only 12 slips to one that now

boasts 38 slips, all which Ray helped to construct by hand. He has been instrumental in the construction of new rooms and the pool refurbishment and oversees the plant and maintenance operation for the properties reverse osmosis system.

In addition to his manual duties, Raymond has a hand in the administrative duties at the resort. He carries out all the ordering of supplies for the restaurant, conducts the food and beverage inventory and assists with other administrative functions.

His award follows his distinction earlier this year when he received the Cacique Award for Supervisor of the Year presented

by the Bahamas Hotel Association and the Ministry of Tourism.

Raymond is actively involved in his church as well as community activities of New Plymouth where he donates time to painting, upgrading and repairing facilities like the government clinic, the police station and the Alton Lowe Museum.

Joining in attendance at the awards ceremony to lend moral support was Green Turtle Club General Manager Lynn Johnson, Mr. Lowe's wife and daughter and a delegation of hoteliers and others from the Bahamas, all who cheered enthusiastically when his award was announced.



Raymond Lowe of the Green Turtle Club, (left), recently was given the Caribbean Hotel Supervisor of the Year award. He is shown with Vincent Vanderpoole-Wallace, Caribbean Tourism Organization Secretary General; and Lynn Johnson, General Manager of the Green Turtle Club.

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The Editor Says . . . **Fishing Rules May Change August 1**

The Hon Leslie Miller, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries accompanied Min. Bradley Roberts to North Abaco on July 7 for a contract signing in Cooper's Town. While there he announced that new fishing rules should be in place for the opening of the crawfish season on August 1.

The rule changes are believed to be primarily targeted to non-Bahamians. However, visitors and Bahamians should be alert for any changes to the rules. In speaking on this topic over a month ago to local fishermen, Mr. Miller noted that changes were envisioned to the bag limits allowed foreigners.

For the most part, weight and fish limits are expected to be reduced from the present 20 pounds per person to 20 pounds per boat. Similar reduced bag limits are expected for conch and crawfish from six crawfish per person to six per boat. The bag limit for conch may change from ten conch per person to ten conch per boat.

Foreigners may be restricted from taking crawfish from condos. These are the flat open-ended shelters placed by Bahamian fishermen to aid in their crawfishing. Condos are not traps as the crawfish are free to come and go. Bahamian fishermen have complained for years about foreigners poaching from these shelters.

Suggestions were made by fishermen that these be considered as commercial devices and therefore not available for foreigners who are prohibited from commercial fishing. If this is included in any changes to the rules, foreigners may be restricted to catching crawfish on the reef and other natural habitats the crawfish use.

The Bahamas government and its citizens are beginning to take a more active role in protecting their environment and resources. The two-month closed season on Nassau Grouper is one recent move in this direction. A similar closed season is under consideration to protect conch before this resource becomes endangered. Fishermen are stating that they are going further and diving deeper to harvest conch. This implies that their reproduction or population status is not as robust as previously known to be.

Fishing preserves, or no-take zones, are under consideration for each major island. The original preserve on Exuma faced initial opposition by fishermen but is now ac-

cepted as a fisheries nursery supplying fish for the waters outside the preserve. The main problem seems to be finding areas suitable for the preserve concept and agreed to by local fishermen and residents. The concept is generally acceptable to everyone but the location is usually wanted somewhere else.

The Broader Picture

Interested persons are referred to an article on the coastal status of the United States in the July 2006 issue of the National Geographic magazine titled *Loving Our Coasts to Death*. It is not fair to compare The Bahamas to the United States. However, many of the issues that confront the U. S. coastal system are similar to the challenges encountered in The Bahamas. The main difference is that our resources do not permit the in-depth studies and subsequent solutions to the problems. However, the problems and solutions found by others should be lessons for The Bahamas to consider.

The preservation of fishing stocks is just one of the problems we face. In reality, the entire Bahamas is a coastal nation with all the coastal problems now surfacing in the United States. As our challenges are on a smaller scale, they should be easier to solve and manage.

Our sub-tropical climate, proximity to the United States and vast coastal areas have developers excited over the opportunities

and developmental prospects we present.

It is interesting to note Bahamians on other islands taking an active interest in their surroundings. Much of the current thrust on environmental issues is coming from native residents without formal schooling in these issues, but who have a keen native sense and awareness of their surroundings.

Most recently, residents on South Andros are objecting to a proposed causeway across a creek to connect settlements. They embrace the connection but want a bridge to preserve water flow, fish movement and boat access.

Little Abaco was similarly connected to Great Abaco in the 1960s with a causeway. At that time little thought was given to fish nurseries, stagnant water and other issues. Replacing that causeway with a true bridge has been under consideration for many years. Hurricane reconstruction, 9/11 issues and other pressing needs have kept this replacement bridge further down on the list of necessary projects.

The Bahamas will be under constant pressure from fishermen wanting to maximize their catch, local and foreign developers wanting to maximize their project, hoards of new foreign residents wanting their little place in the sun by the sea and Bahamians selling their land at high prices to those rich foreigners.

We, as a nation, are becoming aware that the entire mix is inter-related. What appears

to be a minor transgression to the environment is often discovered years later to alter conditions over time and which gives unintended consequences. We are impatient and tend to measure consequences by observations within a year or two. Little change gives comfort that everything is satisfactory. However, nature's changes are more often seen over decades and on a grander scale. It will be our children or grandchildren who will contend with the effects of our policies of today.

Our eyes have been opened by recent hurricanes affecting the Northern Bahamas and those which battered the U.S. Gulf Coast last year. It is apparent that we cannot hide from Mother Nature. Our forefathers understood this concept years ago, they lived with nature, they did not alter it. Civilization today does not allow us that option but our footprints in the sand must be made carefully.

Our extensive low coastal areas are vulnerable although reefs and mangroves offer natural protection. Our marine harvesting cannot continue to expand without thought to the future. On land, sound construction practices must prevail.

More thought must be given to the long range effects of human expansion - whether from population growth, foreign investment or the harvesting and management of our few natural resources.

Letters to the Editor

Save Guana Cay Reef Association Solicits International Support

Dear Editor,

Shortly after helping convince President George Bush to create a 1200-mile-long national monument to protect Hawaii's coral reefs, Jean-Michel Cousteau has turned his attention from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Caribbean to the small seven-mile-long island of Great Guana Cay, which is in grave danger of losing its coral reef and mangroves to a foreign golf course developer. Mr. Cousteau convinced the U.S. president to protect its coral heritage. Can he convince the Bahamian government that the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club is simply too large a footprint for the small island of Great Guana Cay and its reef?

Jean-Michel Cousteau is continuing the tradition started by his late father, the renowned underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau, to advocate for the world's oceans. When his father died in 1997, Cousteau realized that if he didn't take up the reins, there would be no one to continue his and his father's work. In 1999 he started Ocean Futures Society, a worldwide organization with the motto *Protect the ocean and you protect yourself*. Currently, Ocean Futures Society is involved in several different projects, all aimed at raising awareness about the world's oceans.

Following is a letter from Jean-Michel Cousteau to the Prime Minister.

To the Rt. Hon. Perry Gladstone Christie
Dear Hon. Perry Gladstone Christie,

I have had the good fortune of traveling extensively and witnessing firsthand many coral reefs around the world. I have seen the vital connections between the health of coral reefs and the quality of people's lives. Coral reefs themselves are interconnected on wide geographic scales with other marine ecosystems through fish and bird migrations, the dispersal and recruitment of fish and shellfish larvae, and through people as they travel to exploit or enjoy the reef's resources.

I have also observed how coastal development, deforestation, agricultural runoff, pollution, overfishing, and destructive fishing practices affect the vitality of coral reefs. And without the protection of the neighboring coral reefs, coastal communities become more vulnerable during hurricanes and will also suffer.

I have received expressions of concern from some members of Ocean Futures Society that the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club development may undermine the environmental health of the region, specifically affecting the nesting sea turtles of Gum-elemi Cay and to the north, and impacting the neighboring reefs adjacent to the proposed golf course.

Knowing from experience that ecological consequences of very large developments that do not have strict environmental safeguards can have far reaching consequences, I urge you to review the environmental impact of this development and consider the consequences for future generations of your citizens.

Coral reefs are in decline world-wide and are especially stressed in the Caribbean. In almost 50 years of exploring and filming in the Caribbean, I have seen first hand the disturbing decline in coral reef health, abundance and diversity of fish and other species. With scientific studies documenting the decline in coral coverage and the alarming increase of coral diseases, many of which are related to human development, I encourage you to carefully evaluate the envi-

ronmental consequences of developing the 250-slip marina, 18-hole golf course, 70 additional residential units and associated support structures, staff housing and utility sheds.

The coral reefs are not the only ecosystem that could be threatened by this development. The removal of 70 acres of coastal mangroves and estuaries, which provide an important nursery to many reef residents, will impact the residents of the neighboring reefs. Just last August I had the pleasure of working with two Goliath Grouper scientists in the Florida Keys for an upcoming television special and witnessed first hand the value of these mangrove habitats. These endangered fish spend their first four to six years in the protective roots of the coastal mangroves before venturing off into deeper waters.

The State of Florida has protected this species for 12 years. But without the protection of their juvenile habitat of the mangroves, there's little hope for full recovery. This is just one example why one needs to take into consideration all components of the ecosystem before any one is taken apart, removed or damaged.

We are not an anti-development organization, but we do believe that a sustainable future depends on a partnership where ecology and economics mutually reinforce each other. This partnership cannot be successful without the local communities' input. This project has to be in their interest, too, to be successful in all elements of sustainable development.

I call your attention to our modest resort in Fiji, the Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort (<http://www.fijiresort.com>), that last year received Conde Nast's award for the best eco resort in the world. Should your team want our thoughts on responsible development and tourism, we would be happy to respond.

Please consider the impacts of this project and that whatever is done or not done will be in the interest of future generations and the environment that will support them.

Sincerely,
Jean-Michel Cousteau
President

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Soft Call

By Larry Smith

Mr. Smith - whose grandfather was a Hope Town Malone - writes a provocative weekly column for the Tribune called *Tough Call* and will be producing occasional articles for *The Abaconian*. A professional writer and editor, over the past 20 years he has operated his own advertising agency and book distributor in Nassau www.bahamasmedia.com. (larry@coralwave.com).

After two closed seasons for the Nassau grouper, reports are mixed about the ban's effectiveness.

"Fishermen generally observed the closure," said Fisheries Director Mike Braynan. "But we were hoping that more restaurants would have taken grouper off their menus temporarily."

And there was concern about poaching. "Fishermen are willing to protect their stocks and their livelihood with closed seasons, but not if other Bahamians, Americans and Dominicans can get away with poaching," Casuarina McKinney of the Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF) told Soft Call.

"I think that while there are some complaints, most fishermen realise that the closure needs to take place, and they would like to see more enforcement."

BREEF was established in 1994 by Sir Nicholas Nuttall and has been a tireless promoter of marine conservation. BREEF was one of the chief architects of the ban on grouper fishing during the critical winter spawning season.

Nassau grouper is commercially extinct throughout the Caribbean, and its survival here is threatened by over fishing. When the fish congregate to breed at specific locations during the winter, they are easy targets.

The Bahamas was the first country to protect grouper spawning aggregations when the sites off High Cay, Andros, were declared off limits in 1998.

In 2004-2005, after years of lobbying by conservationists and fishery managers, the government made it illegal to capture, buy or sell grouper from mid-December to mid-February. And that general ban was re-imposed last winter.

According to Director Braynan, "We have to control fishing now so that there can be fishing in the future."

Which leads to the question of what has happened to the much-publicised, five-year-old decision to set up a network of protected areas throughout the country to protect our marine resources?

In 2000 the Ingraham government agreed in principle to set aside 20 per cent of our 100,000 square miles of ocean as a network of no-take reserves - heeding the best advice of marine scientists worldwide.

The intention was to create five reserves immediately - at Bimini, the Berry Islands, Abaco, South Eleuthera and Exuma - and for the past several years the Department of Fisheries has been consulting with local communities.

But this is a complex and thankless task since Family Islanders regard their fishing grounds almost as generation property.

"The proposed reserves are not legal entities and precise boundaries were never determined," Mr. Braynan told Soft Call recently. "We have been trying to firm up the government's commitment, but it is a difficult and time-consuming process."

In addition to technical research, dozens of meetings have been held with fishermen and civic leaders throughout the islands. The results have been distilled into a 58-page document that is under consideration by Cabinet. But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

"The big question is, who will be re-

sponsible for management of these areas," Mr. Braynan said. "The Department of Fisheries would need a lot more staff and equipment. And a new entity would require even more money. We have to look at international funding sources like the United Nations Environment Programme."

A marine reserve is not the same as a national park. Experts say fisheries protection requires a complete ban on any kind of use, including recreational diving, so locating areas with all the right characteristics that are acceptable to competing interests is tricky.

But there is no question that this is the way to go if we want to maintain even a semblance of the lifestyle we enjoy today. When properly enforced, such no-take zones provide refuges where species and habitats can recover from fishing pressure.

Today, there are few areas of the ocean that are beyond the reach of modern technology. That's why scientists are urging countries to implement large-scale networks of reserves as the best way to halt the dramatic decline of global fisheries.

And that's no exaggeration. Experts say only a fraction of large predatory commercial fish like tuna are left in the sea after a half century of industrialised fishing. Many traditional fisheries have been wiped out and about three quarters of all marine stocks are now fully exploited, overexploited or depleted.

There are growing concerns, too, about the health of entire ocean ecosystems - the complex web of plants and animals interacting in their associated non-living environment. In The Bahamas, coastal development can destroy mangrove wetlands (which act as fish nurseries) and pollute near shore reefs where adult fish live.

Over fishing is eliminating spawning aggregations of groupers while slow-moving conch are under heavy pressure in shallow waters. Since these are the favourite foods of most Bahamians, protecting them makes sense. And even migratory species, such as the tuna and billfish that are key features of our sportfishing industry, could benefit from reserves in areas where they are highly vulnerable, such as nursery grounds or aggregation sites.

The best approach - experts say - is to control destructive fishing methods like longlining, legislate closed seasons and size limits and create a network of reserves. By protecting and restoring the productive capacity of marine ecosystems, reserves make other fishery management tools much more effective. Inside reserves, populations expand and individuals live longer, grow larger and reproduce more, while eggs, larvae and fish spill over into unprotected areas.

In fact, reserves are said to be most effective for small scale tropical fisheries like those in The Bahamas - even for more mobile species like lobster. Scientists have calculated that the benefits develop within two to five years after establishment of the reserves and continue to build for decades.

The Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park - which became a no-take zone in 1986 - is a good example. It now holds thriving populations of fish, conch and lobster that are expanding to areas outside the park. For example, groupers tagged in the park have been found 150 miles away. And scientists estimate that the population density of animals within a reserve is three times higher than in unprotected areas while their average weight is four times higher.

So there is no argument about the benefits. Experts say each major island in The Bahamas should have at least one nearby marine reserve to act as a fishery replenishment zone. Most of the opposition falls

into the category of "not in my back yard."

"Politicians are naturally concerned about popular opinion," said Mike Braynan. "And opinion can vary widely even on small islands. On Abaco, for example, one party threatened to dynamite the reef if we picked a particular site. On Bimini, opinions for and against seem to change every time you ask. On Exuma there is strong opposition to any reserve around Lee Stocking Island, and we have had to look at more outlying areas."

That's why some are calling for a more muscular top-down approach by the government. After years of consultation and dithering, hard decisions must be made, they argue. The results may not be perfect, but it will be a lot better than doing nothing.

The two-month grouper closure is an example. Clearly this ban is only partly effective, but many fishermen did stop targeting grouper and some restaurants did take it off their menus temporarily. Compliance by the food service industry would go a long way towards making the ban more effective.

But there's still the big question of enforcement. There should be no boat anchoring in a reserve and fishing, dredging, diving or otherwise disturbing marine life and habitats must be prohibited. At present, the Defence Force is our only agency with significant maritime capabilities; but when its patrol craft are actually operating, they are fully occupied with the fight against illegal immigrants.

In New Zealand, reserves are often protected by honorary rangers (in addition to police and fisheries officers) and managed by local councils. But the fishermen and communities have to buy in to the concept for it to be effective. And that often means finding the right incentives. Currently, the

only incentive here is to go out and kill as many fish as possible.

In New England, where a few decades ago you could easily find 50-year-old lobsters weighing up to 30 pounds, scientists estimate that most lobsters today are caught within a year after they reach the legal minimum size at about age six. The situation is similar here, where crawfish were once so abundant they were considered a trash food, but now are fully exploited and command extraordinary prices.

These issues are under investigation by something called the Bahamas Biocomplexity Project, a five-year study that lives up to its name. It is headed by Dr. Dan Brumbaugh of the American Museum of Natural History (www.amnh.org) and is funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the US National Science Foundation.

The project involves a variety of institutions - including the College of the Bahamas, the Caribbean Marine Research Institute and the University of Miami - in an ambitious effort to synthesize data from a variety of disciplines (including oceanography, marine ecology, anthropology and economics) to figure out how to design effective marine reserve networks.

"In addition to looking at how single protected areas may influence ecological and human dynamics, we are also looking at the (larger) ecosystem—how the living fabric of habitats, organisms and human uses function across the shallow banks of the Bahamas," Dr. Brumbaugh said.

This research will hopefully underpin decision-making in The Bahamas and contribute to the science of conserving marine ecosystems worldwide. It is a worthwhile goal. And simply looking the other way will result in the loss of many things we currently hold dear.



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By Vernique Russell
North Abaco Reporter

Passengers Want Better Ferry Service

Pinder's Ferry Boat Services has provided passenger service between McLean's Town and Crown Haven for the past few years; however, passengers are growing very concerned about their safety and security when traveling aboard

the ferry services.

Recently the ferry has been experiencing a lot of mechanical difficulties, and safety measures for passengers are almost none existence if any at all. On July 5th the ferry boat was having engine troubles, forcing the driver to stop in the middle of nowhere to await assistance from another boat. Finally, the other boat arrived and passengers had to transfer to the next boat without any life jackets. This brought about massive concerns from the

passengers on board, for children were also among the passengers. When passengers thought it was okay to let their guard down and feel secure, it started to rain. The boats are not equipped to provide adequate shelter for inclement weather; there is absolutely no shelter from the rain, no rain coats, no umbrellas, nothing. Besides, there being no shelter on board the boats, there is insufficient shelter at both ports of entry to accommodate passengers. Another matter of concern is the time schedule. Passengers feels that the time schedule needs to be revised and changed to be more convenient for passengers.

Passengers are becoming disgusted by the situation and would like to see improvements made in the very near future. "Fees have increased recently so service should step up also," said one passenger. Upon completion of a recent survey, results shows that passengers are not satisfied with the level of service from the company; they feel that much more can and should be done.

Congratulations

The communities of North Abaco congratulate all of the graduates of 2006 in the primary schools, high schools and at college and university levels. Congratulations are also extended to students who performed exceptionally well during the school year. We encourage you to continually strive for the best and always put your best foot forward.

Making a Difference

It takes a village to raise a child, and Godfrey Rolle Jr. is playing a vital role ensuring that the young men in Treasure

Cay stay on the right pathway. Godfrey has been offering a basketball camp for young boys and teenagers between the ages of 5-17. The kids assemble on Saturday mornings and Sunday evening to enhance their basketball skills. The program has been in operation for three years, and the boys are most appreciative and the results evidently beneficial. Young men have grown through this program, developing their skills and landing scholarships. Last year, Vonrico Toote started at Sunland Christian School, and this year he will be joined by Toran Russell; both are products of the camp offered by Godfrey Rolle.

Keep up the good work, Godfrey, your labor is surely not in vain. Indeed, you are making a difference in the community of Treasure Cay.

Father of the Year

Last month Father's Day was observed, and the members of Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay honored Gary Hudson Sr. as father of the year. Bro. Gary; as he is affectionately called, has been doing an excellent job as a father not just to his kids but to many in the community. Every Sunday young men of all ages look forward to an exciting evening at the basketball court because they know he is committed to the work he started with them. He has really taken on the role "daddy" to many kids and young adults who have an absentee father, and he became an adopted father to those who have. He is a listening ear to who gives advice and doesn't despise



The Department of Cooperative Development of the Ministry of Local Government and Consumer Affairs in conjunction with the Bahamas Cooperative League Limited held an awards luncheon at the British Colonial Hotel on June 26 as part of activities celebrating the 32nd annual Cooperative Month. Five persons were honoured for their contributions to The Bahamas Cooperative League. Mr. Burnell Parker of Little Abaco was one of the honourees for his contribution to the North Abaco Fishing Cooperative Society. He is shown on the left with his trophy. Others in the photo are Cheryl Bowe-Moss; His Excellency A. Leonard Archer, honoree; the Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Local Government and Consumer Affairs.

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you regardless of your choices and mistakes. He is indeed, worthy, to be crowned Father of the Year. Congratulations, Bro. Gary, and keep up the good work; the boys are depending on you.

Treasure Cay Wins Sandy Point Tournament

On June 4th a dedication including a basketball tournament was held in honor of the opening of a basketball court in Sandy Point. Three teams from Treasure Cay participated in the tournament. They played in the under 10, under 14 and under 16 divisions. The team from the under 10 division won in their division and are the reigning champions. MVP was none other than Godfrey Rolle III. Congratulations, Coach Godfrey, and the

guys for a job well done. You surely made us proud.

Youth Alive!

Calling all youths, calling all youth to be revived, restored and rejuvenated at Youth Alive. The Youth Department of the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town will be hosting Youth Alive 2006 on July 23rd-July 29th under the theme *Empowering Youths for The Mission*. This event promises to be exciting and spirit-filled, as the Spirit of the Lord comes down. During the day Vacation Bible School will be held from 9-12 and the revival services will be held in the evenings beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker for this event is Evangelist Cogan and others.

On July 29 Bakers Stadium, the baseball diamond at Cooper's Town, is the place you would want to be for a Gospel

Concert featuring Mr. Lynx and friends, and other local talents. Tickets are on sale for the concert at \$10. An invitation is extended to youths all over the island of Abaco. Come and be blessed of the Lord for this is an event you can't afford to miss. See you there at Youth Alive 2006!

Fund Raiser Was Successful

On June 24th the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town held a fund raiser in aide of their building fund in the form of a concert featuring the Vision Brothers of Nassau, The New Direction of Treasure Cay and JC, the Precha Boy and others. The crowd filled the edifice and was well entertained by all the groups. Tickets for the event were a donation of \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

The committee wishes to thank you the

public who contributed to making the event a grand success.

Administrator for North Abaco is Leaving

After two years of dedicated and committed service to the communities of North Abaco, Administrator Donald Cash is leaving the Family Island to return to Nassau. For the last 10 years he has been away from his family to serve his country on various islands. "I'm going home to be with my wife," he stated. On July 9th he made his final appearance as Administrator at the North Abaco Independence Service at Mount Hope. He thanked the people of the community, local government and clergy for working along with him during his time here. He will be replaced by Theophilus Cox from South

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Treasure Cay youth participated in a basketball tournament hosted by Sandy Point. The boys 10 and under won top place and are shown with their trophies.



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Eleuthera. He asked the congregation to "treat Mr. Cox as I was treated."

Mr. Cash has left a legacy behind as he lived a life of holiness, both at church and in his place of work. The staff vowed to continue what he has started. Mr. Cash is scheduled to leave on July 20th. Farewell, Mr. Cash. The communities of North Abaco will forever be grateful to you for the works you have started and done among us. Your presence here has truly made a difference. All the best to you and your family, and may God keep and guide you.

Baby Announcements

On the morning of May 31 Baby Andrew Micah Russell was born to proud parents Mark and Andrea Russell of Treasure Cay. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, on your bundle of joy.

Baby Jael Stephen Joel Johnson made his presence felt on June 22nd. Baby Jael was born to proud parents Stephen and

Janet Johnson. Congratulations on the little man.

Wedding Bliss

For everything there is a season under the heavens. On July 8th at the St. Andrew's Baptist Church in Fire Road Mr. Stanford McIntosh of Fire Road and Ms. Alexious Clarke of Grand Bahama were joined together in holy matrimony. Officiating was Rev. Eulin McIntosh. The couple will reside in Fire Road. Congratulations.

Independence Celebrations

By Vernique Russell

North Abaconians gathered at New Hope Baptist Church on July 9 to observe our country's 33rd anniversary of Independence under the theme *Past, Present and Future, a Bahamian Cultrama*. The service was followed by a flag raising ceremony at the Estmargeo Park.

The moderator for this event was Rev. Burnell Parker of Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven. After the welcome address by Mrs. Velty Carey, the crowd was fired up and proud to be

Bahamians. Many talents were displayed and words of wisdom shared but indeed every person present would agree that the highlight of the service was the message that was delivered by Rev. Stafford Symonette of Full Gospel Assembly, Treasure Cay. In his message Rev. Symonette pointed out ills of society that need to be addressed to fully restore The Bahamas to God's people. "We need to wake up and correct the ills of this nation by rooting out the sins of gambling, incest, homosexuality and drug trafficking. From Parliament to the ghetto, we got to root these sins out." Another area that Rev. Symonette declared needs to be addressed is capital punishment, stating that "the laws of the land must be carried out." Rev. Symonette reminded the congregation, "God chose this Bahamaland to be an example in the region."

At 12 o'clock midnight the flag was raised as the National Anthem was sung. Following the service and flag rising, refreshments were served.

Wall of Fame

During the Independence service at Mount Hope persons were identified from each settlement in Northern Abaco to be honored for their contribution in their community. The honorees were selected based on their contribution through community service or religious contribution. A wall of fame will be established in every settlement in the North and another honoree will be added every year.

This year's honorees were:

- Godfrey Rolle Jr. - Treasure Cay - Community Service
- Benjamin Cornish - Blackwood - Community Service
- Adeline McIntosh - Fire Road - Community Service
- Alfred Murray- Cooper's Town- Community Service
- Rev. Dr. Allan J. Mills - Cedar Harbour- Religion

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family guardian's calendar photo winners

Congratulations to this year's winners in Family Guardian's Annual Calendar Photo Contest.

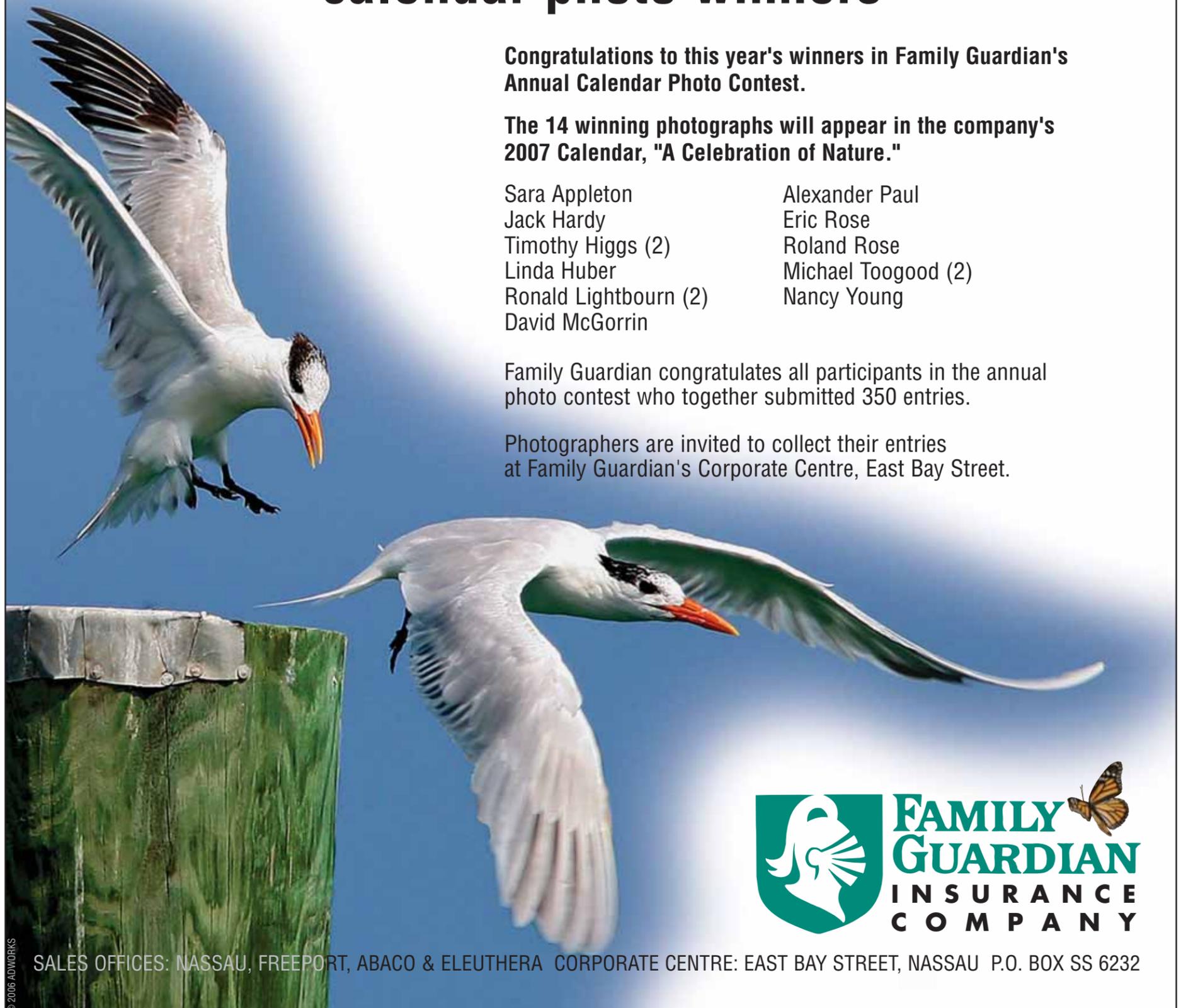
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Rev. Ezekiel McIntosh - Wood Cay - Religion
 Jonathan Curry - Mount Hope - Community Service
 Daniel (Danny) Parker - Fox Town - Community Service
 Nathan Rolle - Crown Haven - Community Service

A gala banquet is being planned to present the honorees with their plaque and certificates; however, a date has not yet been confirmed. Congratulations to all of the honorees for making a difference.

Fund Raiser Was Successful

The final fund raiser for the North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Races was a grand success. The fund raiser was held

in the form of a beach picnic and well attended by Abaconians. Attendees were able to get a taste of what the power boat races will be like as six boats were present putting on a show. The committee wishes to extend a special thank you to all of you who came out and supported them in their ventures.

North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race

On July 21st-23rd all roads lead to Regatta Village at the Treasure Cay ferry landing for the first Annual North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Races. On July 20st the festival will kick off with a Gospel concert featuring the sounds of Gospel reggae artist Mr. Lynx of Grand Bahama, Dunamas Sounds, Christian Mas-

21nd it's all about being proud to be a Bahamian as KB, Ira Storr and The Spank Band along with other Bahamian talents light up the stage for a grand Bahamian Cultural Explosion. On your mark, ready, set, go! Saturday, the 22nd, will be the day for action, action and more action. The boats will hit the water and the gun will sound for racing time. Who will be the champ? Be there to find out. That evening the awards ceremony will be held and then it will be time to let down your hair and party with the committee.

There will be food, entertainment for the family and fun, fun, fun. Come out and get your conch salad, conch fritters, crab n rice, peas n rice, fried fish, crack conch, fried chicken, guava duff, pies, breads and much, much more. This is an event you just can't afford to miss. Make plans to be there because it's definitely going down.

A Queen of Our Own

During the week of July 3rd-8th excited campers attended Camp Abaco's Junior Camp for children between the ages of seven and nine years. The highlight of Camp Abaco is the banquet and campaign-

ing to be crowned king or queen. This year the queen crowned is from Treasure Cay and is none other than the lovely Megan Bootle



Megan Bootle

daughter of Clifton and Charmaine Bootle of Treasure Cay. Congratulations, Queen Megan, and continue to shine.

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The **BTC** Connection

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BTC Managers Take Part in Leadership Skills Workshop

Executives, Senior Managers and Managers of The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTC) participated in a Leadership Skills Workshop hosted by the Executive Management of BTC.

The event which was held at the British Colonial Hilton Hotel on July 4th and 5th, focused on Leadership Skills and encouraged participants to challenge themselves in becoming better leaders within the organization. BTC used the event as an opportunity to motivate employees and encourage them to display positive attitudes towards their staff.

During the welcome address Ms. Helene Ferguson, VP Human Resources, Training and Safety, stated that she hoped the presentations and information sharing would enable the workshop attendees to establish a clear direction for the persons reporting to them. She said, "The purpose of this workshop is to implement action plans that build commitment to the transformation process amongst your staff, ensure execution through effective processes and create change."

Chris Justilen, Motivational Speaker and Music Lecturer at The College of The Bahamas (COB), gave an interactive presentation on the true meaning of "Teamwork". Mr. Justilen reiterated that as managers communication is essential especially the use of listening skills. He said "As managers you must be able to recognize the subtle differences between each staff member, as a leader you must be able to embrace change, adapt, be knowledgeable and accountable. Finally, as a manager you must display a

positive attitude and look forward to coming to work each day because subordinates follow by example."

Mr. Gregory Bethel Chairman, Board of Directors BTC, informed participants that not all managers are leaders but, possess the skills to influence individuals in their immediate environment. Mr. Bethel reminded managers that BTC is a company for the people and that everything that is done within the organization is a reflection of them. He encouraged each manager to have key objectives that they

wish to achieve throughout the year, as part of their career development.

Keynote speaker Dr. Myles Munroe encouraged participants to be steadfast in their pursuit in making BTC the wireless, broadband, internet & entertainment company and unleash the best in their employees.

The workshop was just one of the many initiatives that BTC has planned for its staff to encourage, inform and motivate them within the company.



Chris Justilen, COB lecturer (left), Dr. Myles Munroe, Bahamas Faith Ministries (center) and Mr. Leon Williams (right), Acting President & CEO, BTC have a quick discussion before Dr. Munroe takes the stage to do his dynamic presentation to BTC's Executives and managers.



Wade Babb, BTC Grand Bahama and Alban Smith IT Enterprise Service & Support are pictured as they listen intently to Chris Justilen's presentation.



Pictured are Janet Brown (left), BTC Marketing & PR and Tellis Symonette (right), VP Wireless & Internet.



Mr. Gregory Bethel, Executive chairman, BTC Board of Directors is pictured during his informative and enlightening presentation.



BTC managers enjoying a fun moment during the Managers Seminar held at the Hilton on July 5th.

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Central Abaco News

Hunters Asked for Views on Park

By Samantha V. Evans

On July 3 a Management Planning Meeting for hunters was held at the Court House in Marsh Harbour. Attorney Perciles Maillis from Nassau and former President of The Bahamas National Trust presented at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from the hunters so that a Management Plan for the Abaco National Park can be prepared and submitted to the Bahamas National Trust with rules and dates that hunters can live with, that will protect bird watchers and tourists as well as preserve the Abaco parrot and other birds that live in the Abaco National Park. The people writing the Management Plan for Abaco want to hear from the estimated 300-400 hunters on Abaco.

Mr. Maillis said that the Bahamas National Trust promised the government that the park will help the Abaco tourism economy because many people would enjoy seeing the park, go on nature walks, have family picnics and go bird watching but they need to know that they are safe during hunting season. The park is to be used by people of The Bahamas. The people who fund these types of ventures want to know how it will help the local people. He continued that the park is supposed to be for enjoyment of people and not a "no take zone" as in Exuma. This is not what parks are meant to be, he said.

He told the hunters that in the next five years they can look to see new developments in the southern areas of Abaco where they go pigeon hunting. It is important that a plan is put in place now to see how they can get more green land to add to the park so that the birds can have enough food and shelter. The forests are valuable to the parrots also because during breeding season, parrots feed on the seeds from the pine trees, and they nest in the limestone cavities on the grounds of the pine forest.

The property on the southern side of the park is all private down to the lighthouse. The Bahamas National Park will have to seek zoning from the government or buy more prop-

erty for the park so that they can have some say in what happens around the park when these new developers follow through with their plans.

Mr. Maillis asked the hunters to give suggestions. This will ensure that their views and recommendations are included in the Management Plan. The hunters stated that their needs

to be enforcement at the park. He responded that they would like to get to the point where they can hire Wardens as in Inagua. The hunters also suggested that they find a way for development to take place without losing natural resources. Where Baker's Bay is developing now was one of the best places to go crabbing. To prevent losing more valuable places to hunt or to go shooting, they need to put rules in place.

They talked about the pigs, raccoons, wild Boars and red ants that destroy a lot of the vegetation and kills young chicks. Hunters suggested making hunting seasonal in and out of the Park because if it wasn't for them hunting wild Boars in particular, the



Senator, the Hon. Paulette Zonicle spoke to the PLP women of Central Abaco on June 26. She encouraged the women to be active in politics, to educate their children and to work toward bettering their lives.

Park would not be manageable. Everyone agreed that it is important to preserve the natural resources of Abaco so that they can continue to do what they love - hunt! Mr. Maillis and his team wrote down all of their suggestions and recommendations so that they can be presented to the Management Planning Committee.

Senator Zonicle Speaks at PLP Women Meeting

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 29th the PLP Women's Branch in Marsh Harbour welcomed Senator, the Hon. Paulette Zonicle, as their guest

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Mr. Perciles Maillis met with Abaco hunters to discuss ways to protect the Abaco National Park while allowing hunters to continue hunting there. He is shown here with Daron Albury of Marsh Harbour, an avid hunter. The meeting closed abruptly when the electricity went off.



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speaker. The Anglican Hall in Marsh Harbour was packed with women and a few men who came out in support of the branch to hear the plans of the PLP for Abaco and to voice their concerns. The meeting was full of energy and a strong passion for change from women wanting new opportunities to advance themselves. That feeling could be felt throughout the room.

Sen. Zonicle stated that she is no stranger to Abaco because she has a brother who lives in Spring City and has lived there for years. She expressed how happy she was to be invited to speak at this meeting and to get everyone in full gear for the next election. She told the guests that it is important to know the history of the party they claim to love and support. Even though men like Sir Lynden and Sir Milo have always been

at the forefront, she said that the history of the party stands on the shoulders of the women who cooked and kept the house in order so that the men could go out and change the nation.

She told them to be prepared to hear negative reports and comments made about the party. One of the things she likes about Prime Minister Perry Christie is that he doesn't believe in mud slinging or in embarrassing professionals. He believes in treating everyone fairly. He is passionate about his party and portfolio. She told them to equip themselves with knowledge and accomplishments of the party. She continued that they have had some public relation challenges because all of their accomplishments have not been outlined. But they simply need to research for themselves, and they will see how many billions of dollars are being pumped into the Bahamian

economy.

She encouraged the women to ensure that their children receive proper education so that they can fill the jobs that will come

available. They must learn what they can.

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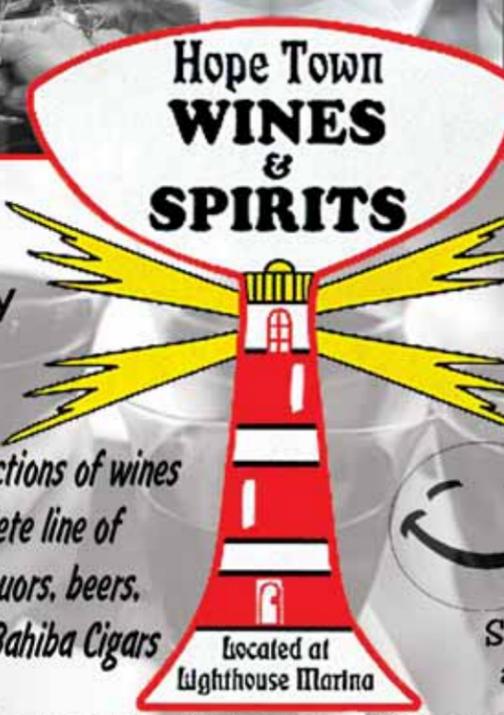
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Even though we complain about the Haitians, she said, they can speak two languages and for the most part Bahamian children cannot. Their parents teach them to be proud. Opportunities are out there but they have to be prepared for them. She told them to look at Winding Bay, for example. It is beautiful and great opportunities are there, but we have to teach the children to become environmentalists and not just doctors and lawyers.

She said that she is from a large family that was poor. But her parents made sure that everyone of their children went to college. Her parents saw to it that all of them had a good education. She encouraged the women to do the same. It doesn't matter how you start; what matters is how you finish. She remembers days when she held on to a ten-dollar bill so long while in college that it started to change color. She remembers doing odd jobs to make ends meet. She babysat, bartended, washed dishes in restaurants, whatever it took. She was determined to make it. Now look at her today. She told parents that it can be done!

She told the women that she wants to know how they feel about what is happening around them and on their jobs. Are they being paid and treated fairly, she asked. The responses were mixed. However, many persons had concerns that there is no institution of higher learning here especially since the demand is so great. Persons complained about the inconsistency of the College of the Bahamas office here and the fact that they never seem to complete any courses

started because the lecturers stop coming. The senator said that this is a situation that will take sometime to iron out, but it will be done. Other school facilities are also needed for them to upgrade themselves so that they are not continually passed over when promotions become available. Other complaints concerned the building of a straw market, a union for taxi drivers, ill treatment of locals by foreigners in the health profession and in education, and programs to help the youth.

Wine Tasting at A & K Liquor Store

By Mirella Santillo

What better way is there to celebrate a country's independence than to indulge in the bounties of that land? That was the idea behind the wine tasting that took place on July 7 at the A & K Liquor Store in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Barry Whiting, Burns House General Manager for Abaco, explained, "The tasting was a combination of belated Fourth of July celebration and a way to celebrate the Regatta Time on Abaco race week."

There was a moment of worry as the shop was suddenly bathed in darkness when the power went off. Staff in charge of the tasting were seeing to the last details and guests were starting to arrive. Fortunately, it was a short outage that did not affect the event.



Guests enjoyed the social atmosphere as well as the wines offered at the recent wine tasting at A & K Liquor Store in Marsh Harbour. Here two guests talk with Ms. Theresa Deremeritte, Burns House brand representative who was present at the event.

Ms. Therese Demeritte, a Burns House's brand representative, had come from Nassau especially for the occasion. As the Distribution Manager for wines produced in the New World, she was greeting people at the door, handing them a list of the wines, all produced in The United States, which would be sampled during the evening. Two additional Burns House's representatives from Nassau, Ms. Cara Seymour and Mr. Wendell Seymour, also attended to the guests.

Five white wines, four Chardonnays and a Sauvignon Blanc, and seven red wines, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir, were soon swirling in the guests' glasses. The vineyards were impressive: Blackstone, BV, Camelot and Kendall- Jackson, and opinions were soon professed as people tried the wines and immediately placed orders for their favorites. All the wines to be sampled were offered at a 30 percent discount for that evening only. As the evening

progressed, chaffing dishes were brought over from Mangoes Restaurant that was catering the food and soon delicious aromas filled the store. Fish bites, conch fritters, chicken wings and mixed fruits accompanied the wines. Three sparkling wines were also on the list, but they did not raise as much interest as the red or white wines.

It was never an elbow to elbow crowd, but people kept on coming steadily, sampling and buying. The store manager, Mr. Kirk Albury, said that the evening was very successful as many who visited the store bought rather large amounts of the wines they had sampled.

Independence Celebration

By Mirella Santillo

Much was planned for this year's Independence celebration in Central Abaco which was to take place on July 8 at Goombay Park. By seven o'clock, in spite of heavy clouds, Mr. Revis Rolle, Senior Administrator, Mr. Gary Sawyer, Ms. Jeritza Outten, Tourism's Director, Mr. William Swain, a few vendors and a few visitors had arrived as well as the Youth Community Police Marching Band and the DJ. However, a half hour later a downpour had everybody taking refuge under the only tent.

The optimists swore it was going to clear up while the others were thinking of postponing the event. While people were debating and waiting, the Marching Band pulled out their instruments and bravely played a few tunes until the decision was made to pack up when it became obvious that the weather would not abate. By dusk Goombay Park was empty.



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Viewpoint - The Spirit of Patriotism Is Felt

By Samantha V. Evans

As you drive along the streets of Marsh Harbour, you are filled with a sense of pride as you see the Bahamian flag affixed to street utility poles flying high. The word patriotism means "love or pride for one's country." It is, indeed, a sight of beauty as we celebrate 33 years of independent rule. It has been reported that this is the first year that this gesture has been made. This is a result of private citizens and business owners in Marsh Harbour coming together to purchase flags. Government money did not help to purchase the flags; the business community of Marsh Harbour donated the money for the flags and decorations.

I do not know if many Bahamians understand the value and importance of freedom in this modern day society. Some students go through their entire school life and never visit another Bahamian island. But if you come to the beautiful island of Abaco, you will see the Independence spirit evident from the airport round about to the center of town and beyond. It is indeed a beautiful sight.

When we see the Bahamian flag flying high, I wonder how many of us really know the significance of the flag, its history and how it ended up evolving into its present look.

The idea of flying a flag high derived from the requirements of ancient warfare and the battlefield. Shields were painted with the emblems to identify a friend or an enemy. Warriors needed to know where their leaders were. Hence, the custom of carrying a pole was adopted. An emblem such as a shield, animal or religious device was attached to the pole for identification. The emblems were also used to identify and to cover suits of armor; hence, Coats of Arms were created. These emblems were the forerunners of modern flags. The Romans were the first to use a cloth flag which were square and fastened to a cross bar on a spear. The idea of fastening a flag to the side of a pole soon followed.

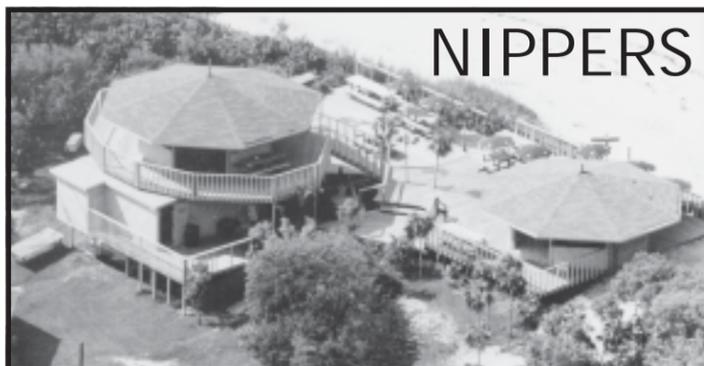
Bahamian flag etiquette is very strict, and it is essential that flag protocols and rules are followed correctly. Basic flag etiquette applies to all nations. The na-

tional flag of The Bahamas should never be flown above another national flag on the same pole as this would suggest superiority or inferiority of one flag over another.

The Bahamian flag should never be allowed to drag along the ground. A damaged or soiled flag must be taken down and replaced with a new flag. Such a flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning in private with all due care and responsibility. Special care must be given to ensure that the Bahamian flag is flown the correct way up. No disrespect should ever be shown to

the Bahamian flag. It should never be fastened, displayed, or stored in such a manner as to damage it in any way. It should be hoisted first and lowered last.

It is hoped that as we celebrate independence and see our flag hoisted that we would have a better understanding of how the entire possess came to be and the significance of our flag. This flag is one of our symbols of freedom; and we should always be reminded that when we disrespect our flag in anyway, we are showing disrespect to our country and are not acting in a spirit of love and pride for our beloved Bahamas.



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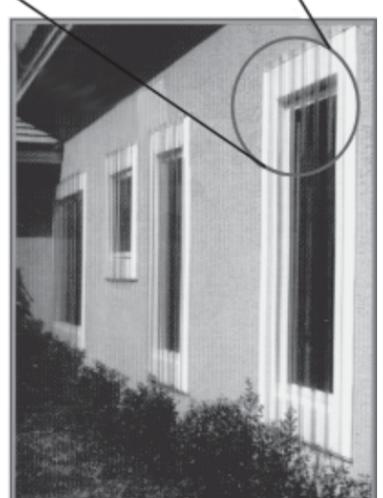


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Church Crew Assists with Construction

The Macedonian Call

By: Clayton N. Curtis

"...Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9

During the early days of the 1st Century church, the Apostle Paul was told in a vision to go into Macedonia and preach the gospel of salvation. Fast-forward now to the 21st Century and the Macedonian Call has taken on a totally new perspective – it is an appeal for assistance in various forms of mission and ministry and can be associated with any type of stewardship.

Against this backdrop, the "call" went out from Fr. Earl Hepburn and the congregation of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. It went to the Anglican Church Men (ACM) of Grand Bahama to come over and help with the

reconstruction of the parish church. This call was answered by Mr. Fletcher McIntosh, who is both a member of the ACM of St. Jude's in Smith's Point, Grand Bahama, and a building contractor.

The ACM of St. Jude has already earned a reputation for being builders. Through a self-help project, they have constructed a parish hall and community centre for their church. They are fortunate to have a number of their members who are skilled in various aspects of the construction industry, and have, in recent years, assisted persons with the repairs to their homes, primarily after the passage of major hurricanes.

Mr. McIntosh assembled a team of eight workers who traveled to Abaco during the double holiday weekend of June 3 – 5. They

were joined by three friends of Fr. Hepburn who came in from New Providence to assist with the project. "...I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease..." (Nehemiah 6:3) was the mind set and focus of the weekend. The group of twelve men were successful in erecting the interior and perimeter walls and pouring the columns of the building.

They took full advantage of the weather conditions and the long summer days in order to make tremendous strides in such a relatively short space of time. Although Mr. McIntosh appeared to be a harsh task master at times, a spirit of camaraderie developed between the men from Grand Bahama and those from New Providence, with each group urging the other on to complete the task at hand. The ladies of the church kept the men fully nourished so that the pace did not slacken.

Fr. Hepburn was more that pleased with the amount of work that was accomplished over the weekend and expressed his grati-

tude for the assistance given. For his part, Fletcher McIntosh, who is a native of Abaco, said he would like to see a greater emphasis placed on self-help projects within the diocese which could save the churches a lot of money.

Earlier in the year, the Diocesan Council of the Anglican Church Men chose "Stewardship" as the theme of their annual conference and the men of Grand Bahama have put this into action. Back in 2001 they launched a programme called "GONE MMAD" which is an acronym for "Men Making A Difference." They have held a number of projects and events within their respective parishes as well as the wider community.

These activities include work with the youth, the elderly, public forums and outreach such as the reconstruction of this church in Marsh Harbour. The men plan to return to Abaco during the month of July, when it is hoped that the new roof will be put in place.



A construction crew from the Anglican Church Men of Grand Bahama has assisted in the construction of the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. They were here the beginning of June and hope to return this month.



The current status of the Anglican Church is shown here. It is on the same location as the original church. Services are being held temporarily in the Parish Hall adjacent to the church.



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Junkanoo Rush Is Feature of Summer Festival

By Mirella Santillo

Once more summer festivities are under way with Junkanoo attractions every other Friday and on July 7th many were they, a prelude to the Independence festivities that were to take place the following day.

Master of Ceremony, Shelly Austin, outdid herself once again, not only keeping the audience abreast of the coming attractions, but also inviting the public to take part in the festivities and throwing a roll of the hips when the music was particularly inviting!

DJ Armando, Antonio and Calvin kept the sound blasting until the rake and scape band of Ophie and the Boys took the stage. The vendors were all set up in their booths: Lovely Island Tings with a colorful display of straw articles, Yvonne Stuart offering a choice of Bahamian delicacies from wild boar to fried fish, Kirk, da Conch Man,

chopping ingredients for fresh conch salad, Tia Rolle with all the dishes of a full Bahamian dinner, a pop corn and snow cone stand, a daiquiri stand and two bars operated by service club volunteers. At dusk a good crowd had arrived, patronizing the stands, eating and drinking, while waiting for the attractions to start.

Abaco Teen of the Year competition started the performances with rock singer James Sands, followed by The Spring City Rockers, who put on a colorful display with their Junkanoo rush. After the second teen competition, the Backyard Quadrille Dancers, accompanied by Ophie and the Boys, took the stage and put on a fantastic performance of old Bahamian dancing.

Mark Adderley, an Abaco native, along with several performers from Freeport entertained with their lively dancing. Their group was formed ten years ago, when they

were asked to put on a show at the Rand Hospital where most of them worked. They chose Quadrille Dancing which was a popular dance at the time of slavery. The slaves copied the dances of the masters adapting them to their rhythms, explained Mr. Francis. The group is usually hired by the Ministry of Tourism in Freeport to perform weekly and during Summer Goombay. It is their second visit to Abaco.

The evening unrolled with teen contestant number three. Ira Storr and the Spank Band with singer Terez Hepburn was next. That lady who entertains in Nassau at Breezes and Sandals, is a regular visitor to Abaco. "I have come many times to Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay and Green Turtle Cay," she said. It is no wonder that she is

so popular. She kept the audience enthralled for close to an hour with her songs and her jokes! She finally surrendered the stage to KB who is a favorite of Abaconians, but not for good, as Terez Hepburn joined him for the Grand Finale.

Guests were treated to welcome bracelets and T shirts during the evening by various members of the Ministry of Tourism including the Abaco Director, Ms. Jeritzan Outten, who organizes the event.

The evening was a great success. Goombay was patronized by locals and tourists alike. Cars of locals were lining the road all the way past the Police Station. The mood was jolly and all present enjoyed the festivities that preceded the long holiday weekend.



The Quadrille Dancers from Freeport made a return visit to Abaco where their support is enthusiastic. The Junkanoo festivals showcase Bahamian culture, music, dance, food and crafts, and also provide an occasion for locals to demonstrate their talent.



Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour came to life on July 7 with the third Junkanoo festival of this season. The park has booths that were offering food, crafts and other displays. A new addition this year is a board walk joining the booths and also providing seating for the spectators enjoying the entertainment.



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During the presentation of the 2006/2007 budget for The Bahamas, several proposed duty changes were announced.

Prime Minister Perry Christie said that no new taxes are proposed and a few items are being considered for reduced duties as follows:

- Hurricane shutters may get a reduced duty rate of 15 percent from the previous

35 percent. It is hoped that this will encourage more persons to protect their houses with shutters.

- Stone-coated metal roofing shingles may go to 10 percent from the present 35 percent.

- Solar equipment and required accessories now range from 25 percent to 40 percent duty and this is proposed to be low-

ered to a uniform 19 percent.

- Gas-operated water heaters may have the duty lowered by 5 percent to match the rate for electric water heaters.

- Soy milk may have the duty reduced to 15 percent from the present 45 percent to match the duty on fresh milk.

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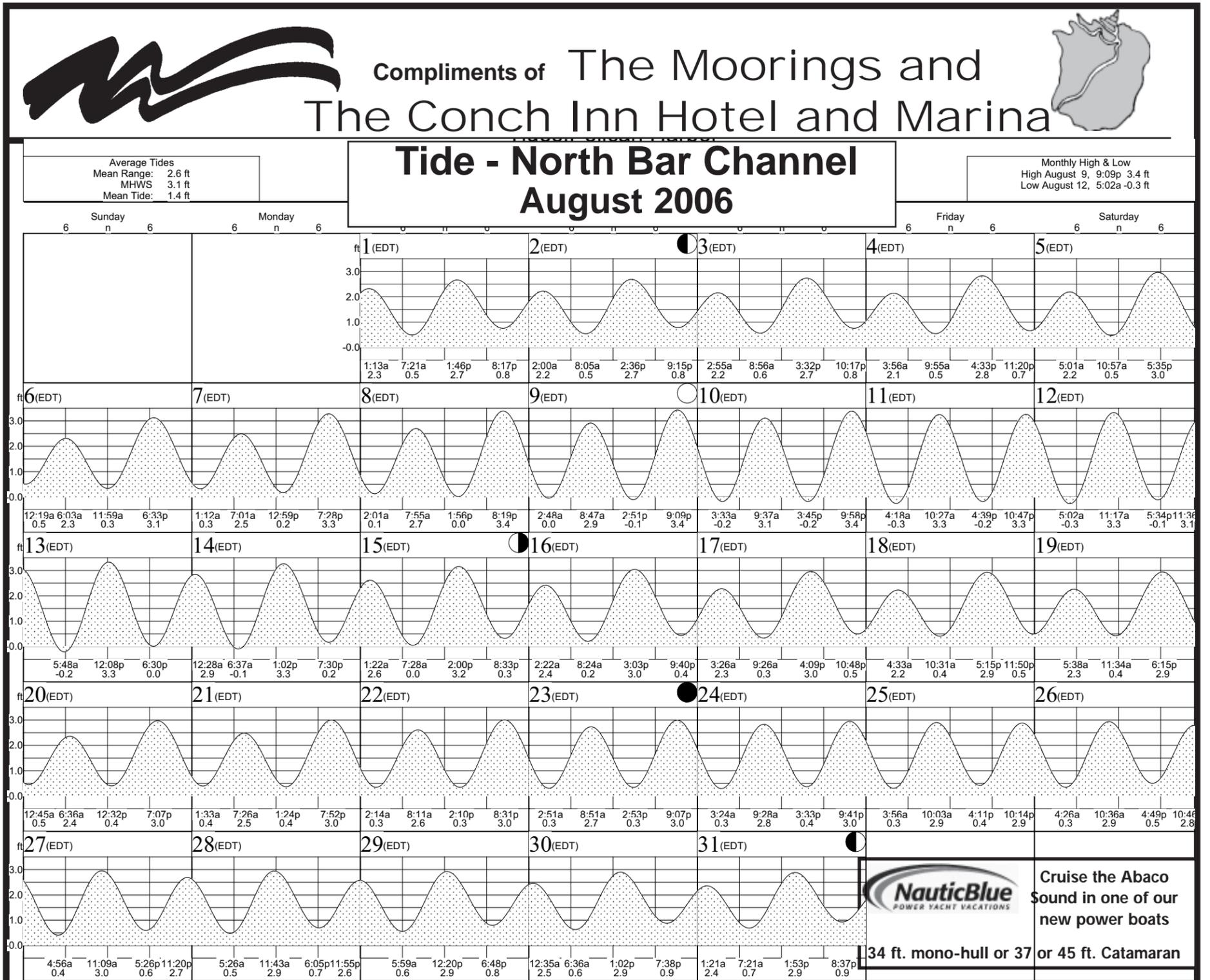
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Committee Will Preserve Abaco's Heritage

By Samantha V. Evans

A committee has been formed to begin to preserve as much of North Abaco's heritage as possible. The committee, called North Abaco Committee for the Development of Antiquities, Monuments, Historical Sites and Museums, met at Abaco Central High School on June 28th. Persons from all North Abaco settlements were invited to this lunch meeting. Present for the meeting from Nassau were Mr. Wesley Campbell, Dr. Keith Tinker and Mr. Nairn.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters concerning the development of North Abaco. Mr. Campbell stated that North Abaco has been neglected for too long and the children are asking about their heritage. They want to know where they came from. Those who love North Abaco have been quietly meeting to make some things happen. All committee members present except those from Nassau are native Abaconians. He continued that the history of the towns in the north is important and

needs to be preserved. They need to do something now before all of the old folks die out. Many have died already.

Dr. Tinker and Mr. Nairn have been invited from Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, a government agency to help with the process. Dr. Tinker stated that he is very interested and excited about the heritage of the north and agrees that it is important to preserve history. Many of the persons present have a wealth of knowledge about the history of the north and where a lot of historical sites are including blue holes, train tracks and caves which are very important. However, he told the group that in order for them to bring their plans to fruition, they need to work together and have confidence in what they are doing. It is important for them to know where they have been so they can know where they are going.

The Chief Councillor for the Central Abaco District, Mr. Cubell Davis, stated that he is very interested in the history of his people, especially after the historic celebration in Murphy Town recently. He learned a lot about the history of Murphy Town and his ancestors. He said that Local Government is looking to memorialize communities with rich heritage and families that helped with the development of those communities. They have already started the process for the Memorial Park. Murphy Town and Dundas Town are included in their plans. Dr. Tinker agrees that Murphy Town and Dundas Town need to be memorialized and a museum erected like in Chero-

kee and in some of the cays.

He continued that his corporation will help with research, the establishment of the Museum and Resource Center, but they will not do the work unless there are locals involved every step of the way that have a vested interest in what is being done. He wants the Museum and Resource Center to be sustained after he and his team leave. This has to be a partnership. By tracing the history of these communities, it will instill a sense of pride in the people. They need to know that many of the Loyalists and other inhabitants who came here were not slaves. They were free.

Mr. Campbell stated that this small committee will encompass and represent townships from Dundas Town to Grand Cay. This committee will liaise with Dr. Tinker in Nassau. Once all of the ground work has been done and all documents filed, they will seek funding. An office will be opened in the Murphy/Dundas Town communities. The building now being used by Smith Memorial will be requested to develop the Heritage Center since it is the only building that has been built by Murphy Town and Dundas Town people. An official installation banquet will be held soon to officially commemorate this event.

Those attending the meeting included Mr. Ed Sawyer, Mr. Roland Swain, Mr. Sherward Simms, Mrs. Nadeen Beneby, Mr. Loney Cornish, Mr. Archer McDonald and Mr. Ernest Williams. Other interested persons attended including some teachers.



A few residents of Dundas Town and Murphy Town met with officials from Nassau to discuss the preserving of North Abaco's past. It has been suggested that the old school on the boundary between the two towns could be restored and be developed into a Heritage Center similar to the old school building in Cherokee Sound that was converted into a Community Center which includes many artifacts of their history. Shown here are Mr. Simm, Dr. Keith Tinker, Mr. Wesley Campbell, Rev. Roland Swain, Mr. Swain, Mr. Ed Sawyer, and Mr. Nairn. Dr. Tinker and Mr. Nairn are with the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation and came from Nassau along with Mr. Campbell to advise the group and encourage them to preserve their heritage before the elderly persons in the communities pass away.

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People in the News

Students Have Perfect GPA's

Jamie Jordan Benjamin and Amanda Meagan Sawyer have both been named President's Scholars at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Students named to this list must have earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Both girls are seniors. Jamie is the daughter of Derek and Terry Benjamin of Marsh Harbour and Amanda is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer of Cherokee Sound.

Florida Southern is a private United Methodist college with a liberal arts core.

It offers a wide variety of majors and graduate programs and is well liked by many Abaco students.

We congratulate both girls on their achievement.

Twins Arrive

Brent and Layna Cartwright of Marsh Harbour are proud to announce the birth of their twins, a boy, Tucker, and a girl, Carter, who were born on June 7th in West Palm Beach, Florida. The tiny twins who weighted between five and six pounds at birth, arrived in Marsh Harbour on June 29th. They are doing fine and are growing



Tucker and Carter Cartwright
fast. Congratulations to the happy parents, grandparents, sister Briana and brothers Brian and Tanner.

First Grader Is Swimming Champ

Six-year-old Christian Lavarity, a first grader at Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay, came first in the free style and back stroke swimming competition that took place in Hope Town the beginning of June.

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Children Learn about Fire Safety



Volunteer firefighter Mary Skulnick took a fire engine to Agape Christian School before school closed to discuss what to do if the children smelled smoke and talked about other fire safety issues in the home. She emphasized that they should not hide under beds or in closets. She went over the correct things to do such as feeling the door to see if it is hot and staying down close to the floor. They should call the fire department from another house. Every family should have a plan for a meeting place away from the house. She told them to make as much noise as possible if they smelled smoke. The kids were very interested in what Mary had to say, and they asked a lot of good questions. The fire department would like to see more fire awareness taught in school and an increase of fire drills.

Swimming Safety Tips

By Samantha V. Evans

School is out and as students gear up to spend time on the beach or at the pools, it is important to note that accidents do happen and the best swimmer can fall prey to such unfortunate incidents. Parents are to ensure that they child proof their home from potential dangers.

Children under four years of age are most at risk every day for drowning. A child can accidentally drown by falling into a pool or if left alone in the bath tub. It only takes a few inches of water and a few seconds for a child to drown. That means drowning can take happen where you least expect it – the sink, the toilet bowl, fountains, buckets, inflatable pools or small bodies of standing water around the home such as ditches filled with rain water. It is important for parents to supervise children in and near the water.

This is a very sensitive topic, but parents need to be alert and aware. It is important that children are never left alone when in any water including the bathtub. Parents should never leave an older child to supervise a younger child. Nothing is more important

than the safety of your child. If you have to leave the scene, take your child with you.

It is a good idea for a child who is four years or older to learn to swim. Now, do not think that once your child can swim that he is no longer at risk for drowning. No, it is still important to supervise while in water whether they are an expert swimmer or have only basic swimming skills.

It is fun to swim but when you are swimming, keep these tips in mind.

- Never swim during a storm or when it is lightning.
- Never swim alone.
- Swim only in safe, guarded areas.
- Know how deep the water is where you will swim.
- Don't dive or jump into water that is not at least 12 feet deep.
- Don't run around the pool, push people in or dunk other swimmers.
- Take swimming lessons.
- Be extra careful in the ocean and don't run into waves which can knock you down.

Remember happy children are safe children.

GSM Phones Are Available Now

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been serving Abaco since cell phones were offered in 1987. It began as an analog system and has been upgraded to a digital system.

The acronym GSM stands for Global System Mobile which is the standard in over 179 countries. Although not dedicated with Abaco numbers yet, the system is operational and GSM phones can be purchased in local stores with either a Nassau or Freeport number.

When the new system is dedicated on Abaco in mid-September, Batelco will offer GSM phones for sale in its Marsh Harbour office. All GSM phones on Abaco will then be eligible for a local Abaco phone number. The other numbers incur long distance charges when used on Abaco. There will be a service fee for changing the number.

Current TDMA cell phone subscribers will have several more years of use before that system is discontinued. New phone subscribers do not have the option of getting the older TDMA phones as Batelco will not accept any new accounts to that system. In September persons switching to the GSM phone will be allowed to transfer their present TDMA phone number to a GSM phone, again for a fee.

Persons with homes outside the normal range of the GSM towers may be able to get fixed-base reception by adding a wireless network card with an antenna connection to their computer or lap-top and connecting to a separate high gain antenna. This will give extended range, but the antenna must remain aimed at the transmitting tower.

The 39 towers seen along Abaco's highways will give reliable coverage from Sandy Point to Crown Haven. Towers are being installed on the cays, giving GSM service to Elbow Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Guana Cay. The GSM system uses a very high radio frequency which has a short range, hence the need for towers only 3.5 miles apart. This means that remote areas like the Hole-in-the-Wall light station may be excluded from the GSM system.

Use of the GSM phones will allow travelers to use their phones in most countries around the world. There are currently over 2 billion users of the GSM cellular system worldwide.

GSM is one of two major mobile phone technologies and is used by Cingular and T-Mobile in the U.S. The other is CDMA used by Sprint and Verizon. The two systems are not compatible with each other. GSM is more prevalent in most other parts of the world and especially in Europe.

The phone-in-a-box using prepaid cards has been quite popular with land and boating visitors, Haitians living in immigrant communities and those living in areas not serviced by conventional phone lines. Many persons find it convenient to be available by phone wherever they are as opposed to the constraints of a fixed phone location. The prepaid phones require no deposit, have no monthly billing and are kept active by buying air-time cards at many local businesses.

Postpaid cellular service is available but requires a substantial deposit. The rate per call is cheaper and customers pay Batelco monthly for the services used.

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10:30 am	12:15 pm 2:30* (M-Sat) 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* (M-Sat) 4:30
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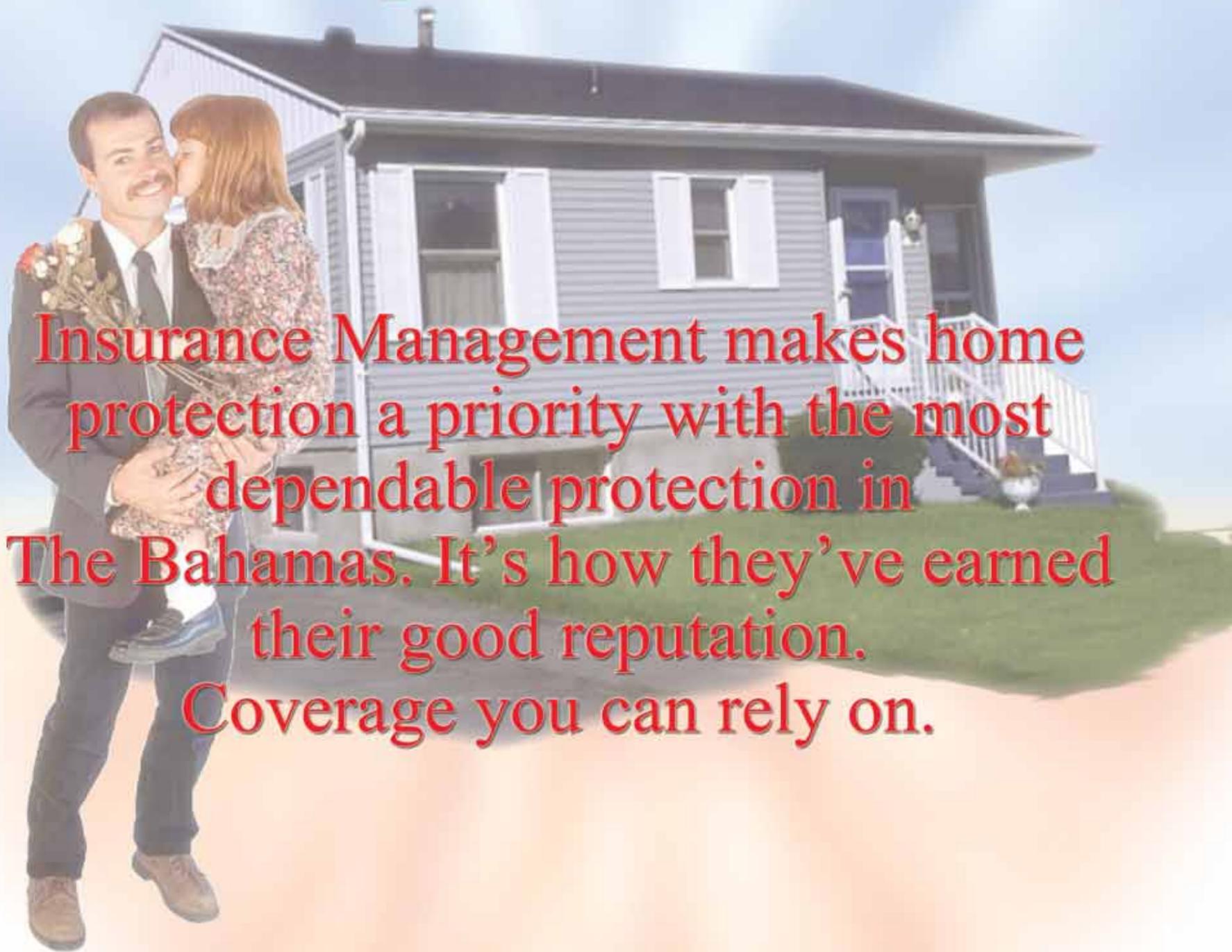


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Pathfinders Awards an Additional Twelve Scholarships Students Receive Assistance to Study Abroad



Twelve additional students were awarded scholarships by the Abaco Pathfinders. Most are four-year scholarships to colleges and universities while others for vocational training are for shorter periods. Two are one-time scholarships. Pictured are, back row, left to right, Justin Kemp, Ovens Altidor and Ervin Joseph, in the front row are Lanae Brown, Kezia Etienne, Brittany Benjamin, Natasha Arthur. Not pictured are Kateca Dawkins, Lathera Lightbourn, Rebecca Russell, Wonsha Joseph and Jessica Higgs

Proud families and friends gathered to celebrate and honour Abaco Pathfinders' new scholarship recipients on July 2. The event was again hosted by the Abaco Beach Resort and attended by Pathfinder board member, Mr. Peter Sweeting, and his wife. Following opening remarks by Kathy Weldon and Michael Albury, the incoming chairman, Pathfinders' new administrator, Cathy Meyers, presented the students with certificates of scholarship achievement. Each told the audience of their academic and professional plans.

Ovens Altidor will be attending Miami Dade Community College and hopes to eventually obtain a degree in international business. Natasha Arthur is a junior at Nova Southeastern University and plans to become a physician's assistant. Brittany Benjamin, who was awarded a one-year scholarship in recognition of her outstanding academic excellence, will be attending her sister's alma mater, Florida Southern College, to study medicine. Lanae Brown will be going to the College of The Bahamas where she will be studying to become a math teacher. Kateca Dawkins could not be present but her

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All Abaco Regatta Has Been Postponed Until September Dates Will Be Announced

Camp Abaco Starts Its Summer Session

Friendship Tabernacle Hosts Vacation Bible School



About 24 members of a church in Tennessee arrived in Marsh Harbour to conduct a Vacation Bible School at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town. Tourism held a reception at the airport for them. Pastor of the church, Silbert Mills, is shown at the far left.

Camp Abaco, just a few miles south of Marsh Harbour, has been a positive force on our island for many years, assisting youth to live an exemplary Christian life. Each year over 300 youth attend the sessions which are geared to specific age groups, each lasting five days. Over the years the camp has made improvements in the facilities so that now it is well built and very comfortable.

By Mirella Santillo

During the last week of June, I took a three-mile trip through the forest to locate Camp Abaco. I reached it at the end of a winding road, sometimes bordered by tall ridges, meandering mostly through pines or mangroves. The camp was still closed, but Bro. Bob (Robert Cornea), the Director, was there cutting the grass

and seeing to the last preparations for the opening of the first summer session which was to start on July 3rd with a group of the youngest children, the nine to 11 year olds.

I was shown around to the kitchen and the cafeteria which doubles as craft room,

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By Garnell Limperes Stuart
On July 1st, 24 members of Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee, arrived at the Marsh Harbour airport with shining faces to teach a week's Vacation Bible School. A few of the members arrived early and spent a few nights in Treasure Cay. Amongst the early ar-

rivals was coordinator Jack Wallin, along with wife Tammy and daughters Evey 13 and Emily 11. After the destruction of the last hurricane, Mr. Wallin and seven others from Nashville came to The Bahamas

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Visitors - Be Alert to Possible Fishing Rule Changes Effective August 1

Camp Abaco Provides Wholesome Activities for Youth

Camp Abaco *From Page 1*

and was given a brief tour of the property which spreads along a beach facing Tilloo Cay, with Lubber's Quarters to the north and Little Harbour to the south. On the spacious grounds stand several dormitories, a canteen, the kitchen / cafeteria building, a chapel, a beach gazebo and, of course, a basketball court. The camp has sleeping accommodations for 175 children and cooking facilities for 200, according to Mrs. Phyllis Cornea, the director's wife.

My second visit was a few days later when the Camp had already been in session for two days. The long tables of the cafeteria were covered with the art work of the children: canvass bags decorated

according to the theme *Fruits of the Spirit*, little sailing boats waiting to be raced and more craft material waiting to be used. Mrs. Colleen Marinello, a volunteer from an Assemblies of God Church in Fort Myers, was preparing more projects for the kids. She explained that they would tie-dye shirts the following day and make photograph frames and necklaces later in the week. The projects are the same for boys and girls. Mrs. Marinello, whose mother was Bahamian, grew up in Nassau. As the Director of the Ministry in Florida, she was the overseer and coordinator of the first camp period and came with a group of eleven people, all volunteers for that first week.

I also met another regular volunteer, Mr. Jeff Key, who took time from his

duties to tell me the history of Camp Abaco. It was founded in 1971 by Assemblies of God Pastor Ernest Deloach and was first located at the Great Abaco Beach Resort. The following year, the camp moved to Bahama Coral Island, and it is not until the third year that it moved to the present location, approximately six miles from Marsh Harbour. It originally started with tents, recalled Mr. Key. Then as donations came from churches in the United States, cabins were built. In 1999 the buildings were nearly completely destroyed by Hurricane Floyd, but has since been completely rebuilt. The camp is

powered by generator and stays opened from November to the first of August, after the last summer camp session has taken place, at which time everything is closed down and secured in case of a hurricane.

It is used for a summer camp during July for three consecutive weeks, accommodating children aged seven to nine the first week, 10 to 12 the second week and teenagers the last one. During the remainder of the year it is rented to school

Please see **Camp Abaco** *Page 20*



Camp Abaco is located on a beautiful beach at Witches Point, just south of Marsh Harbour. The modern facility boasts many amenities including this beach gazebo where the youth can congregate.



Brother Bob Cornea, a well know figure on Abaco, has kept Camp Abaco going for many years, as camp director, cook, dish washer, carpenter, plumber, bus driver as well as counsellor and a myriad of other duties. Regretfully, this is his last year as camp director. He will be missed. He is shown here picking up children in Marsh Harbour on a Monday morning to take them to the camp grounds.

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Bible School Attracts 200 Plus Youth

Bible School

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to assist in repairing roofs and other damage done to the buildings.

Shortly after the group landed, Director of Tourism for Abaco, Ms. Jeritzan Outten, and Pastor Silbert Mills of Friendship Tabernacle spoke to the group briefly about religious education in the schools and the practice of prayer before meetings as well as the history of Abaco and some of our customs. Ms. Jeritzan likes to "encourage what we call 'religious tourism.'" To add to the Bahamian culture, there were food, drinks, gift bag and live music by Gary McDonald. After some group interaction, the team stationed themselves at Friendship Tabernacle, where they lodged for the remainder of the trip.

About 30-40 Bible lessons focusing on

the theme REACH (Read, Encourage, Action, Community, Hope) were presented in a format enjoyable for the kids. Members from Friendship Tabernacle assisted with the program. After a morning of Bible lessons ranging in a variety of learning styles such as slide shows, singing, guitar playing, stories, skits with themes and crafts, the kids looked forward to the afternoon sports clinic (basketball camp) with the church teenagers. Jim Cundall, who worked primarily with the older kids 13 and up, "looked forward to the interaction with the kids." Christ Community Church donated 100 basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs and nets to the community as well as two guitars.

In the afternoons after class they went amongst the Haitian communities in the Mud and Pigeon Peas to spread love and spend time with the youths. With their warm

and friendly aura, they handed out bracelets with REACH on it along with other gifts and talked about the present situations within the community.

After completing the classes, the students were presented with wrap-up certificates for a job well done.

Although the group has come and gone, the networking between the churches stays

strong. In the past, Emory Curry from the Youth Department of Friendship Tabernacle took a trip to Nashville with 28 kids with chaperones. Says Mr. Curry, "The week-long trip was a beautiful experience. It was wonderful to get so many kids out of The Bahamas to see the world." We look forward to seeing more from Christ Community Church.



A Vacation Bible School held at Friendship Tabernacle Church filled the sanctuary every day with youth from Dundas Town and Murphy Town. A group of 24 members of the Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee, organized it bringing materials with them that were effective at illustrating the concepts they were teaching.



Some of the church group from Tennessee were musically talented and added another interesting dimension to the Bible School.

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Ekali by The Sea, Hope Town



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Farmers Are Growing Sod Successfully

By Mirella Santillo

Ben Harmon and the Farming Cooperative of Central Abaco entered a joint venture to grow sod and tomatoes. Farming is a very important part of a country's industry. It provides security and independence. However, farming is hard work and the financial results are often marginal. Almost anywhere in the world farmers are at the mercy of bad weather, too much rain, drought and, here on Abaco, devastating hurricanes. In many countries, farmers are subsidized by governments, but not here. So farming in The Bahamas has been a challenge that not everyone has been able to face.

From sugarcane near Cherokee to pineapples on Green Turtle Cay to citrus near Treasure Cay and Spring City, many attempts have been bountiful for several years but have eventually closed down. Nonetheless, there is a very determined group of people on Abaco who have been trying hard to make the land produce and are still trying new crops and new methods, in spite of many set backs such as the canker plague that destroyed the citrus farms at the beginning of last year.

Abaco farmers are either members of a cooperative, headed by Mr. Augustine Williams, which comprises approximately 2500 acres in the area of the Cherokee Road and the Great Abaco Highway or they farm independently on land in the same general area. Approximately 60 farmers belong to the cooperative, such as Mr. and Mrs. Mel Wells, Pastor Lenny Etienne, Rev. Charles Carey, Mr. Ron Sawyer to name a few.

Mr. Harmon was one of the independent farmers who had a successful citrus operation and was experimenting with tomatoes when the citrus canker struck. The citrus

farm had to be destroyed and the land was taken back by the government. Not giving up, Mr. Harmon is still growing tomatoes but, as of last November, has also entered into a partnership with the coop, to grow sod.

Two kind of grasses are cultivated, St Augustine and zoysia, both very popular with the landscapers. The grasses are grown on a seven-acre plot of land in Bahama Palm Shore, part of a 50-acre track. The soil has a dark sandy composition, light and fertile and Mr. Williams, the Chairman of the Coop, is very pleased with the results. The partnership is planning to continue planting the remaining acreage with these two types of grasses.

Planting started at the end of November, and the grasses were first offered on the market at the end of spring.

"We are getting to the point where production is well under way," said Mr. Harmon, explaining that between the two types of grass, 6000 thousand trays per month are now available on a steady basis. "By the end of August or early September," he continued, "St Augustine grass will also be available in slabs, sold by pallets of 400 square feet." The company plans to increase production to 150 pallets per week.

Should you buy slabs or trays? It depends on the area you have to cover and how fast you want it covered. The slabs will be, of course, cover an entire area immediately. According to Mr. Harmon, it is not recommended to divide them. He explained that by buying the trays, you'll save close to 70 percent. He suggests that the grass be planted in a diamond shape, leaving the in-between space to be filled as the grass grows. The negative side of using the trays is that it will take approximately five to six

months for the grass to fill an area with this mode of planting.

St. Augustine versus zoysia? St. Augustine is well known locally, also called crab grass. It produces a thick cover that grows rapidly. Zoysia is more salt tolerant, needs about half the nitrogen and half the water than the other grass.

Another type, paspalum, a very salt tolerant grass of golf course grade, will be grown upon contract. It is presently used by the Winding Bay resort for its golf course and will be also used by Baker's Bay. Mr.

Williams and Mr. Harmon are very enthusiastic about the results of the project. They are positive that there will enough sod grown to supply Nassau and most of the other islands of The Bahamas. Mr. Harmon mentioned that another key player in the company is Rev. Charles Carey, who offered financial support and personal involvement in the running of the operation, taking care of the banking side of it.

The products are now being sold at nurseries, locally at Pinewoods Nursery or at the farm.



The Farming Cooperative of Central Abaco and Ben Harmon have joined together to grow sod. This successful undertaking will be able to supply sod for Nassau as well as Abaco. Two varieties are now grown, St. Augustine and zoysia.

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Sports News

Youth in Action Basketball Teams Bask in Success

By Mirella Santillo

From the HOYTES Championship in Freeport which took place the first week end of June to the Sandy Point Championship on June 24th, Abaco Youth in Action basketball players came back with several trophies.

On June 2nd 50 young people from the Youth In Action program traveled to Freeport to take part in the yearly HOYTES Basketball Championship. Their age groups were from 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, and 16 and under. "It was a

learning experience for some of the kids," explained Mr. "Stretch" Morley, the Youth Coordinator for Abaco and one of the coaches for the teams. "It was the first time traveling for some of them and they enjoyed it. We went to the movies after the games." The youth were accompanied by coaches Ricardo Brown and Patrice Charles and by many parents.

Mr. Morley is grateful for the interest of the parents and thanks the sponsors who supported the teams for the trip to Grand Bahamas. Youth in Action won the championship for the 16 and under. Larado Rolle, the team captain, said, "It was not too hard to win."

On June 24th an inter-island basketball championship sponsored by Mr. Gary Sawyer took place in Sandy Point. Approximately 250 children participated in the Championship, ranging from 10 years to 16 and came from Treasure Cay, Central Abaco, Crossing Rocks, Moore's Island and Sandy Point. The tournament lasted the entire day. Moore's Island and Treasure Cay each had three teams; Crossing Rocks had one team of 16-year-olds,

Sandy Point had three teams; and Youth in Action from Central Abaco had approximately 50 children and all four categories.

Treasure Cay won the 10 years and under trophy while Sandy Point came second in that age group. Youth in Action took the victory for the 12, 14 and 16 year olds. Each player took home an individual trophy and the team also received one which was proudly displayed by Larado Rolle and the coaches, Mr. Ricardo Brown and Mr. "Stretch" Morley.

The Sandy Point tournament was attended by local authorities. Mr. Roderick Bowe, Administrator for Southern Abaco, talked to the children about good behavior and keeping an eye to the future. He urged them to stay out of trouble during the summer. Mr. Gary Sawyer addressed the children as well as Mr. R. McKinney, the Sandy Point Town Committee member. Also

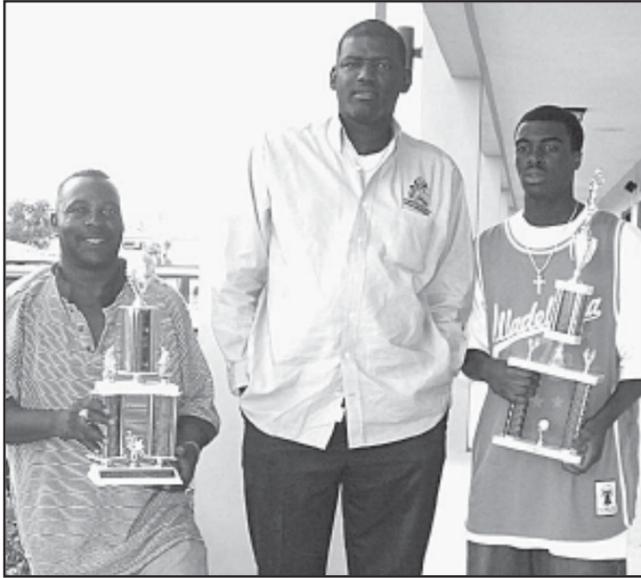
present were the Chief Councillor for the South, Mr. Roker, and the school Principal, Ms. Brennel Clarke. Many parents from Marsh Harbour traveled to Sandy Point to encourage their children.

In view of the success of the program, the organizers are planning an independence anniversary meet in Central Abaco, followed by a tournament in Treasure Cay and a week-long clinic in Mount Hope sometime in July. The youth basketball season will end with a three-day week-end tournament in Moore's Island in August.

In the meantime six boys, David Vilma, Robin Lafrance, Donald Simms, Lewis McDonald, Kevin Altador and Kingsley Cajuste, will travel with coach Moon McPhee from Grand Bahama as part of a Bahamian team to compete against Nevada youth. Mr. Ricardo Brown will accompany them.

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The Youth in Action team that competed in Freeport in the HOYTES basketball tournament came back with several trophies. Shown here is Coach Ricardo Brown, Stretch Morley and Team Captain Larado Rolle holding a couple of the trophies they earned.



Long Bay School is offering swimming lessons each day. Two-week sessions are available under Coach Dominic's instruction every afternoon. Abaco now has two swimming pools that the public can use for instruction. The other one is in Hope Town.

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Body Builder Won Championship

The 2006 Grand Bahama Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship and the first U.S. vs. the Bahamas Championship were held in Freeport on June 24.

Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden won the Masters over 50 in both Championships. This is Arthur's 49th year in bodybuilding and at the age of 63 is looking forward to his 50th year in the sport next year.

The President of the Grand Bahama Bodybuilding and Fitness Association, Mr. Baldwin Darling, is to be congratulated for his work in making these two shows a huge success.

Arthur will next compete in the Southern States in Fort Lauderdale on July 15 and in Nassau on July 22 at the Bahamas national Championships.

Swimming Lessons Are Offered

By Portia Jonsson

Learning how to swim is not only an important part of growing up, but it provides children with essential skills to be safe in and around water. In addition to building character and self-confidence, children learn about leadership, safety and rescue skills and water activities. These important survival skills allow parents and children to enjoy a lifetime of both fun and healthy activity at pools and beaches.

Throughout this summer swimming lessons are being offered at Long Bay School by Coach Dominic for children ages 5 - 18. The lessons cost \$150 for a two-week-long session five days a week, Monday through Friday, for 30 minutes each day. Two classes are held each day, 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The session now in progress will end July 21st and resume in August. For more information and application forms

please inquire at Long Bay's office.

Swimming is a fun form of exercise and a great first step in preparing kids for a lifetime commitment to physical fitness.

Soccer Season Ends

By Mirella Santillo

The soccer season which began in March concluded on July 9 with the final game played at the Murphy Town park. Six teams competed but the final game was between the Auskell Medics and the Vitamalt Abaco Uniteds. The league winner was the Vita Malt's Abacom United team with Island Care Wireless' Show Offs coming in second place.

In spite of losing their first game and the last one of the season to the Medics, 2 to 1, Abacom remains the league's champion with only one loss, one tie and eight victories, said the team's Manager, Mr. Jeffrey Victor.

"After 16 weeks of football, well sup-

ported by crowds and sponsors, the season is finally over," said Mr. Malcolm Spicer, the League's President. "The season went extremely well thanks to all the help we received especially from the police, with Cpl. Paul Johnson, from local government with Administrator Revis Rolle, from the Ministry of Sports with Mr. Ismael "Stretch" Morley."

"I am looking forward to the next season which will start in October. I hope the fence will be done! We learnt a lot this year so the next season should be even better," were Mr. Spicer's comments at the end of Monday's games.

The first game between the Bahama Beach Club's Tigers and the Island Wireless Show Offs started mid-afternoon and was won by the Show Offs 1 to 0. The second game, which went on till 7:30 p.m., was a tight play between the Med-

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral of **Gloria Joseph**, 75, of Treasure Cay was held on July 1 in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by one daughter Diany Charles Jean; brothers Simabe Pierre Ville, Silermond Dieujise, St. Louise Pierre-Ville, Nadius Simeon, Francinord Pierre-Ville, Charite Fores; sister Liejela Pierre-Ville; sister-in-law Tulina Pierre-Ville; son-in-law Brosener Jean; grandsons Brison, Biriner and Patrick Jean; granddaughters Serlime and Sherman Jean; nieces; nephews; grandnieces; grand-nephews; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Elder Moxey Williams**, 78, of Treasure Cay was held at Full Gospel Assembly of God in Sand Banks on July 2. Rev. Stafford Symonette, Sr. Pastor, assisted by Rev. Patrick Paul, Rev. Cyril Sands and other ministers officiated. Interment was in the South Side Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his wife Sybile Huyler Williams; sons Nathaniel, Morya, Abraham, Stephen, Peter and Leo Williams and Bernard Paul; daughters Rosanna Forbes, Clarice Wildgoose, Nurse Isabella Ruby Thompson, Patricia and Monique Williams; grandchildren Japhael, Nivea, Nathaniel Jr. and Nathan Williams, John Jr., Leslie and Johnell Forbes, Moranda, Felecia and Emmise Williams, Ninja Albury, Racquel and Shantel Wildgoose, Javon McKinney, Clint Johnson and Santana Williams, Ambrose Jr. and Symone Thompson, Alexander, Donovan and Daria Paul, Cicely and Miquel Parada, Peter Jr., Charo and Samuel Williams; great-grandchildren Juwan, Janiel, Tyrek, Leslie Jr., Mackyi, Verdahha and Sanchez; son-in-law Ambrose Thompson Sr., daughters-in-law Leanna Yvonne Paul, Michelle, Elva, Claudia, and Shavonne Williams; sister Nethilee Bodie; brothers Alexander and Joseph Paul; adopted children Rev. Stafford and Lucy Symonette, Rev. Cyril and Lavaugh Sands, Pastor Rudy and Abby McKinney, Betty Jo Howard, Veronica and Dorothy Smith and Dale Storr; brothers-in-law Ernest and Livingstone Huyler; sisters-in-law Maggie Sears and lonie Huyler; nieces; nephews; god- children; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service for **Borris Elvis "Pa B." Delancy**, 75, of Spring City was held in Nassau on July 8th.

He is survived by his companion of 35 years Mavis McQueen; sons Roy, Cecil, Roger, Jack, Uriel and Zane Delancy; daughters Victoria Archer, Dethree, Hillary and Lesley Delancy; grandchildren Mario, Channel, Mervin Delancy, Natasha Hanchell, Teddy, Condell, Jarand, Rogette, Blakley, Senetra, Dakota, Uriel Jr., Daelyn Delancy, Brittany McHardy, Zaneo and Latrell Delancy, Carson Rolle, Alicia Taylor, Warren Royce, Chandenek Archer, Drayson, Georgia, Kelly and Serenity Murray; brothers Cecil, Eural, Stanley, and Richard Delancy; sisters Cornelia Delancy, Esther Outten and Helen Missick; son-in-law Ryan Archer; daughters-in-law Olga, Norma, Cindy, and Rolanda Delancy, sisters-in-law Monica, Gloria, and Terecita Delancy; brother-in-law John Missick; and many other relatives and friends.

Man-O-War has lost a "Precious Gem" this month. **Lois Elaine Albury**, affectionately known to everyone as "Aunt Lois," passed away in her home on July 2nd after a brief illness and hospitalization in West Palm Beach. She was 75.



Lois was born on Man-O-War Cay on November 21, 1930, to Selina and Norman Albury. She was one of six children.

She married Cyril Albury in 1947 and together they made a wonderful family and fulfilling life.

Aunt Lois has been known for many years as the "face" of the Sail Shop, learning the trade as a young girl from her father. Customers, new and old alike, were always greeted with a cheerful smile and that hearty chuckle that we all know so well. She has brought many smiles to the hundreds of tourists that come to visit,

and then return year after year for another helping of her endearing charm, unique humor and "island" hospitality!

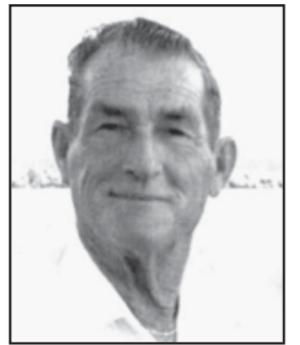
She has left many relatives including her daughter, Annie, and son, Jimmy, and their spouses - Richard and Melonie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other family members and countless friends.

Kenneth Charles Albury, 61, was born in Marsh Harbour on September 20, 1944, to Maurice and Dolorus Albury. He was the second of seven children that included brothers Bobby, Earl, Sidney, and Pratt Albury and sisters Joyce Thompson and Levaughn Albury. Kenneth went home to be with His Lord on July 7, 2006.

Kenneth was a loving husband and the father of three children; one daughter, Marcia, and two sons Myron and Colin (deceased).

Kenneth is survived by his wife Sherilyn; daughter Marcia; son Myron;

daughter-in-law Gracie (P i k e) A l b u r y ; brothers Bobby, Earl, Sidney, and Pratt Albury; sisters Joyce Thompson and Levaughn Albury; sisters-in-law Kathy Albury, Noreen Albury, Allison Albury, Cindy Albury, Eleanor Albury, Alice Albury, Eleanor Albury, Janice Pinder, Bonnie Campollo; brothers-in-law Mike Thompson, Maurdee Albury, Andre Albury, Lowell Albury, Ross Pinder, and Louis Campollo; mother-in-law Flossie Albury; numerous nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.



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Ritz Carlton and The Abaco Club Provide More Staff Training

By Gladstone "Stone" McEwan

The merger between the Ritz Carlton and The Abaco Club on Winding Bay was announced at a special well attended town meeting held in February at Cherokee Sound. The event was hosted by the founder and chairman of The Abaco Club, Mr. Peter de Savary.

The fifty-fifty partnership involving the Ritz Carlton and one of the best of Mr. de Savary's many visions and projects throughout his long career, The Abaco Club, commenced their joint venture on July 1st when The Ritz Carlton officially began managing and overseeing all day-to-day operations at the club. It is destined to be a colossal success and will provide Abaco and The Bahamas, with additional prestige as an elite traveler destination.

Mr. de Savary has said on many occasions, "You can teach a person almost anything. But you can't give them a personality if they don't have one." This philosophy became the standard hiring doctrine at the club. The Abaco Club has always sought the best personalities for all positions and provided the staff employed at the club with the best training before opening their doors in December 2004 and continued to do so after. It was only a few weeks ago that Dr. Samuel Heastie was brought in to teach his Focus Attend Combine Engage course to the entire staff. Upon completion the service levels at the club improved tremendously in all departments.

During the week of June 21-28 the Ritz Carlton imported its entire top training personnel to provide additional training for all

employed at The Abaco Club. The sessions included orientations on their operations. The Ritz Carlton insists on 250 hours of training annually for their line employees and 350 hours annually for managers to insure members and guests receive the best service from staff who are current with the changing times and techniques in all areas.

Mr. de Savary's hiring strategy and training efforts paid off. This was verbalized by the Ritz trainers. They had firsthand experiences of this as they were guests at the club receiving the extended services currently at the Club. They were also privy to the natural talents and abilities of many staffers at The Abaco Club.

This venture is a first for the Ritz Carlton. The company has never bought in to an existing operation. They also maintain one of or the most rigorous hiring practices of any company in the hospitality industry. They said the levels of professionalism presently at the club will make the transition less strenuous, but there remains a distance to trudge before the club gravitates to the Ritz standards.

All of the staff employed at the Abaco Club is excited and welcomed their new partners. They are eager to learn the Ritz way. This merger will provide all employed at the club with a distinctive privilege as it relates to being a part of the best team on the planet, the paramount group in The Bahamas associated with the service industry and having more opportunities, privileges and benefits than others in the same business.



Ritz Carlton trainers and a few members of the upper management team from The Abaco Club on Winding Bay posed during a recess of a training program. It was one of the 250 hours of service-enhancing and improving training sessions required for all the staff employed at The Abaco Club. The event was recently held at The Great Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour.

Business Briefs

By Portia Jonsson

Marsh Harbour continues to consolidate its status as the commercial center of Abaco as more and more retail outlets and businesses open. The latest are As Good As New and Allsorts Discount Mart.

Juan and Anna Bobby have returned and reopened their second-hand store, this time under the name As Good As New and situated in the old Sawyer's Market building. They carry an assortment of used and new merchandise namely electronics, tools, garden machinery, toys, housewares, appliances and furniture. Store hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Allsorts Discount Mart located in the blue building opposite Texaco offers a little of everything - computers and accessories, children's furniture, bedding, baby items, rugs, character toys, dollar day items, housewares, used clothing and more. They also repair computers, appliances and small engines with delivery to and from the ferries. Store hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Church News

Deacon Strachan Is Ordained

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 25th Zion Baptist Cathedral celebrated Deacon Everette Strachan as he was ordained as Associate Minister. The service began with a joyful noise unto the Lord as the praise team and the Zion Cathedral Sanctuary Choir sang. Deacon Strachan and his wife sat at the front as the Cathedral prepared to robe him as Associate Minister. His parents, Robert and Irene Strachan, and members of his family from Nassau as well as co-workers from BEC joined the Zion family at the Ordination Service.

The guest speaker for this special event was Bishop Samuel Green, President of Zion United Convention. He told the congregation that life is a journey, and it is everyone's intention to achieve happiness,

contentment and peace of mind somewhere along life's road. He said that this is a dream because life is full of disappointments, failures and discontentment.

Bishop Green stated that as a minister, he must be careful whose advice he takes. People could lead him astray. He told Deacon Strachan not to worry about people. All that matters is what is done between him and God. Deacon Strachan has been anointed by God so his qualities come from the inside out.

During the ordination part of the service Deacon Strachan said that he is honored to serve the Lord. He knows that he has been called to the service of the Lord. He said yes to the call and is prepared to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

All of the ministers present gathered around and prayed the prayer of dedication over him as he knelt to be ordained. The

Robing Service indicates that he has been set aside to preach the gospel. His wife placed the robe upon him. Visiting ministers brought greetings and congratulatory remarks.

Soul-Saving Ministries Holds Revival

By Samantha V. Evans

The one-week-long fashion revival began at Soul Saving Ministries on June 27th. Pastor/Overseer Lawrence Arnett and his church family welcomed Evangelist Marianna Fowler from Nassau as guest speaker. Even though it was a wet, rainy evening, many persons seeking a blessing from the Lord came out for the service.

The speaker began by saying that she has to be obedient to the call of God when He asks her to do something. She chose for her topic *Whose Watch Is It?* God wants to have His way.

She stated that Abaco has many serious problems like anywhere else, and there is a great need to repent. She continued that too many Christians are envious of one another. Too much covetousness exists in the church. We need to be our brother's keeper. If God blesses someone, that person needs to be a blessing to someone else.

True revival comes from God and brings out positive changes in communities. God wants that person to live a life for Him.

There are many churches, but there is only one God. If God tells you to do something; be obedient and do it. The problem is that too many people are doing things that God has not instructed them to do.

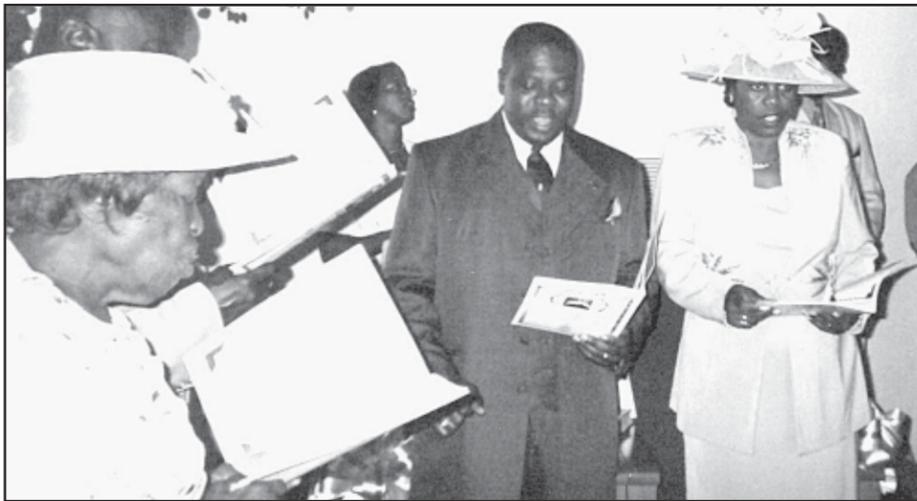
Church Service Commemorates Independence

By Mirella Santillo

An independence church service was held at Dundas Town Church of God on July 9th. Bishop Anthony Campbell celebrated a special Independence Service at his Church of God in Dundas Town.

The service started with Administrator Revis Rolle addressing the gathering. Many church leaders took part in the ceremony. Father Hepburn of St John the Baptist Anglican Church was the guest speaker. Pastor Dean of the Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town formulated a special prayer for the nation, while Pastor Rahming read from the Scriptures. Evangelist Mildred Ferguson was there. Pastor Everette Strachan of Friendship Tabernacle Church pronounced a welcome address and the Community Police Youth Band played while the Zion Baptist Church Choir sang.

"Not many people attended, but it was a good service," said a member of the congregation.



Deacon Everette Strachan was ordained as an Associate Minister at Zion Baptist Church on June 25. He is shown here with his wife.

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Pathfinders

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mother, Audrey Dawkins, accepted the certificate and proudly announced that Kateca is currently attending Florida Metropolitan University, studying computer information science.

Kezia Etienne will now be attending Louisiana State University since she was recently awarded a full scholarship from the Primetime Foundation. Pathfinders will provide funds for her books. She hopes to go into medicine. Ervin Joseph told the gathering that he would continue to attend Miami-Dade and then transfer for his final years to study to become a vocational education teacher. Justin Kemp has the honor of being the first to graduate from Every Child Counts with an academic/vocational diploma. He will be attending Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute in Nassau to train in refrigeration and air conditioning.

Four other recipients were unable to attend. Lathera Lightbourne is going to the

College of The Bahamas to study business management. Rebecca Russell is attending Western Kentucky University, seeking a degree in nursing. Wonsha Joseph will be going to Puerto Rico to attend Antellean Adventist University to study psychology. Jessica Higgs also received a one-time scholarship for academic excellence. She will be a sophomore at Valdosta University and is studying for a career in medicine. These 12 students join the other 58 young people that Abaco Pathfinders has aided in continuing their education since 2001.

The program concluded with current Pathfinder students, Felicity Simms, Malisa Singh, Samantha Major, Dawson Malone, Racquel Smith and Shamika White, offering advice concerning how to succeed in college. Some of the points they all agreed upon were to focus on your goals, take one day at a time and not be overwhelmed at the beginning. Remember that no one will wake you up for class in the morning or be there to remind you to do your assignments and to resist bad influences and trust in God to guide you.

Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union Elects Officers

By Mirella Santillo

On June 21st Mr. Freddy Pinder was elected new area Vice President for Abaco of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union for a term of three years. Mr. Ricky Smith, who had held that position for four consecutive terms, was unable to undertake a fifth term because of illness.

Mr. Pinder, who is a senior associate responsible for credit and collection, said, "I nominated myself upon staff recommendation, including President Mr. Robert

Farquharson." He explained that his duties as area vice president are to represent the employees of BTC and be a mediator between the company and the employees. Every three years he will negotiate the contracts and make sure BTC lives up to the agreement made in the contracts.

"I am excited about the position. It is new for me, but I want to get the best for the employees of Abaco. I want them to know that I will represent them to the best of my abilities."



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GUANA CAY



#10350: Located on Guana Cay this small cottage presents a multitude of opportunities for the imaginative buyer. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, this property could transition well into a vacation rental or second home. Situated in heart of the settlement, cottage is just steps from ferry dock and all amenities and attractions. Add a 2nd story for wonderful views! **\$160,000.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES



#10202: Gorgeous, generously-sized home site on Eight Mile Bay beach. Encompassing approx. 1.7. acres of nicely elevated land. Thickly treed with native hardwoods. Wonderful views, wide sugar sand beach and community offers underground utilities, telephone and internet access. Will consider subdividing **\$615,000.**

LYNYARD CAY



#9297: Bordering the Sea of Abaco with the Atlantic Ocean to the east, this expansive parcel boasts 77 fabulous acres, including high elevations, a pond, dense native coppice, numerous coconut palm trees and pristine white sand beaches. **Serious inquiries only, please.**

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#9601. Building site situated in Anchorage Estates, the perfect location for a small multi-family project. Located adjacent to the roundabout, this 14,000 sq.ft. lot is zoned multi-family and could be developed for a small boutique style resort. **\$69,500.**

LEISURE LEE



#9770: Leisure Lee. Lovely, oversized wooded home site containing 18,204 sq. ft. Inland location, road-to-road site with possible views of canal system and the Sea of Abaco if buyer "builds up". A greenway borders one boundary making the site secluded and private. **\$68,500.**

CROSSING ROCKS



#9510: Greenland Bay. Gorgeous, unspoiled beach front, dazzling white sand, rolling grassland interior. Parcels encompass 100 to 200 feet on the beach, depth of +/-300'. 30 miles south of Marsh Harbour. Only one parcel may be sold in each instance; the entire acreage is not offered a whole. Starting at **\$120,000.**

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#9323. Just built and never lived in! 3 bedrooms, two baths, nicely detailed with arched interior doorways, tile and modern fully equipped kitchen. The perfect starter home for a young family. Near Government high school and all conveniences of town living. **\$135,000.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES



#8928. Secluded 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located directly across the lane from Eight Mile Bay and its gorgeous beach. Rooftop deck enjoys some of the best views in the area. Room to expand and put your personal touch to this promising home. **\$422,000**

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND



#9492. Lovely homesite in secluded Bahama Coral island; just 10 minutes north of Marsh Harbour. Elevated and just across from natural wildlife area and 5 minutes to the secluded beach area. Great views if "built up"! Buy now for the future! **\$21,000.**

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#9073. NEW! Nicely elevated cottage overlooks the Sea of Abaco and catches every tropical breeze. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, hobby room, laundry nook, home is wired for generator power. Tiled living areas, carpeted bedrooms. Sturdy cement construction, tongue and groove ceilings. The perfect first home or retirement cottage! Move in condition! **\$230,000.**

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND



#9935. Lovely home site of approximately 10,000 sq.ft with high elevation and views of the sea on the west of Abaco and the South side. Conveniently located just 3 miles north of Marsh Harbour. Motivated seller! **\$35,000.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES



#3646: Two nice side-by-side home sites just 300 feet from Eight Mile Bay Beach. Good elevation, cleared and ready to build. Buy both for a generous building envelope and 'build up' for Atlantic Ocean views and breezes. **\$41,000 each.**

PELICAN SHORES



#9934. "Southwind". One of the first homes built on the lovely peninsula of Pelican Shores. Encompassing just under one acre of land, fronting on Duck Pond. Comprised of 2 bedroom/2 bath, den/library, open living and dining area and galley style kitchen. Included is a guest cottage, pool, enclosed 12Kw generator and dock. A promising property with superior land value and great potential for the discerning, imaginative buyer. **\$925,000**

GUANA CAY



#10195: One acre Atlantic Ocean front home site adjacent to Orchid Bay. Lovely high rock shore and nice 20' plus elevations. Superb views of the coast to north and south and just 150' from beach access. Densely vegetated, nature coppice and native trees. License to use area that has been set aside for dockage on Sea of Abaco **\$641,000.**

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School News

Long Bay School Grade 12 Graduation

By Samantha V. Evans

Long Bay said good bye and good luck to 14 grade 12 students on June 20th at their graduation service held in the school auditorium. The theme was *Carrying the Torch of Perseverance on the Road to Success*. The students have had years of learning life's lessons including never to give up and hard work pays off.

The Principal, Mrs. Jacqueline Collie, stated that 95 percent of their graduates earned their diplomas. Long Bay is a self-supporting school run by a board of directors. They are privately funded and are required to meet the Seventeenth Day Adventist requirements as well as those of the Ministry of Education. Ninety percent of their graduates go on to attain a higher degree. They are proud to state that they take an holistic approach to Christian edu-

cation. Students are prepared for all standardized exams of the Ministry of Education. They also view athletics as being very important and expose their students to various sporting activities. They prepare students for a healthy life in society and the world.

A slide show was shown of the graduating class over the past year as well as pictures of them as infants and now. As their graduation photo was displayed, their future plans, hobbies and most memorable moments at Long Bay School were shown. Special song tributes were performed by Mr. Marlon Carby and Mrs. Nadine Been.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Althea McMillian, who also spoke at the grade six commencement exercises the night before. She told the students that perseverance pays off. Some students think they can get through school without using their brain and some even try. But they quickly learn that this doesn't work. There

is no such thing as knowing too much or studying too much.

There are some things they can do and others they cannot do. What they do and what they become depends on them. She told them that they can be as smart or as dumb as they want to be. No one can make them inferior unless they let them. Education will take them through the world. Success is what they do with what their have. They determine their future life by the choices they make.

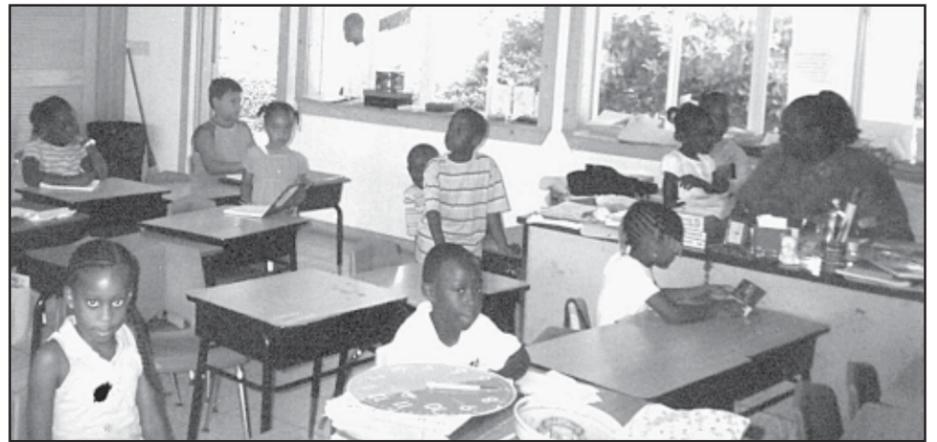
She ended by telling them that they will meet obstacles in the work place or in college. They should take the word "can't" out of your vocabulary. What are they going to give to the world? They hold the key. They are the master of their faith. Be like the little engine that said he could and persevered.

The Salutatorian, Shoshana Davis, spoke

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Fourteen students of Long Bay school graduated on June 20. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Mrs. Althea McMillian, in center front of photo. Mrs. Jacqueline Collie, principal is behind her.



St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour offered a summer school session for students who needed extra teaching. The school also offered extra instruction in Spanish.

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on behalf of the graduating class, thanking the parents and teachers for all of their love, support and encouraging words. She got emotional as she paid tribute to her own parents who made big sacrifices for her. She told them that she took note of their sacrifices and she appreciates everything they did.

The Valedictorian was Lynden Hepburn, who bid the class farewell and told them to continue reaching for the stars. The class received their awards and lit the torch that will light their path as they travel the road to success. All graduates received a special trophy from the principal who also teaches them English. She stated that all of them did an outstanding job in her class. However, the top award went to Shoshana Davis, who also received the top awards for religious knowledge, biology, history and accounts. D'Andre Sands received the Leadership Award from the principal.

Summer School at St. Francis

By Samantha V. Evans

June 19th was the start of three weeks of summer school at St. Francis de Sales. Students who wanted a head start on the next grade level of work or those who needed to brush up on some weak areas made plans to be there. Summer school was extended to both the primary and high school. Ms. Frederick has students in grades one through three. She stated that all of the students are performing at their grade level but needed to sharpen some skills. There was only one grade two student who was taking advanced lessons. Also during this time students attended Spanish and the arts with Senora Brown. The students learned Spanish cuisine as well as the language of Spanish. The summer program was from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and came to a close on July 7th.

Pursuing Higher Education

By Samantha V. Evans

Learning is not attained by chance, you have to work hard to achieve it. Learning

does not end after high school. It is something you will do all your life. You can receive your formal education at a tertiary institution, training centers or technical schools. Pursuing a higher education is exciting. Expanding your learning beyond high school gives you power. This power can be used to become successful in life.

Many young people become confused and disoriented when they have to make these kinds of decisions especially if they did no planning in advance. Perhaps they know what they want to do with their lives but do not know how to get there. It is important that they seek guidance during these times. This can be found through parents, teachers, close friends and from their pastor. It is important to have a solid base of support so that when you have to make these difficult decisions, you will not fold.

Too many times people look at success in terms of the level of education one attains, the amount of money you have in the bank, by the house you live in or how much

material possessions one owns. It is not wrong to have a good education, a good job and wealth but do not let that be the reason you decide to further your education. You should further your education to better your life and to make a positive difference or contribution to your community and the world.

If you go to a college or university, you can attain an associates degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree or a doctorate degree (PhD.) The associates degree is usually a two-year degree. while the bachelor's degree can take four, sometimes five years. The master's degree can be obtained after the bachelor's degree and usually takes two years. If you decide to write a thesis or research paper, you will need an additional year. The doctorate degree is the highest degree offered. Many take post doctorate courses which do not usually offer an additional degree. It can

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ics and Abacom, commented in the second half with a lot spice by Mr. Jeffrey Victor, who is also a soccer coach for Youth in Action.

The crowd, not quite as large as usual, rushed inside the field at the end of the last game to celebrate and congratulate the players. At the official stand, awards were waiting for the winners, from trophies to champagne. Each winning player received a trophy, a special one going to MVP of the league, Herode Toussaint, who played with the Show Offs, another to rookie of the year, Jamesbon Olivin, also with the Show

Offs, to Villard Fenelus, an Abacom player, for scoring the most goals of the league and to Hismith Joseph, another Abacom team member for fair player of the year.

Remy Altidor was the Team Captain for Abacom and Max Thervil, their goalie. Wickson Cajuste was the Show Offs' Captain, Snappas' Chef Basile Pierre, played as forward.

It is Mr. Spicer's intention to start primary school and high school leagues next season. "We will start with boys only this year. If this works out, we'll consider girls' leagues," he said.

Other teams competing during the season included the Bahama Stars and the Stanley Steelers.



Winners of the soccer league of Abaco are celebrating. The Vitamalt Abacom United team had an impressive record for the season.



The Auskell Medics came in second in the soccer league. The games were very well attended by the Haitian community. Most games were played at the Murphy Town park on Sunday afternoons.

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Camp Abaco

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groups from all over The Bahamas and various church groups. A minimum of a three-day stay is usually required with at least 40 people and during these stays, it is staffed only by Assembly of God volunteers. Certain guidelines have to be respected such as no smoking, drugs or alcohol drinking.

During their week's session, the children are treated to breakfast, a light lunch and a full dinner. There is a canteen where they can purchase additional snacks and drinks.

"A day at the camp starts with breakfast, usually a typical Bahamian breakfast of eggs, grits sausages and toast, followed by a Chapel service, called Bible Fun Time," explained Mr. Key, "where the children enact scenes of the Bible through puppetry, singing and games."

Then there is canteen time followed by outdoor activities for the boys and crafts for the girls or vice versa. After lunch, the kids enjoy swimming, kayaking, water volleyball or walks. In the evening crab hunts, soldier crab races, bon fires and singing are a few of the planned activities. There is a second chapel service after dinner.

"All of the activities are overseen by adults and this week three nurses are part of the staff," mentioned Mrs. Cornea.

One volunteer, Charlotte Collins, a native of Marsh Harbour, who attends college in Florida, has been with the camp for three consecutive years. "I love being with kids," she said and explained that her duties range from canteen attendant to kitchen helper. Paul Jones and Billy Jerabek, high school students, part of the Fort Myers' group, both came here for a week to help supervising the chil-



Sports, water activities, crafts, devotions and chapel services are all part of the schedule at Camp Abaco. The camp sessions each last five days, Monday to Saturday. The experiences there can last a life time.

Wall at Cost Right Was Smashed



A vehicle smashed through the wall at Cost Right in Marsh Harbour on July 8. The driver swerved to miss another vehicle and went through the Cost Right parking lot and over a curb before smashing through the wall. There were no injuries. The vehicle was removed and the building was temporarily boarded up.

dren.

"I am a counselor," said Paul. "I watch over the kids and play with them."

Mrs. Laura Rusnell, another Assembly of God member from Fort Myers, praised her colleague's dedication. "Colleen spent the last few months to hand-pick all the material for the camp," she said of Mrs. Marinello. Mrs. Rusnell is one of the registered nurses on site along with Pat Kalmar and Robin Sestak. The reminder of the volunteers were local members of the Assemblies of God,

Brother Bob and his wife, Mr. Key to mention a few, all together, over 20 people.

Forty five children, mostly locals, except one or two such as eight-year-old Donardo Gray, who is from Nassau, attended the first session and over 10 are expected for the second one. The organizers do not know yet how many there will be in the last group. But they said that over the years, "Camp Abaco has always been very popular."

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Club News

Rotary Inducts New President

By Mirella Santillo

On July 1st Mr. Bryan Thompson, a Rotarian for three years, was inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Abaco in a ceremony held at Back Street Café in Marsh Harbour. With him eight new board members were named: President Elect, Mrs. Joyce Riviere; Secretary, Mr. Gentry Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. Sandra Albury; Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Fred Gotlieb; Membership, ASP Wayne Miller; Service Projects, Ms. Cindy Hayworth; Rotary Foundation, Mr. Cyril Bethel; and Club Administration, Mr. Barry Whiting.

As new president, Mr. Thompson's goal are to continue with the annual projects such as the bell ringing and the distribution of packages for the needy at Christmas, to sponsor a special contest for the kids and to continue the support of Every Child Counts.

For this year The International Rotary's focus worldwide is on health and potable water issues. The water issue does not concern Abaco, but HIV and diabetes are the main two subjects that will be brought up to the awareness of communities in the Abaco Club and through the Caribbean.

Fighting illiteracy is also a focus of Rotary worldwide, so the club will try to assist with the rebuilding of the library. To raise funds for that project, a golf tournament in October is in the planning stage.

The Club is assisting the Fire Department with purchasing fire hydrants for the Marsh Harbour area.

The first Board meeting on July 18th will deal with all these issues.

Mr. Thompson said, "I wish that this year

will be as exciting as last year and I hope to be able to assist the community of Abaco. But as an international organization we try to assist other communities as well. I am looking forward to the continuous support of local businesses to assist us with our efforts."

Guest Speakers Spoke on Trade with China

By Mirella Santillo

The weekly Rotary Club meeting was held as usual on July 11 at the Back Street Café. The topic of the meeting was *Developing Trade Relations with China*, a presentation given by Mr. Rodney Collie and Mrs. Marilyn Smith, both affiliated with Global United Ltd. In Nassau.

The Bahamas is now in its ninth year of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, and it has been reported that over these years the volume of trading has been steadily increasing. At a press conference held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the honor of the visit to Nassau of Chinese Minister Zhaoxing Li, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Fred Mitchell, said, "The volume of trade between China and The Bahamas is now close to US \$150 million annually.

"We expect that, with the expansion of tourism between the two countries and the expansion of the container port on Grand Bahama, trade will increase even more." Banking on this happening, Global United purchased United Shipping, Global Customs Brokers, World Bound Couriers and Sea Airways Ltd., The company is now providing full shipping service between the Far East and Freeport with mass distribution and a bonded warehouse at the receiving end

on Grand Bahama. Because of the increasing interest of the Chinese merchants to do business here and because of what is perceived as being of definite financial interest for Bahamians, two representatives of Global United, Mr. Collie, Manager, and Mrs. Smith came to make a preliminary presentation to the members of the Rotary Club. A full presentation will be made at a conference that will be held in September in Nassau. There, interested business merchants and entrepreneurs will be able to get a full report on the trade possibilities between the two countries.

Mrs. Smith explained that Global United can move anything from The Bahamas to the world and vice versa. Her company can ship direct from China and cut the middle man out. She said, "The Chinese merchants have the capacity to mass produce and as long as a product is designed in The Bahamas, it can still bear the label made in The Bahamas.

Mr. Collie pointed out that up to 85 percent of what we make leaves the country. If we could keep only 10 percent of that it would amount to \$160 million. A way to

achieve that, he said, would be to bypass the middle man and bring goods directly into the country.

Seven hundred acres of Freeport free trade zone have been set aside to develop a huge business distribution center which could serve not only The Bahamas but also for the rest of the Caribbean. "If we do it properly," he added, "we can change the whole economic landscape of this country." The idea would be to pass on the savings to the consumers and not to over-mark up the goods. "Do not try to make a killing, do not compete, pass along the savings."

To a member raising the subject of customs' clearing which is now a fairly long process, Mrs. Smith answered that because the warehouse is bonded, the procedure is rapid and goods can be distributed within a couple of days. She reminded the audience that "anything and everything can be found in China," from clothes to electronics to appliances, toys and building materials. The Chinese exports 36 percent of the world market, second only to The United States.



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"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!" and "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!" We miss you so much. But yet remember you often. Your loving thoughts, your caring personality, the brightness that you brought into the lives of everyone you met. Your smiles, your laughter, your beaming angelic complexion that would light up a room, the Christian compassion that you all showed to everyone in your daily lives. And now, on the anniversary of your birthday, we cannot help but consider all of the "what-ifs." But then we reconsider.

You are perfect now Renee. You will always be young. You will always be beautiful. Amber, you were a little angel here. God just needed to give you wings. Your smiling face and golden locks still brighten our hearts. You all meant so much to us down here, whether as a daughter, sister, mother, neice, granddaughter or friend- You are still loved and always will be. So keep smiling and keep singing, and we will see you again someday!

Chartering a Sail Boat Can Be a Great Experience

By Mirella Santillo

Boat charters are an important business on Abaco. Most of our tourism is sea-oriented: from snorkeling to scuba diving, from bonefishing to deep sea fishing or championship fishing, from island hopping on power boats to sailing the Sea of Abaco for a few days; there is a choice for all. Quite a number of people come here on their own boat, but the first time visitor or the infrequent one sometimes charters a boat with a captain who knows where to go and a crew to handle the cleaning and the cooking.

The largest charter company on Abaco, the Moorings offers a total of 28 boats for rent, from a large Robinson and Caine built, 47-foot sailing catamaran that sleeps up to 12, to a 40-foot double hull, from a 34-foot to a 46-foot catamaran by Nautic Blue, the largest, comfortable for 10 people, to Beneteau-built mono-hull accommodating up to eight people. They come with or without a crew. According to The Mooring's operation manager, Mr. Julian Carter, popular stays are from one to two weeks.

Charterers usually prefer a fully staffed boat, but two families from the mid-west, the Spectors and the Halperns, with their relatives, chose to handle the sailing themselves. Alan Halpern who had some sailing experience, became the Captain of a 47-foot "cat" from June 17th to June 23rd and the other members of the group, including two teenagers, were assigned various duties.

"It was a fantastic week of fun and adventure," said Mr. Halpern, whom I met on June 24th, when most of the group had already left, but five tired but happy people were still waiting to get a plane back home. The group comprised mostly of relatives

from Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Maine who met in Marsh Harbour for a few days' reunion. Some came for a week, such as Mr. Alan Halpern, Mrs. Ann Spector, Mr. Alan Spector and 16-year-old Emmy Halpern and Brigid Christman, some for only a couple of days, meeting them at one of the settlements. "At one point, we had 18 people on board and up to six teenagers," commented Mrs. Spector.

Only Mr. Halpern had sailing experience, but by the end of the week everybody had learn the basics of handling a boat. Mr. Halpern reminisced over his few days' visit to Marsh Harbour. "We left last Sunday from The Moorings," he said, "and went to Guana Cay and Nippers. The next island was Man-O-War where we visited the Sail Shop. We then sailed to Hope Town and anchored off Tahiti Beach for the night. We nearly lost a crew member there," he recalled, laughing.

Mr. Spector explained, "One of the teenagers was sunbathing on a raft; I was snorkeling nearby. All of a sudden I noticed that the raft had drifted to the middle of the channel. I swam to the rescue of the girl who was completely oblivious of what had happened!"

Back in Marsh Harbour, members of the party chartered a fishing boat with Capt. Henry Sands and caught a 22-pound dolphin which they cooked. Everyone agreed, "It was the best fish we ever ate."

"During that week the weather was pretty good; it rained but the showers were only at night," said Mrs. Spector. "But Friday," she added enthusiastically, "was the best day for sailing."

The group also enjoyed local festivities,

such as Goombay where they tasted the local conch salad for the first time. "We can still taste the spices," laughed Mrs. Spector.

It was a first time on Abaco for everyone, but they said, "It was a memorable experience, and we definitely plan to come back next year."

Their week's activities were what charterers usually do. They started on a Satur-

day morning with briefing about the boat they are renting and sailing the Sea of Abaco to the nearby cays. They are given a chart.

Boats are all equipped with a depth finder which makes it easy to avoid sand bars and coral reefs. Mr. Halpern said he did not have any problem navigating, and he also used the *Cruising Guide to Abaco* by Steve Dodge as an extra tool to get around



Two extended families chartered a catamaran last month from Moorings in Marsh Harbour and enjoyed the experience so much that they expect to return next year. The Spectors and the Halperns, coming from Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Maine, had very little sailing experience. But the crew quickly learned to handle their boat. The last ones to leave are shown here with taxi driver Debbie who was very helpful to them.

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By Samantha V. Evans

We live in a society today where many individuals focus more on what they can get rather than what they can do to help someone else. Every month there are children on Abaco who need to be placed in a home temporarily as a result of a family problem. Children are vulnerable, and they trust their parents who are their primary care-givers. But sometimes parents hurt them, cannot meet their needs or adequately take care of them.

Social Services has the task of providing services to supplement and facilitate the learning process by working to eliminate the social, economic, physical and emotional barriers to learning encountered by Abaco children.

Social Services makes available a variety of programs which include lunch assistance, clothing for families, grocery allowance and counseling services. In spite of these programs there is an urgent need for foster care on Abaco. A foster parent is a person who will make his home available to house a child until a more permanent place can be found for the child to reside.

Social Services is faced with the chal-

lenge of finding homes to place children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned as well as those who have lost their parents to death. Presently, there is no database for foster care providers on Abaco, so when children need a home to be placed, this presents a major challenge.

So far, Social Services has been able to place children with persons who have extended their homes out of the goodness of their heart even though, in some instances, they do not have the space to accommodate such a request. Hence, this is why they need your help!

Recently, there was a female child who needed to be placed in foster care but there was no where to place her. The child had lost both of her parents so she had no home to go to. Social Services had to rely on someone they knew and trusted to take this child in until better or more permanent arrangements could be made.

Another situation involved a child who had been abused all of her life by persons she trusted. She, too, needed to be placed in a home, but there was no where to place her. She had to remain in the home under

the careful supervision of Social Services.

There are many cases where children are abandoned, abused or their parents die and they need foster care. What are they to do with all of these children who need homes?

It is always the first choice of Social Services to find a home for these children. But when there is no one willing to foster them, they end up placing them in a crowded children's home. Besides this, the children usually do not want to go. But when they do go, some are very unhappy and feel alone.

It is important for all of us to work together to help raise our country's "little darlings." They need love. They need to know that someone genuinely cares about them and regards them as valuable. All of us need to do our part to help build their self-esteem by telling them that they are special and deserve the best!

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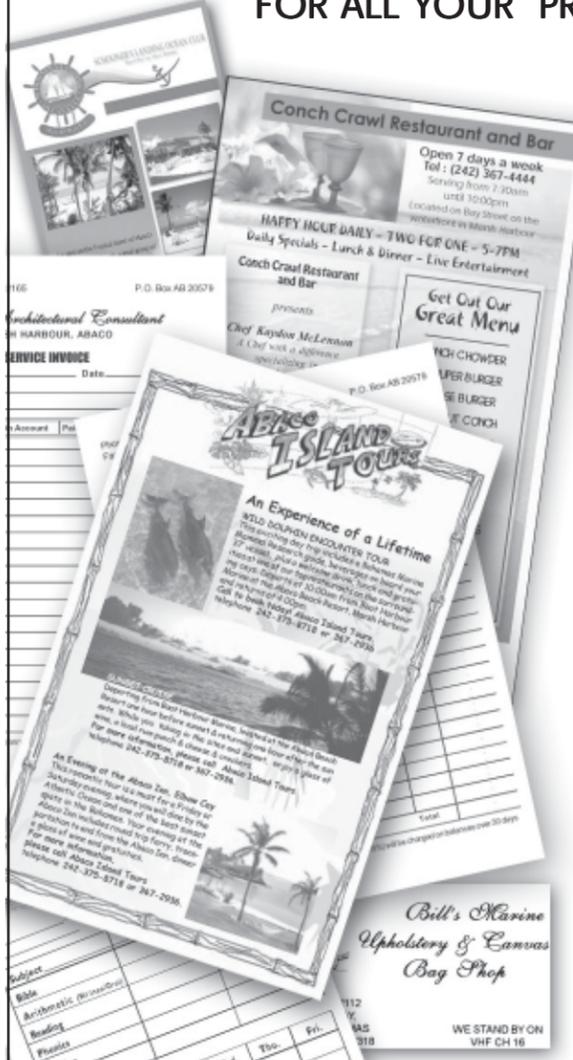
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School Reunion Includes Abaco Residents

On June 17, the Queen's College class of 1967 enjoyed "an evening of memories, music and merriment" at the Buena Vista Restaurant. A number of Abaco residents were among those who attended the reunion, including Linda and Julie Lowe, Mary Reckley and Stephen Knowles.

The event was open to all "old" scholars in their 50s, and well over a hundred turned out to swap stories with former classmates. The emcee for the evening was ex-QC vice principal Roger Kelty, who now runs the Lyford Cay Scholarship Foundation. Mr Kelty, attired in a traditional Scottish kilt, read messages from former principal Rev. Neville Stewart and other teachers and students living abroad who were unable to attend. But many from overseas did attend. In addition to Abaco, Exuma and Grand Bahama residents, some came from the United States, England and the Cayman Islands.

A private reunion weblog was set up by Tribune columnist Larry Smith for classmates around the world to post pictures and comments, as in this example, "It was great to see so many old friends and somehow comforting to know that despite the passing years we're all essentially the same. Let's keep the web site going! It would be wonderful to do it all again next year so that those unable to make it this time can get here."

The organising committee included Michelle Nottage, Christine Pemberton Lawrence, Anne Knowles Lever, Anne Wilkinson Higgs, Felicity Johnson, Sherry Albury and Debbie Albury

Krukowski. According to Mrs. Lever, "Perhaps our success will inspire other classes to hold similar reunions and set up web sites for their respective years. It's a great way to keep in touch."

As well as catering to baby boomer nostalgia, the reunion also set out to raise funds for the Queen's College Foundation, chaired by Sir Durward Knowles. The QC alumni registration website (www.qchenceforth.com) notes that donations are used to improve the school's physical plant and to sponsor teacher training, especially in science and technology subjects.

The 60s was a time of transformation and turbulence everywhere, including the Bahamas. And during those years QC students experienced significant growth and changes at the school.

"Hopefully, your memories are happy ones and your experiences equipped you for your place in the exciting future that lay ahead," Rev. Stewart wrote in a special reunion message. "For my family and me, we have no doubt that we were greatly privileged to have been chosen with others to lead the forces of change that affected the lives of so many Bahamians."

Rev. Stewart now lives in Wales and suffers from Parkinson's disease. He was posted to QC in 1964, replacing Rev. Geoffrey Litherland, and was succeeded in 1971 by Hayden Middleton. The first Bahamian principal was Rev Charles Sweeting (1979-1993). Bahamian Andrea Gibson is the current principal.

Queen's College is the oldest private school in the Bahamas, operating under

the auspices of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church. Its history goes back to 1870, when Bahamians petitioned the Methodist Missionary Society in London for "a superior kind of educational institution for boys and girls with a Methodist minister as principal."

As a result, the Rev George Terry became the first principal of the Bahamas Wesleyan Proprietary Institution in Janu-

ary, 1871. Sixteen years later the foundation stone of Victoria Hall was laid on property acquired between Frederick and Charlotte Streets adjacent to Trinity Church.

On January 13, 1890, the new school opened under the name Queen's College. It remained downtown until the early 1960s when it moved to its present site off Village Road.

A Fire in the Mud Is Contained

By Mirella Santillo

According to the police report, a fire started on June 19 at the home of Merilien Basile in the Mud. He had just left his house around 10 p.m. to pick up his wife from work, leaving his 10-year-old daughter at home when neighbors noticed smoke coming out of one of the rooms. Immediately several nearby residents rushed to the house to put the fire out.

Cpl. Paul Johnson, who arrived at the scene, together with Cpl. Knowles, said, "The fire started on a dresser in a southern bedroom." However, by the time the police arrived approximately 15 minutes later, Cpl. Knowles said, "The fire had already been put out and there was only smoke."

Cpl. Johnson, a firefighter, attributed that to the fact that several of the men

who helped put the fire out had been trained by him and Mr. Steve Skulnick of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. These men were Carmille Baptiste, Elison Bely, Sony Louis, Luchner, Smith Pierre, Junior Pierre and Israel. He said that more people should train in fire fighting so that disastrous fires such as the one which destroyed more than 60 houses in the Mud in November 2005 could be avoided. That fire resulted in the death of one resident

Mr. Basile's daughter had safely left the house. The report assesses that only one room was destroyed. The rest of the house suffered smoke and water damage only. Power was supplied to the premises by generator, and it is suspected that the wiring might have been faulty.

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Farewell and Best Wishes to Rev. Carla Culmer

By Lee Pinder

It has been over 10 years since Rev. Carla, as she is affectionately known among her parishioners, came to us straight out of college from Chandler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She was born on Eleuthera to Rev. and Mrs. Frank Culmer in Savannah Sound to a family of eight brothers and sisters. She was a loving daughter and continues to stay very close to her many family members.

When Rev. Carla arrived on our shores, the Bahamas Methodist Conference was in its infancy and struggling with growing pains. She took on the task of ministering to three of the five Methodist Churches on Abaco: St. Andrews in Dundas Town, St. James in Hope Town and Epworth Chapel here in Cherokee Sound, and changed our lives with her inspiration, warmth, easy going spirit and sensible business outline.

Rev. Carla came to us with a fresh new outlook, and her first task was to bring more new members into the church. She organized a congregational board in each church and established regular board meetings to keep thorough records and handle church business. She cared for our church buildings and made sure that repairs and regular maintenance was taken care of, not to mention hurricane repairs and modern improvements. She insisted on Conference participation and encouraged members to attend synods, spiritual and learning sessions. Rev. Carla continued with the old traditions of the church but expanded it's work within the community.

Rev. Carla was instrumental in setting

up Kids Korner, a mid-week Sunday School class for the younger schoolchildren in Cherokee Sound to insure Christen teachings in their upbringing and arranged for youth ministers to come to work with the young adults. These sessions included not only Bible study, but music appreciation, arts, crafts and lots of fun things that kept the young people eager to attend. It also made them better Christians.

The Kids Korner group has a twice yearly special church meeting where the children recite their learned Bible verses and sing their special Sunday School songs to a very appreciative audience. When the awards are handed out and special prizes distributed at the summer meeting in June, there is an ice cream social afterwards. At the winter session the children decorate a special Christmas tree with ornaments they have made themselves and receive gifts for all their accomplishments. Their bright and shining faces are the true evidence of their joy in hearing and learning God's Word, The young adults usually meet weekly for fun activities such as beach parties and interesting field trips.

Other traditions have become a part of our church, Epworth Chapel, as well, such



Rev. Carla Culmer

as church suppers and an annual Tea Party in the community where she personally presents a lovely bone china teacup and saucer to a lucky recipient. This is new tradition that is eagerly anticipated each February by all the ladies. Because of its popularity and fellowship appeal, it has been adopted by other churches and organizations locally.

The church continues to carry on the tradition of the original island Missionary Meetings with a special auction of prized vegetables, fruits and home-baked cakes, pies, Johnny cake and fudge donated by the townspeople. This raises monies ultimately used for sponsorship of church missionary work in foreign countries as well as church work in other Bahama Islands. Some is used for local charities and benevolent needs closer to home. Rev. Carla has proved to be a very effective auctioneer. She also established a monthly food basket program for the elderly or disabled through monthly donations by church members.

Rev. Carla brought about a cohesiveness we had never known before. She reached out, not only to the youth, but also to the elderly and infirm. She cared about her parishioners and the community. She performed many weddings in our church, even though the newlyweds were not our members, and attended all funerals in the settlement, whether it was in our church or the Assemblies of God. She supported all our community affairs and was well known and well loved by all who she came in contact with. To say

"she will be missed" is an understatement. We all knew she would be moving on "one of these days," but it almost feels like we are losing one of our own family members, for that was what she meant to us. So, so long, Rev. Carla, we wish you the best in all your future endeavours wherever they make take you. Please don't forget us; we will never forget you.

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