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Central Pines Business Complex opened

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Above: the official opening ceremony of the Central Pines Business Complex. Speakers included MP Renardo Curry, Minister Halkitis and Minister V. Alfred Gray. The Business Complex, built by the Teachers & Salaried Workers Credit Union, will house many amenities and businesses. See page 5.

Moores Island airs grievances in Town Meeting



Above: Member of Parliament for Central & South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key, addresses the crowd in Moores Island during the April 25 town meeting. Many different government departments came out to the remote island to discuss problems and solutions. See page 2.

North Abaco Town Planning hears development dispute

By Timothy Roberts

The North Abaco Town Planning Board held a special meeting to discuss plans before them from Treasure Sands Club and to hear objections from Abaco Defenders on the proposed plans.

Several members of Abaco Defenders, along with their Attorney, Carey Leonard, and consultant, former Senator Michael Pintard, attended the meeting seeking facts.

Mr. Pintard said that the Abaco Defenders were formed because of what they believed to be unauthorized construction going on in Treasure Cay and to address the fact that land of historical significance is being damaged.

He said "what we are trying to do now, in order for the group to formulate a final position, we simply need some background information, what we are unaware of is exactly what is the nature of the development at the site."

He said further that information is a prerequisite to any kind of consultation, and "according to the town planning and subdivisions act, had an application been made, one of the requirements of the act is that a public consultation take place. We have not met anyone in North Abaco yet that has attended such a meeting."

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Marsh Harbour residents say "Enough!" to unsightly parking problem in town



Above: a green area along Queen Elizabeth Dr. that has been used as free-for-all parking in the past, thereby degrading the town's image. Concerned citizens have mustered the support of police, town council, and property owners to enforce towing in these no-parking zones.

Local town beautification activists have secured permission from property owners and the support of local police and Town Council in preventing illegal and unsightly parking in the Marsh Harbour area. Recently signs have been posted in certain green areas alerting motorists that parking is not allowed. Flyers were also placed in car windshields alerting drivers that after April 21 cars would be towed.

According to one concerned citizen, illegal parking is just one part of the issue. The appearance of Marsh Harbour is being degraded, and this is an extra serious problem for Abaco considering tourism is the driving industry. "They're destroying all efforts we make attempting to keep our

downtown area looking nice."

Prior to the "No Parking" signs and subsequent enforcement, the area of Marsh Harbour from the stop light to Memorial Plaza would be littered with parked vehicles: mostly commuters going to work in Guana Cay.

An alarming amount of trash was also being generated in these areas adding to the decline in the areas' appearance.

Efforts to tow vehicles and preventing the illegal parking appear to be working. The areas of concern are less congested and motorists are beginning to get the message that vehicles are not welcome on the lawns and there will be enforcement of the rules.

Moores Island Town Meeting highlights neglect

By Timothy Roberts

Moores Islanders and government agencies came together for a Town Meeting hosted by the Moores Island District Council to discuss a number of issues facing the isolated community on April 25.

Minister of Parliament for Central and South Abaco Edison Key noted that he had sent \$10,000 from his Constituency Allowance for 2013/2014 to assist the community with whatever they felt was needed most. After hearing the needs of the people of Moores Island Mr. Key pledged at the end of the meeting to give Moors Island \$25,000 when he received his \$50,000 allocation for 2014/2015.

He reassured Moores Islanders that he is still fighting for them and thanked them for their support over the years. He also told them that he would like to see Moores Island have a nice harbour believing that this would be a great benefit to the community.

Chief Councillor Thomas Hield said that the Council negotiated with the Department of Environmental Health Service (DEHS) to clean the island's dumpsite which had grown out of control and got it cleaned up. The Council also hired a person to clean cemeteries and the school grounds, but had to cut him due to budget cuts.

He said the Council's main concern is the public dock which is deteriorating and he wants something done before someone gets hurt or worse. He said it seems when the government comes and sees their issues they throw their notes in the garbage when they leave.

Jeremie Saunders officer with the Department of Marine Resources noted that he saw a number of fishing boats in the harbour with compressors on board and advised that if they go fishing and are caught with the compressor on board they could face fines.

He noted that there have been recent sightings of a manatee in the Moores Island area and advised that the creature is protected under the act as a marine mammal which says that persons shall not fish for, interfere with or harass it. The only exception is for persons conduct scientific research which requires permission.

Olivia Patterson, Deputy Director of Friends of the Environment added that they welcome any reports of sightings and movements of the manatee.

Marques Williams, the newly appointed Port Administrator, said that he will not toss their concerns in the garbage and expects to return to bring assistance to Moores Island as he can see the hazard. He said he will definitely antagonize on their behalf to assist them. He also noted that they will look at the channel lights as well.

Gaynell Rolle, head of the Department of Inland Revenue, noted that there

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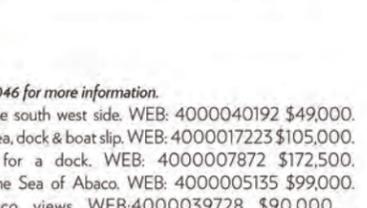
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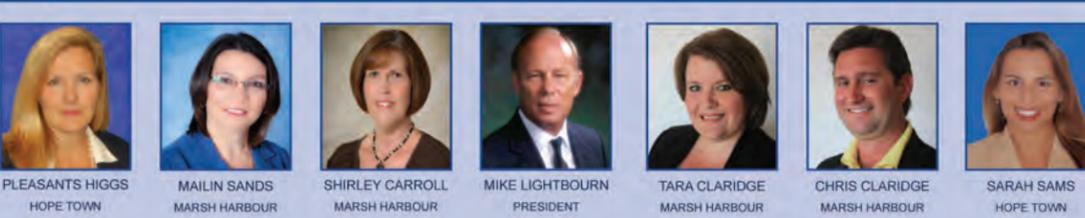


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Opening ceremony held for Credit Union's Business Complex



Above: The Hon. V. Alfred Gray was the keynote speaker at the opening.

By Canishka Alexander

Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. opened its Central Pines Shopping and Business Complex on April 11. Built by Woslee Construction, the \$15 million complex will house a number of restaurants and a fast food chain, movie theatre, food store, clinic, bakery and retail stores.

During the opening ceremony, McDonald Rolle, Master of Ceremonies, gave praise to the Almighty God "through whom all blessings flow" before calling on Pastor Stephen Knowles of the Abaco Christian Council to lead in the invocation.

In his introduction of the Abaco Central High School Band, which provided the instrumentals for the National Anthem, Rolle encouraged the students to become whoever they want to be as he highlighted successful Abaco businessmen.

Donald Symonette, chairman, greeted the audience with the welcome, and soon brief remarks were offered by Renardo Curry, MP for North Abaco and Parliamentary Secretary, and Hon. Michael Halkitis, Minister of State for Finance, respectively.

Curry joined community stakeholders in a thunderous round of applause for such a substantial investment by the credit union. He acknowledged that the establishment of the complex was truly an historic moment for the people of Abaco in its extensive commerce history.

During his remarks, Minister Halkitis described the complex as an impressive project noting that the credit union had carried out a successful review of its service structure through its excellence in service delivery, an increase in its range of services and in serving the under-served.

"You've built a strong, viable institutional model for the rest of the region," Halkitis lauded. "I hope that membership increases and that more lives are improved."

According to Nathaniel Adderley, Director of Societies, the credit union's commitment to serve people has caused it to become an indigenous model in the financial sector therefore its movement remains vibrant.

"Teachers and Salaried Workers contributes significantly to development and is a catalyst in economic advancement and job creation," Adderley opined. "The co-operative model is a proven model of success."

The Hon. V. Alfred Gray was introduced as the keynote speaker. Min. Gray said that Teachers and Salaried Workers



Above: Minister Halkitis described the complex as an impressive project.

Co-operative Credit Union was established in 1977 with a savings deposit of \$90 and only 12 members to become a major financial institution that contributes to the development of The Bahamas.

"You've heard all of that, but what they did not say is that they have more money in the bank than the Bahamian government - that you did not know," he chuckled. "And they have not told you that they are finished yet."

"I am extremely comfortable with the future of credit unions, and so it is my whale-sized pleasure to declare this wonderful building for business officially opened," Minister Gray exclaimed.

A dance selection was performed by students of Central Abaco Primary School, followed by the vote of thanks by Lenn King, secretary to the board.

At the close of the benediction, Minister Gray assisted with the cutting of the ribbon and unveiling of the plaque at the Credit Union Building followed by a tour of the complex.

Abaco's new Port Admin to oversee department overhaul



Above: Marques Williams, new Port Administrator.

By Canishka Alexander

Not many 30-year-olds have the responsibility of revamping an entire department, but then again, not many people in general are like Marques Williams.

Technically trained as a maritime professional, Williams became Abaco's new Port Administrator two months ago. The prior Port Administrator, Leeland Russell, was on secondment from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) and is now retired.

According to Minister of Transport and Aviation Glenys Hanna-Martin, Williams will oversee the repair and upgrade of the Port, which includes closed circuit

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television, enhanced lighting, and retraining of security personnel because ultimately there will be an increase in manpower.

He is also responsible for general compliance under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, which is a comprehensive set of measures to enhance the security of ships and port facilities, developed in response to the perceived threats to ships and port facilities in the wake of the 9/11 attacks in the United States.

Well qualified for the job at hand, Williams first joined the Royal Bahamas Defence Force as Marine Seaman/Commando Squadron in 2003-2006, and later attended SUNY Maritime in the hopes of becoming a captain. He graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in International Maritime Trade and Transportation with a minor in Intermodal and Maritime Security.

"Upon graduation, I was taken up by the BMA (Bahamas Maritime Authority), and I went to London to be in their graduate program," he shared. "I worked in every department at BMA then I worked at the IMO (International Maritime Organization), which is the maritime branch of the United Nations because it gives all the regulations for the industry."

In 2010, Williams earned certification as a Maritime Auditor/Lead Auditor at Warsash Maritime Academy in Southampton, Hampshire, UK.

That experience afforded him the opportunity to observe how laws are made, provide input, and work on the initial de-

velopment of the Maritime Yacht Code. Although it was determined that The Bahamas has a good international maritime program, they wanted to discover what the overall maritime regime in each country is.

"I was the liaison officer for The Bahamas. They train auditors from all over the world, and inspect how maritime is conducted in each person's country," Williams explained. "They saw our shortcomings and what we were good at, and wrote recommendations that catapulted The Bahamas into being the first country to start maritime strategy from the audit."

From there, Williams was employed as Assistant Port Controller at the Port Department in Nassau, and Ballast Water Management was among the specialized training he received, and it is a major issue in the maritime industry.

"Ships come from all over the world and take sediments from other countries, so we have invasive species like lion fish for example. While the lion fish is the low on the list of more threatening invasive species, we have to preserve our country because The Bahamas is the birthing area for almost the entire Eastern seaboard."

This strategic placement has lent itself to significant potential for the country as well as for Abaco.

He said: "There are a lot of things that have to be done for us to be internationally compliant, but there is a lot of value in ports. Ports help to build cities; 95 percent of the world's cargo is transported by ships."

Williams said although the industry is male-dominated, women are making their mark in this lucrative industry with many business opportunities available for Baha-

mians.

At the Port Department, Williams is assisted by Troy Mills, office manager; Jackie Williams, accountant/receptionist; Sarah Swain, registrar; Gary McDonald, dock master; Samuel McPhee, who carries out inspections and investigations; Leon Wilchcombe, security manager with a complement of six security officers; and two lighthouse keepers: Jeffrey Forbes and Elvis Parker.

North Abaco man charged with setting fire

By Timothy Roberts

Local volunteer fire services in Abaco achieved a small, but significant victory as a North Abaco resident was charged with damaging and endangering property by the willful and negligent use of fire on April 14 in the Magistrates Court.

Treasure Cay's Crash, Fire & Rescue Chief, Colin Albury, witnessed Jeffrey Cox setting fires in the bush in the area of Cabbage Point at Leisure Lee on Sunday, April 13. When he approached him Mr. Cox fled. Mr. Albury, with the assistance of police, arrested Mr. Cox and brought him before the court to be charged and remanded for setting fires.

Despite many dangerous and damaging forest fires set by humans in Abaco the culprits are rarely caught and almost never charged with their crimes.

The Magistrate read the charge that on Sunday April 13 at about 11:30am at Cabbage Point, Leisure Lee Mr. Cox did intentionally and unlawfully set fire to, damaging and endangering property by the willful and negligent use of fire. Mr. Cox, who is believed to be mentally challenged, responded incoherently in the end saying that the police locked him up in jail for something he didn't do despite admitting he was using the fire to "make it look decent around a coconut tree."

The plea of not guilty was entered and the Magistrate ruled that Mr. Cox should be remanded to Sandilands Rehabilitation Center and the court requested a psychological evaluation. The trial was adjourned to April 28.

Mr. Albury noted that this case is a small victory for fire services in Abaco who spend countless man-hours fighting forest fires set by irresponsible individuals. He said that there have been many times the culprit who set the fire was known yet no charges were brought to them for their offense.

Mr. Albury is hoping to see more individuals who set fires brought before the courts and charged and that people will get the message that setting bush fires is both dangerous and costly.

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are challenges in the cays in collecting business license fees an advised the community to get their renewal applications in as they will be sending officers around in May to inspect shop licenses. She also advised everyone with property to register it even though they may not pay tax on it so that they will have a record of the property which will assist when persons face property disputes.

Superintendent of Police for Abaco, Noel Curry, congratulated Moores Island for being a good statistic when it comes to crime as he reports no issues on the island, despite a few challenges. He added that they will be sending new officers to the island soon to replace the ones presently there. He noted that there has been some issues with alcohol being sold to minors which has led to some bad behavior among some teenagers.

The Principal of Moores Island's school, Ms. Ruthamae Rolle, said they have requested a maintenance man as presently the two male teachers on staff have to assist with those issues. "We do our best with the little we have," she said.

Pastor Anthony Williams spoke of the changes he is making in the lives of the 16 boys who live with him and asked for whatever assistance could be provided to help him build five showers for them.

Persons in the community also expressed concerns about the bathroom facilities at the school requesting a new block of bathrooms be built. There was also a request for a fence to be put up around the school so that children don't wander off and get in trouble. Some would also like to see a security guard at the school. It was noted that the preschool was far too small and that they should have a larger facility.

A teacher from the school noted that some teachers work overtime and that they need a PE teacher as presently they have a resident who volunteers twice a week to do PE with the students. She wants to see the students in Moores Island have the same opportunity that other children have across the country.

Residents said that their track has produced some good athletes and some have even earned scholarships and they are overdue and deserving of better facilities for these young athletes.

Another resident said they would like to see the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture have a presence on the island as there is not enough positive activities for youth to be involved in.

Concerns were voiced that there

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North Abaco

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"We've not seen any site plans; we've not seen the application; we do not have a clear understanding of anything that has been applied for," he said.

Chairman of the Town Planning Board Kenneth Major Jr. said "We see nothing wrong with the plans before the board, but having a complaint or rather a letter expressing objection is why we are here today."

He added that "Your group should have been consulted before he bought the property, but if he owns the property and it's at the point he has an application here; we're just waiting to hear your side."

Mr. Pintard said that members of the Abaco Defenders have clearly indicated in the public domain that there are items of historical significance that have been verified by an archeologist and the law requires that the owner takes certain steps, and he said this so far hasn't been done.

North Abaco Administrator, Neil Campbell asked that if Treasure Sands is building at a specific location do they have proof that there are historical artifacts at the proposed site.

Carey Leonard, Attorney for Abaco Defenders, responded that they cannot say with certainty until they know where the building is going, and that this is the reason they are at the meeting; to find out what is being proposed.

Mr. Campbell reiterated that if there are artifacts where Treasure Sands wants to build they would certainly call in the relevant agency; however, he said "if we have no proof, how can we stop him?"

Mr. Pintard questioned what the requirements are to be followed by law when plans for a development are before the board. According to law when a development is being built in a community it is required that the stakeholders are consulted with by way of a mandatory public meeting.

Mr. Campbell responded that there is no development before the Town Planning Board; that they are viewing plans for a storage shed and a gazebo. Mr. Major added that there were no plans for a development presented to the board.

Mr. Pintard said "In light of the fact that he has acted inappropriately on other aspects of that property we believe something is untoward even in terms of what is before this board." He added that Town

Planning cannot make a decision without considering the entire scope of works and the overarching plans.

Mr. Leonard presented a survey that shows the range of property that encompasses where artifacts have been found.

Mr. Pintard said we are here to ascertain facts from the owner and from town planning so that we can advise our clients and I believe any decision you make at this point would be premature and it is inappropriate according to the law because you have had no public consultation.

Mr. Major noted that if what was said about the artifacts was indeed true that it had implications for the public beach and the Anglican and Catholic Churches which may also be on that stretch of land.

Mr. Major also noted again that the only thing the board has in front of them are plans for a storage shed and a gazebo and that he knows nothing of the "master plan" Mr. Pintard referred to. He added that the plans before them had already been approved by the Department of Environmental Health and the Ministry of Works.

Managing Partner for Treasure Sands, Tim Blakely, said he is confused about the controversy as he is simply applying for "three wooden structures" and they are talking about dredging and everything else which has been dealt with through the Foreign Investment Board (FIB). "We're just here to seek permission from these gentlemen to build three wooden structures on land that's been owned for thirty years - not reclaimed land," he said. "I'm just baffled as to what the problem is."

Mr. Leonard stated that the FIB merely gives approval in principal subject to all the necessary permits being approved.

Mr. Pintard asked when they will hold a public consultation meeting on the development. Mr. Campbell said there is no development before the board. Mr. Pintard said that, then to what end are the buildings before them being built.

Mr. Pintard added that the developer himself stated in several articles in national newspapers that he is building a development. He said that each time they approve a building without seeking consultation for the broader project they are making an error in law.

He said he is simply asking the board to pause and look at what the law says; not his opinion. The law requires a public hearing.

Community volunteers aim to keep Little Abaco clean



Above: the "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness" community group. An outreach of The Urban Renewal 2.0 Crown Haven Community Center, the group has made efforts to clean and maintain the Little Abaco community.

By Bishop Carroll

For more than six months The Urban Renewal 2.0 Crown Haven Community Center has been planning ways to bring positive change to Little Abaco. Under the leadership of Center manager, Bishop Ken Carroll, the Center was able form a group of volunteers from the community. The group is called: "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness."

A meeting was held on Sunday, April 6 at St. Anne's Anglican Community Center in Crown Haven. A board of directors was elected from the neighborhood and Catechist Tommy Rolle was elected President. Mr. Rolle accepted the position and hopes, with great enthusiasm, that other communities in Little Abaco may follow

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From the Editor's Desk // Baby Steps



What is the measure of success? I would argue that there is no specific destination for success. Success is overcoming obstacles and growing. It is one foot in front of the other. In that sense, is Abaco successful?

Context from history is critical when talking about our future. But we are also witnessing many things happen for the first time that we must grapple with now.

The question we all must grapple with is should we accept success in baby steps? And if so, how small of steps are we willing to accept?

Are those we elect leading with timid baby steps, afraid to overstep the stride of those next to them in their political party? If so do we want this crawling conformity?

The crawling conformity that we have accepted for so long now has provided our basic infrastructure: electricity, running water and roads. But it is also the reason power cuts are unquestioned and authorities are unpunished. It is why water supplies get cut because one public utility company doesn't know where the pipes of the second one are. And why it takes just short of rioting to make a main thoroughfare in town

drivable.

Our leaders, for a long time, have come to think that we should expect and accept a slow drive of progress with many detours. They make sure the right pockets are filled with kickbacks and favours before any work is started. They make the process a political theater. They wait until the eleventh hour to put out fiscal fires and then say we the people have to front the cost.

Sad thing is it seems we do accept it. We like our bumbling baby steps, the government can argue. "Surely a population serious about its own economic well-being," they may say, "wouldn't let the running joke that is the unopened new airport stand. They would be protesting at the site every other week-end."

They may say about us, "if they are really so unhappy with paying that much for electricity with so little to show for it they would be demanding reform."

They may look at us and remark to each other, "they enjoy the political blame game just as much as we do. As long as they never hold government accountable as a separate entity, and instead treat us simply as political parties, we can do anything we want for five years."

We like our success but only when it is comfortable. When we don't have to work for it or make any noise. But I think that can change. We in Abaco have the historical context that shows we have the willpower and pride to pave our own future. It flares from time to time.

Baby steps may be necessary sometimes. But it is high time we learned how to run.

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Letters to the Editor

Please Stop the Noise on Treasure Cay Beach

Dear Editor,

This is not a new problem but it is now getting completely out of hand. Every public holiday we hear loud music blasting from Treasure Cay Public Beach. Not just one night, but every night.

It normally starts around noon and can go to 2 in the morning even though they are limited to a 10pm deadline.

The music is so loud it can be heard from 3 miles away and if you are unfortunate to live a few 100 yards away you can hear every repeating beat and shout and scream.

This last Easter weekend was just another example of the selfishness of those groups that have taken it to an extreme with no regard for residents and visitors to beautiful Treasure Cay.

Violence is also occurring on Good Friday. A little after 10pm a young Bahamian was stabbed and required emergency treatment at Coopers Town Government Clinic.

Unfortunately the public beach is located outside of Treasure Cay and beyond the limits of local security so we are reliant on police action "or the lack thereof" to monitor the proceedings.

Action must be taken by authorities otherwise more serious problem will arise.

If this goes unabated, vacationers will not return and home owners will question whether it's the idyllic part of the world they once thought it was and question their commitment to Abaco.

This great Bahamian country and in particular Treasure Cay relies heavily on tourism and without the tourist I don't know how the local economy will survive.

-Concerned, Frustrated and Angry

A True Display of "Family Islands"

Dear Editor,

On March 29, 2014 William Roberts was laid to rest at New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay following a funeral. On behalf of his family, a "thank you"

goes to everyone who helped make the day a special memorial.

The family is grateful to all for the overwhelming support and kindness: Mr. Pinder and his funeral staff for the professional and caring attention, the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel and congregation for being a bright embodiment of Christianity as shown by the hospitality and caring for others, and all who played a part in the day.

The term 'Family Islands' has been used over the decades in reference to the Bahamas with New Providence in dominance, but that term changed on March 29. On that day, New Plymouth and Green Turtle Cay came together as one family to pay respects, remember and wish farewell to a departed son.

Noted was the Chapel congregation generously, caringly allowing the church to be the funeral mass site, the people who respectfully stood along the procession route from the chapel to cemetery, the businesses that paused activities during the procession and residents who cared about the family in this time of mourning.

People came from as far away as Canada for the occasion and returned home impressed by how the island 'family' came together in such a way and stating that such class, caring and dignity set the standard for the entire world to emulate.

Sincerely,
Thomas Roberts

Dog Owners I am Requesting Your Consideration & Decency

Dear Editor

Once again I am complaining about the disruption of sleep, peace and quiet, relaxation, and my SANITY in my own home because of neighbor's dogs. It isn't one or two barking every so often, one can deal with that, it is four to five just in one yard and when they are only 30 feet away from my bedrooms it is all the more disruptive.

I wake up exhausted because I am interrupted during the night, I can't have a Sunday nap because of the barking, I can't sit on my porch because of the barking, I have to close my win-

dows, turn on the A/C, fan and T.V. in order to try and get some relief, who can afford the electricity to do that all the time and why should I have to? On top of this it devalues your real estate and mine.

The sad thing is that the neighbor's know how this is affecting those around them but still do nothing about it. I just don't get it! I would never do that to my neighbours. Where is the respect, consideration or morals? I have tried to get used to it...it ain't happening!

I am asking you to please consider your neighbors' around you and how this is affecting their lives. Please do something to make this better.

-Frustrated and Exhausted Neighbor

No Pride in Our Community?

Dear Editor,

In the greater scheme of things such as VAT, unsustainable national debt, insane BEC bills, downsizing and outsourcing, my concerns may seem trivial to some. A friend once told me if we take care of the small things, the large problems will take care of themselves.

My issue is with the garbage thrown on the sides of the road in Marsh Harbour between the red light and Rum Runners. Each and every day a group of concerned businessmen in the Marsh Harbour area subsidize

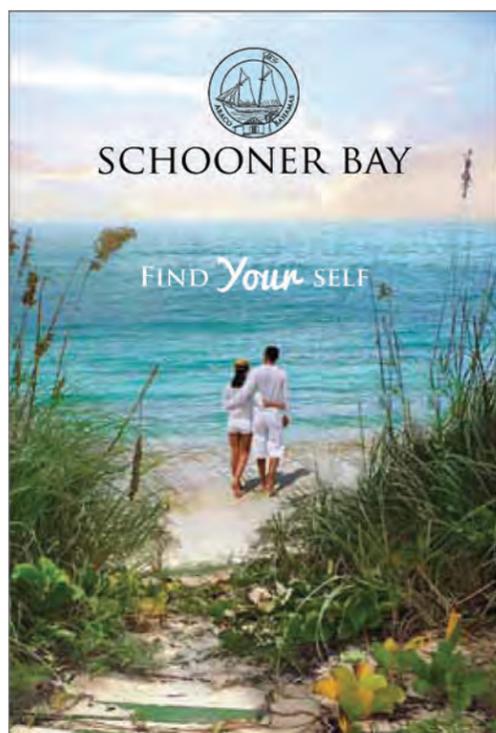
picking up this garbage, mowing the roadside lawns, planting annual flowers, and maintaining street light banners.

Generally it would be agreed that 95% of all tourists coming to the island and visiting areas such as Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Bakers Bay, and Eastern Shores have to drive through this strip of town. Cars are illegally parked on the lawns and the sides of the road, styrofoam take-out containers are tossed in the bushes next to Standard Hardware. Behind the wall where sub-contractors for projects on the cays wait on their morning ferries, the garbage and filth is ankle deep.

When visitors come to our island, they all go back with an impression. Hope Town or Man-O-War, for example, is a fantastic memory of island hospitality and friendship. Tidy, clean and well-kept too! The memory of Marsh Harbour is a lasting image of walking and driving through a dirty and garbage ridden community, and we can be assured they tell their friends back home.

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Sincerely yours,
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Hope Town's Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden memorializes history and loved ones



Above: Cliona Bacon (left) with Debbie Patterson (right) in front of the Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden, located on Hope Town's Back Street, near the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, had lain unnoticed by many for several years. However, that has all recently changed and the garden is now a beautifully landscaped retreat where one can enjoy sitting for some quiet time and reflecting under the gazebo, or wandering around the garden admiring all the interesting plants and plaques placed

in memory of many loved ones.

The garden, which is situated on Crown Land on which once stood the old Commissioners House, was started several years ago by the McAleer family who wanted to memorialize Byrle Patterson, who was one of the matriarchs of Hope Town. She is remembered as being a phenomenal lady who was always carrying out good works amongst the people of the community and for the church and the

museum.

Mrs. Patterson died in 1981 at the young age of 51 leaving five children. The McAleers, who also ran the museum for several years, put in plants which were donated and some benches. But once the McAleer family were no longer on Elbow Cay the garden became untended.

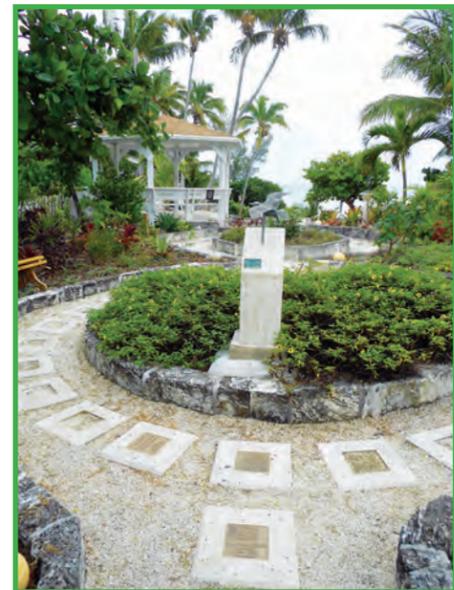
Then came along a veritable dynamo from England named Cliona Bacon. Mrs. Bacon and her husband, Alan, purchased the house opposite the memorial garden and she was saddened to look out over this area and see how untended it had become. She therefore decided to ask if she could take care of the garden.

Her desire was to transform this area into something of lasting beauty but wanted to do it properly so once the permit to go ahead was granted by the local authority work began. The day Cliona started on the project still stands out very clearly in her mind; it was on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at precisely 7:30am. She had the help of a Haitian whom she said "worked extremely hard" and also help from Chris Thompson and his late wife Peggy.

Since Mrs. Bacon is only here for a certain number of months out of the year, Louanne Judge, who is a professional garden designer, and Danny Trembley continue the work while she is away.

"There was nothing there except weeds and no landscaping at all so I found some stones from the foundation of the old Commissioner's house, marked out a design and with borrowed tools cut the stones into the shapes I needed to form small retaining walls around flower beds. People began donating plants and I had lots of volunteers. It was a complete community effort and I like to think of it as their garden," says Mrs. Bacon.

Hope Town Landscape architect, Michael Myers, drew up plans for the gar-



Above: the Memorial Garden's sculpture and plaques. Bronze plaques are being sold to raise money to repair the seawall.

den which he presented to Town Council. The Hope Town Association under the presidency of Dan McCully gave money to build an entrance arbour for which Pat McCully donated the wood. Hope Town Association gave money for Billy Gates to build the arbour which now stands as a beautiful entrance to the memorial garden with its name up above and two bench seats on either side.

An attractive gazebo, which was donated by visitors from France, stands at the far end of the garden to provide a welcome shady spot in which to sit and enjoy the view. Also at the far end is an area which would lend itself very well to the formation of a small amphitheater so Cliona Bacon has this in mind for a perfect spot for wedding ceremonies, christenings or theatrical performances.

Once through the entrance arbour the first thing that catches the eye is an equi-

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site bronze sculpture of two seagulls by well-known bronze artist James Mastin. This sculpture is in honour of Byrle Patterson for whom the garden is named. A little further back is another bronze sculpture of dolphins believed to be by Pete Johnson of Little Harbour.

The design of the garden is understated and peaceful consisting of two central circular flower beds flanked on each side of the garden with casual plantings of very attractive native plants. Many of the plants are accompanied by eye-catching natural wood signs painted with a picture of the flower and some interesting information about the plants and their medicinal properties. These signs were all made and donated by two very artistic young ladies, Ellie Strube and Mary-Beth Hawes who are frequent visitors to Hope Town.

The largest tree on property is a Miracle Tree which was planted years ago by the community and is believed to heal 400 different ailments.

Pathways lead from the arbour around the garden and each of the pathways is inlaid with special paving stones from Florida which are beautifully inlaid with shells and sea glass. In the centre of each paving stone is an 8" x8" space prepared to hold a bronze plaque. Many of these spaces have already been filled with plaques donated by family members and friends to memorial-

ize persons who have passed on.

Mrs. Bacon emphasised that these plaques are in memory of loved ones who have already passed on and not for people who are still living. "I see this as a way of permanently linking people to this island who have passed so that generations to come will come and sit by a plaque and feel the essence of the person memorialized," she says and encourages persons to purchase plaques for their deceased loved ones.

Information about all persons memorialized will be kept on file in the archives at the Wyannie Malone museum so that family members and friends can come and look up the records at any time.

The sea wall which separates the property from the beach is in a very bad state of repair and is in fact very close to falling down. This sea wall provides a retainer for the property protecting it from the ravages of the ocean. Quotes of up to \$50,000 have been received for the repair of this sea wall and it is hoped that some monies can be raised from the selling of the memorial plaques but much more will be needed and so donations are being sought.

Anyone wishing to donate may send a cheque made out to "The Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden" c/o Debbie Patterson, Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas. More information may be obtained from Mrs. Patterson at 366 0088 or by e-mailing her at quadrasonic@gmail.com.

Green Turtle Council responds to Gillam Bay criticism



Above: Council Members voted unanimously to approve what Council Member Kenvin Jones calls "a seawall built with the necessary permits as required by Bahamian law" as part of a beach restoration project.

By Timothy Roberts

Members of Green Turtle Cay District Council responded to a fellow council member's criticisms of an ongoing beach restoration project stating that the facts don't bear out his position.

In an article in the April 15, 2014 edition of The Abaconian council member Donnie Adderley's alleged that a project, featuring what he refers to as a "bulkhead" built by a single homeowner on Gillam Bay, has caused the loss of hundreds

of feet of beach on Gillam Bay in Green Turtle Cay. In addition, Mr. Adderley questioned whether such a "bulkhead" is permitted by law as well as making other claims and assertions.

According to Kenvin Jones, member of the Council, said the project was approved by the council unanimously, and that Mr. Adderley was present at the time. The Abaconian was shown the plans with

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BAKERS CRK. LOT 18. 10 min N of MH. **WEB: 4000038780 US\$70,000.** C. Albury

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the signatures of the council members on it including Mr. Adderley's.

Mr. Jones said that the project Mr. Adderley refers to is not a bulkhead built by one homeowner, but rather "a seawall built with the necessary permits as required by Bahamian law." He noted that the seawall was a part of a beach restoration project not unlike one that successfully took place in New Providence.

He said that four homeowners have funded the project to protect their homes from "ultimate destruction due to the beach erosion caused by hurricanes, tropical storms and sea rages that have occurred in the past several years, the most severe of which was hurricane Sandy in 2012." He said that the ocean was lapping at the steps of several homes at this point.

This project underwent a rigorous review and approval process that culminated in numerous approvals beginning with a vote in February 2012 by residents of Green Turtle Cay in favor of the project by a margin of 53 to 1. Mr. Adderley, he said, was also present at that meeting and did not oppose.

Mr. Jones said it wasn't until 2013 that all the various approvals needed had been received and that the restoration project could begin. "Unfortunately hurricane Sandy had occurred in the meantime and caused significantly more damage adding further to the cost and duration of the project," he said.

Upon approval of the project by the BEST Commission and at their requirement, the project has been supervised by Caribbean Coastal Engineering Services (CCES) of Nassau. Four homeowners have paid all expenses.

Mr. Jones said that the project is not complete and has been significantly delayed due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. "Unfortunately, at the current time the sea wall is still visible and the sand replenishment contemplated by the scope of this project that would cover the sea wall and restore the beach has also been delayed," he said.

Mr. Jones said that the erosion of the beach at Gillam Bay has been an issue for a long time. Groynes were installed at most property boundaries to slow erosion on the Bay over 20 years ago. He said these groynes worked well for many years but most were not maintained and began to lose their effectiveness.

He said that eventually the groynes were breached on the land side and the rate of erosion increased dramatically. Surveys done prior to the installation of the seawall indicated that over 100' of the properties had been lost since surveys done around 2005.

Mr. Jones said that the property shown in the photo Mr. Adderley gave The Abaconian had already eroded to about the same point prior to the installation of the seawall. He added that the owner of this property was given the option to be a part of the restoration project but opted not to.

Green Turtle first responder team practices BLS skills



Above: Green Turtle Cay residents who have volunteered their time to become prepared to help their neighbors in case of an emergency. Included are Thomas Sawyer (Fire Chief), Jason Bethel, Mickey Sawyer, Gene Lowe, Matthew Lowe, Josh Lowe, Kenneth Roberts, Christopher Roberts, Joshua Pinder, Julie Farrington, David Cowan, M.D. (holding donated AED), and others.

By David Cowan

The first responder medical team of Green Turtle Cay met on April 2, 2014 in order to practice and refine their resuscitation skills to the benefit of the community. The event was well attended as Basic Life Support (BLS) skills were taught.

The practice session was assisted by David Cowan, M.D., a part time resident from Orlando, Florida. Dr. Cowan brought practice mannequins and also brought a

donated Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

It is well known that in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest, the odds of survival are improved if proper resuscitation is started promptly. Toward that goal, the first responder team is organized to arrive and provide aid quickly and to coordinate their efforts for the best interest of the victim.

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North Abaco

Abaco Defenders survey Treasure Cay creeks



Above: Formed around concerns about unregulated development, Abaco Defenders took a step forward by asking an independent scientist to visit Sand Banks/Gunpowder Creek in Treasure Cay to verify the health of and life in the creek. The creek was found to be full of life with diverse habitats supporting key species like turtle, bonefish, lemon shark, juvenile crawfish, Nassau grouper and snapper.

Press Release

Formed around concerns about unregulated development, Abaco Defenders took a step forward by asking an independent scientist to visit Sand Banks/Gunpowder Creek in Treasure Cay to verify the health of and life in the creek.

According to a group representative, "When work was done here by Treasure Sands, no environmental impact study was performed, so we, as a community, had no way of knowing how this creek would be affected, and what was in it to affect. Since the Government and the developer were not providing that information we decided to try and get it for ourselves."

Zach Zuckerman, a researcher for the Cape Eleuthera Institute volunteered to come and do a quick survey of the creek area on Saturday, April 5th. Olivia Patterson, the Program Coordinator from Friends of the Environment, joined him and a group from Treasure Cay to kayak and snorkel through the creeks. Together they found a creek teeming with life.

He stated that as Sand Banks Creek contains dense turtle grass the area supports a high density of turtles. Throughout the day they saw at least 75-100 turtles of three species. There is a high density of sub-adult lemon sharks, as they were able to see more than 25 individuals ranging 3-6 feet in length. The creek boasts large areas of submerged mangrove prop roots, and a variety of habitat types, which is important to a healthy creek system.

Particular areas contained dense mats of Laurencia algae, which are critical habitat for the juvenile Nassau grouper that were observed in ledge and grass habitats. Crawfish ranging from juvenile to harvest-able size were present in rock ledges as well as ledges found beneath red mangrove roots. Medium to large mutton and adult grey snapper were also in abundance, which are important mid-range predators to assist in keeping the system healthy. Bonefish, an important species for eco-tourism, were also found in healthy numbers.

He stated that continued disturbance, from activities related to large scale development, may have a negative impact on species assemblage and abundances. If

any works in and around the creek do take place he recommended an ongoing assessment of species to provide data to monitor the impact on continued health of the creek.

That evening Mr. Zuckerman volunteered to host an educational session on the importance of mangroves based on the work that is taking place in Eleuthera. It was a well-attended session, people seemed interested to learn the role that mangroves play in protecting nearby land from storm surges and their importance as juvenile habitat for critical species like grouper and snapper.

After the talk, the question and answer session turned to the work that has been done in the area.

Fiona Bootle from Abaco Defenders rose and spoke about the group's concerns that a full development proposal had not been provided for review. She added that local Councils are being asked to approve independent buildings without knowing how they fit into the larger picture and the story about the size and location of the development continues to change over time, so it is difficult to know how the creek and community will be affected.

Concerns about the increased potential for flooding were also raised as well as the historical importance of the area as a portion of the Carleton landing site. They assured residents that they were not against the development, they just want to know what is it and how the community will be impacted before it moves forward. An area such as this, once damaged, takes a great deal of time and money to restore.

Abaco Defenders explained that they are working to try and get those answers. They have become a community partner with Save The Bays, which is currently assisting other local groups around the country in holding the Government accountable to their own laws when it comes to development.

Bootle encouraged people with concerns to reach out to Abaco Defenders, as they are here to work with the community and protect the environment of the Bahamas, which is critical to the economy and quality of life in the country.

CHEC engages Bahamian firm for \$39 Mil North Abaco Port

Press Release

Chinese Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) has engaged the expertise of Bahamian Engineering firm Caribbean Coastal Services Ltd. (CCS) as the \$39 million project moves one step closer to ground breaking in North Abaco.

The Bahamian Engineering firm will review, comment, stamp and seal CHEC's designs for the Abaco port to make sure all the drawings that are handed into the Ministry of Public Works will comply with all the local and relevant laws and codes.

Principal of CHEC Bahamas Felix Chang said support from CCS will enhance the award-winning international engineering firm's ability to fulfill all the country requirements for this port development.

"We are pleased to establish mutually beneficial business relationships with local firms the way we have with Caribbean Coastal Services," said Mr. Chang. "We look forward to completing our project to the high standards that both firms are known for."

Construction on the North Abaco Port Development is expected to be completed in roughly two years and is to be funded by the Export Import Bank of China and the government of The Bahamas. A minimum of one-third of the project's investment will be shared throughout the community directly and indirectly during the construction phase.

"We are excited about partnering with CHEC and assisting as we can," said CSS' engineer Carlos Palacios. "We are very familiar with the local environment, design recruitment and what is needed in terms of Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology Commission practices for The Bahamas and for the region."

"We're excited to join up with the Chinese team from a design process point of view."

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suit. Applauding this great move, Member of Parliament for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, was on hand on Friday, April 11 to commend the group's continuing work. Mr. Curry made a kind donation of gardening tools to assist in the cleaning campaign. The group will also be partnering with other persons in the community.

Mr. Curry noted that programs like these will definitely bring a positive change and indicated that this is what Urban Renewal 2.0 is all about – not just small home repairs but also building relationships with the residents, as well as civic and private organizations to help the constituency grow.



Above: MP Curry (right) donating gardening equipment to the group in Little Abaco.

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Junkanoo groups acknowledged during awards ceremony



Above: Central Abaco Primary School displays their prize cheque. CAPS earned first place at this year's Love Rush Junkanoo Parade in the primary school category. Teams were judged on banner, choreography, music, costumes, execution of theme and group performance.

By Mirella Santillo

On April 12, the All Abaco Junkanoo Committee held a ceremony to acknowledge the winners of the Junkanoo Love Rush Parade that took place on February 21 and 22 of this year.

The ceremony was scheduled for late afternoon in the open courtyard at the Government Complex. However, it was moved under one of the porches since the weather was threatening to break.

Many showed up and were welcomed by committee member: Wynsome Ferguson.

The Junkanoo Committee members were all present as well as Junior and Senior Junkanoo group leaders. The Director of Culture, Dr. Linda Moxey-Brown had traveled from Nassau to represent the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham, North Abaco Administrator Neil Campbell and South Abaco Administrator Lavawn Harris-Smith represented the different districts of the island.

Moderated by the Grand Marshall,

Matthew Sawyer, the ceremony unfolded. The beginning of the ceremony was a reflection on the history of the last sixteen years of Junkanoo on Abaco and was narrated by the Committee Chairman, William "Tony" Davis. Mr. Davis recognized the various people who contributed to the development of Junkanoo during that period.

This will be the last year for the present committee to organize Junkanoo on Abaco, so the Chairman reminisced on the main events that happened over the years he was in charge, including the decision to hold the parade in February instead of December. He acknowledged the different groups who participated when the parade route was a very short one- groups from Spring City, Green Turtle Cay, Sandy Point, Dundas Town and Murphy Town- who all contributed to the growth of the parade.

He also mentioned the schools which, this year, put on one of the best shows ever. This year's parade was so successful that it prompted comments that the Abaco show was second only to Nassau.

Addressing the new committee, which still must be officially formed, Mr. Davis said "You are receiving Junkanoo in the best of shape."

Dr. Moxey-Brown conveyed the apologies of Minister Daniel Johnson who was unable to attend, and reiterated her pleasure to be on the island.

Speaking on Junkanoo, she commented "this is our culture, we should support each other and not fight among each other."



Top Left: Director of Culture, Dr. Linda Moxey-Brown, presenting Colon Curry the first place prize for the Spring City Rockers.



Top: North Abaco Admin. Neil Campbell accepting the prize on behalf of Grand Cay All Age School.

Left: Arnold Newbold receives GTC Island Slammers prize from Dr. Moxey-Brown.

Survivors relive near-death experience in "Drifting Hope"



Above: Mike Russell and Anthony Douglas spotted on their capsized boat. Their rescuers estimated they had only hours more to live had they not been found.

I trust the ones taking over will also do a wonderful job."

She mentioned that 85% of her budget goes to support Junkanoo. She congratulated the participants and concluded that she was looking forward to an even more fantastic parade next year.

The trophies were handed out to the representatives of the different groups. There was a trophy for first, second and third place in the primary school division and high school division for best banner, best choreography, best music, best costumes, best execution of theme and best group performance.

The overall winner in the primary school category was Central Abaco Primary School, followed by Treasure Cay Primary School with Fox Town Primary in third place.

Forest Heights Academy was the overall winner in the high school division for the third year in a row. Abaco Central High School placed second followed by Grand Cay All Age School in third place.

Only two groups participated in the senior division.

A check for \$10,000.00 dollars was handed out to Mr. Colon Curry, leader of the Spring City Rockers.

Mr. Arnold Newbold, the leader of the Green Turtle Cay Little Island Slammers accepted a check for \$ 7,000. Schools also received a monetary prize.

The ceremony was appropriately followed by a musical Junkanoo rush, led by members of the Abaco Central High School' group. They were soon joined by other participants.

In September 2013, the US Coast Guard released photos and news of the heroic rescue of two Abaconian men stranded at sea for eight days. Comments on the Coast Guard Facebook page expressed skepticism on several levels. Some thought it impossible to survive that length of time without fresh water, not to mention constant exposure to the elements. Some questioned the origin of the men, thinking it more likely they were refugees. Others speculated on the contents of the small boat, hinting at drug trafficking.

Sometimes truth is the most unbelievable story of all.

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Above: Forest Heights Academy won first place overall in the high school division. This makes the third year in a row that FHA has earned the top honours.



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Short Read has published "Drifting Hope, Stranded in Open Water," the true story of Mike Russell and Anthony Douglas' fishing trip gone wrong. Motivated by the simple desire to stock his freezer and the love of fishing, Mike asked Anthony to take him out in Anthony's brother-in-law's boat. Calm waters and a bright blue sky escorted them to Great Isaac Cay.

They were dropping anchor when the violent storm attacked with no warning. Relentless waves sent the boat end over end, catapulting all of the provisions, life vests, gear and Mike into the raging waters. The squall stopped as quickly as it started and left the two men with only a slippery, fiberglass hull for survival.

"Drifting Hope" places the reader on the boat with Mike and Anthony as the eight-day journey takes them from confidence in certain rescue to the kind of utter hopelessness that invites the ocean depths to swallow their misery. The harrowing ordeal proved to be the ultimate test of faith, strength and mental fortitude.

Every spiritual, mental and emotional capacity was pushed to the breaking point.

Days after search parties had been called off, a Texas cargo ship spotted the pair and radioed Coast Guard Sector Miami. It was Helicopter Rescue Swimmer, Kyle Stallings' first rescue in which the victims were dehydrated to the point of near-death.

Stallings dropped from the MH-65 rescue chopper and swam toward the men for a situation and medical assessment. He pinched their skin as a test for dehydration. Hydrated skin returns to its natural state almost instantly, Mike and Anthony still had lumps where Stallings pinched them after the twenty-minute ride to Delray Medical Center.

He believes they had only hours to live without rescue.

Mere acquaintances prior to the fateful trip, now Mike and Anthony talk each day. They relive the time spent adrift in open water in a way only the two of them can understand. They compare the healing progress of deep wounds, lingering feelings of constant motion and the inability to sleep through the night. They talk about second chances, what they will do now with the new life they've been given and what they will not do.

"Drifting Hope, Stranded in Open Water" by S. Horton is available from Amazon, iBookstore and Nook.

"Heal Our Land" positions itself to assist community

By Canishka Alexander

Last month, Heal Our Land Founder Kathleen Knowles made an appeal to the Abaco community to assist with the construction of its Community Center, Juvenile and Counseling Center and Shelter for the Homeless.

Heal Our Land Community and Social Center is an organization, which began offering assistance to individuals and families in need on the island of Abaco in June 2001. Knowles explained that the center was established to respond to the loud cry for help from the hurting, the powerless and the destitute.

"Since [Heal Our Land] began its assistance, we have helped numerous individuals and families by providing rental assistance, funds for utility bills, medical assistance, foster homes for abused children, jobs for unemployed individuals, shelter for the homeless, and distribution of food and clothing," Knowles expounded.

She added that Heal Our Land has been funded through gifts and donations from its officers and members along with resources from community-minded individuals.

Presently, the main focus is now on the Youth Programme, which has three arms to it. The first is the Sunday School "Getting Back to the Basics" Programme, which will launch during May at the Heal Our Land Center located on Reckley Street, Murphy Town.

The Sunday School Programme is a programme that will be held every Sunday from 3 p.m.-5p.m. and youths will be taught the Word of God and about values and discipline.

The second arm is the Juvenile Center that targets children/youth to realize their potential and to help rebuild their lives. Knowles said the programme will help them to discover who they are, and teach them to learn what they can become while instilling in them that they were born to be a winner.

The third and final arm involves community and inter-island competitions with children ages 4 to 17 year old and their parents and the community.

"We are now in the process of completing the Community Center in Murphy Town because the foundation has been completed.

"Help us to help save our youth because this is a project that will bring deliverance, healing and restoration to all families. Let us together make it happen as it is urgently needed," Knowles urged.

Donations can be made to Heal Our Land's Royal Bank Marsh Harbour Account #3085. If you require additional information, please contact Kathleen Knowles at 554-8880; Churton Toote: 458-0320; Floyd Johnson: 359-6667; and Jerry Cornish: 475-5114.

Membership Drive encourages public to join Toastmasters club

By Canishka Alexander

Toastmasters of the Abaco Lighthouse Beamers organized a membership drive on March 28 at Maxwell's Supermarket.

According to President Charmaine Bonaby, the four-hour membership drive was very successful with approximately 10 sign ups.

"We had magazines and other literature from Toastmasters on why to join, how Toastmasters helps, etc. We also had our newsletter available," she recalled. "We let interested persons know when and where our club meets, [and we] also took their names and phone numbers for follow up."

Bonaby was joined by the Lighthouse Beamers' Vice President (VP) of Membership Glender Knowles and VP of Public Relations, TM Syrena Hollingsworth.

A membership drive was held almost three years ago, so this is the most recent membership drive and the second one to be held.

Bonaby said that another membership will probably be held next year when the incoming executive board is established because the Toastmasters year ends on June 30.

Abaco Lighthouse Beamers currently has 18 active members, and this year alone, four new members were voted in. They meet every second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Conch Inn.

K.B. gives back to the environment Ends Abaco tour with donation



Above: Bahamian recording artist K.B. donates proceeds from his CD, K.B. and Friends, Volume #4, to support the environmental education and conservation work of Friends of the Environment. Wynsome Ferguson, the new President of the Board of Friends of the Environment accepted the check on their behalf and thanked K.B. for setting the bar high for entertainers to support the environment that supports all Bahamians.

Press Release

K.B.'s music is based on the people and the beauty of The Bahamas. Now he's giving back to the environment that has given him the inspiration for so many of his hits by donating proceeds from his fourth "K.B. and Friends" Album to Friends of the Environment (FRIENDS), which provides environmental education through field trips, summer camps and after school programs and works to preserve the environment of Abaco by operating a number of grassroots conservation programs.

K.B. first became familiar FRIENDS when he performed at their annual Reef Ball fundraising event in early 2013. He says, "I was impressed with how hard they were working and the difference they were making in Abaco. They are changing attitudes and getting the kids out into the environment. I wanted to support that work. I love the Bahamas, and we need our environment to be healthy to keep our country

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Brigantine Bay Canal Home - # 1589 - Luxuriously furnished 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 4,850 s/f under roof, double garage, covered verandah, 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, 25' finger dock, boat lift. **\$2,495,000.**

"Top of the Rock" # 2014 - 3 bed, 3 bath "turnkey" furnished home, 1,824 s/f living space, 740 s/f covered porches, double garage. 198' beach frontage on 2 lot parcel. Fantastic elevated views along entire Treasure Cay Beach. **\$2,300,000.**

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"Rising Sun" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**

"Helen's Point" - # 1791 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 1,800 sq. ft. furnished home on 27,908 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkheaded seawall & dock. **\$1,095,000.**

"Pisces" - # 2085 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath harbourfront home, 2,189 s/f under air, plus 1,269 s/f double garage & covered patio. 13,716 s/f property with 71' deep water dockage. Private pool. Owner Downsizing **\$997,000.**

"Hull's Landing" - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch. Pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$995,000.**

"Harbour's Edge" - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof. 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage. **\$949,000.**

"Full Moon" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$895,000.**

Galleon Bay Beach House # 2574 - New, furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,720 s/f under roof, pool, + double garage. 158' beach & dock frontage. Boat lift. 24,732 s/f parcel. Panoramic water views. **\$875,000.**

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Atlantis 2107 - #2392 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished canalfront condo. Includes private dock slip **\$285,000.**

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Mariner's Cove Condominiums

2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2008. Close to beach & marina **\$374,000.**

#2480 - Mariner's Cove 1511 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 845 s/f furnished condo overlooking Treasure Cay marina, Well maintained, near beach, close to shops. **\$239,000.**

#2390 - Condo # 1412 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f turn-key furnished harbour condo, garage. **\$219,000.**

#985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Totally upgraded in 2013. Priced for immediate sale. **\$ 188,500.**

#2391 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$195,000.**

#655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$189,000.**

#2073 - Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great views. **\$149,000.**

#2359 - Condo # 1108 - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished condo overlooks harbour. **\$139,000.**

2321 - Mariner's Cove 1217 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished unit overlooking harbour & marina. Great vacation rental income potential. **\$139,000.**

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Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

Thurston Bay Development Parcel - #1579 - 108 acres at entrance to Treasure Cay w/2,300' shoreline w/1,300' sandy beach frontage. Abaco Highway & Treasure Cay Dr. frontage. Great development potential. **BS\$3,900,000.**

Ocean Blvd. Beach Lots 92A & 93 - # 2361 - Exceptionally large 2.0 acre beach parcel w/174' sandy beach frontage. Cleared & level lot, electricity installed. Incredible sea views. **\$2,300,000.**

Ocean Blvd Lot 10, # 1842 - Oversized 54,963 s/f parcel w/165' pristine sandy beach frontage. All utilities available. Phenomenal sea views. **\$1,495,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,205,000.**

Beachfront Lot 11, Treasure Cay Beach: # 2270 12,866 s/f elevated, cleared parcel with 118' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous panoramic beach & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,199,000.**

Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13 # 2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage each, 21,675 & 23,000 s/f cleared, walled parcels. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **EACH \$599,000.**

Beachfront Lot 58, Windward Beach - # 2333 - 22,900 s/f level parcel with 101' Sea of Abaco beach frontage. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$599,000.**

Rock Point Beach Lot 9, Block 233 - # 2140 12,257 s/f parcel with 90' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**

Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$348,500.**

Harbour Canal Lot 4, Block 200 - # 2500 - 20,000 s/f parcel with 131' sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. **\$329,000.**

Brigantine Bay Harbour Lot 55, Block 199 - # 2549 - 15,187 s/f parcel with 90' sea-walled harbour frontage, includes 65' dock, dolphin pilings, power & water installed. Fantastic harbour views **\$299,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Blk 203 - # 1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$275,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 102 - #1580 - 12,000 s/f elevated parcel w/108' deep water sea-walled frontage. Utilities available. **\$275,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1622-1625 - 4 adjoining level & cleared canal lots from 11,693 s/f to 13,876 s/f with canal frontages from 74' to 87'. All lots with sea walls installed. Utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. **From \$266,000. to \$592,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 34, Blk. 203 - # 2320 - Cleared 15,045 s/f parcel with 126' seawalled canal frontage, dock with power & water, dolphin pilings. **\$249,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Parcels: # 1319,1320,1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each with 111'+/- seawalled canal frontage, from 15,270 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

#1173 - Brigantine Bay Lot 8, Block 191 - 11,200 s/f parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage. **\$195,000.**

Sea of Abaco Lot 5, Rock Point - # 1543 - 11,700 s/f cleared lot w/ 77' sea front. Utilities available **\$179,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

St Andrews Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9 - # 2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,713 s/f w/317' of golf course frontage. All utilities available. **\$79,500.**

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #2036 - Prime residential lot # 17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

#2217 - Lot 78, Block I - Prime 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' road frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$49,995.**

Multi-Family Lot 45, Block 167 - # 2436 - 15,000 s/f parcel, near beach, shopping & marina. **\$39,950.**

Treasure Cay Development Parcels

Sandbank Creek Open Zoned Acreage: #2504 - 12.5 acres with frontage on Treasure Cay Dr. & water frontage on Sandbank Creek. Good elevations, utilities available, ideal for commercial venture. **\$499,000.**

9.40 Acres - S.C. Bootle Hwy (near Treasure Cay) # 1718 - Open zoned acreage, 438' highway, 770' depth, wooded parcel, 1/4 mile north of Treasure Cay. **\$199,000.**

3 Prime Commercial Lots on Treasure Cay Dr. # 2502 - Each lot features 15,000 s/f with 100' of road frontage. near Treasure Cay entrance. Zoned for retail business. Utilities available. **EACH \$85,000.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

2176 - "Rivendell" - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f furnished beach cottage on 17,090 s/f parcel with 110' of Sea of Abaco frontage. **\$359,000.**

1197 - Beachfront Lot # 7, 17,095 s/f with 126' hard rock & sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Enchanting Sea of Abaco views. **\$259,000.**

GUANA CAY

"Ridge Runner" # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,899,500.**

Orchid Bay Beach Lot # 25 - # 1530 - 1.173 acre beach lot with 135' Atlantic Ocean beach frontage. Usage of Orchid Bay amenities. **\$1,499,000.**

"Ocean Symphony" # 6 Ocean Ridge Estates - # 2346 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath newly built & furnished 2,235 s/f Atlantic Ocean home & pool on 16,725 s/f parcel w/111' hardrock shoreline. Dock slip on Sea of Abaco. **\$1,495,000.**

"Wave Watch" - # 2030 - Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath, elevated 2 level, 2,000 s/f turn-key furnished Atlantic ocean view home. Golf cart included. **\$449,000.**

Cottage Lot C-10, Orchid Bay - # 1584 - Sea of Abaco building lot, 14,574 s/f, 82' hardrock shoreline, majestic sea views. Orchid Bay amenities. **\$199,000.**

Sea View Lot K-82: # 2298 - 8,744 s/f lot located less than 200' from Sea of Abaco dockage. Access to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$199,000.**

"Secret Beach" # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Beachfront Lot 5 B - # 714 - 1 acre elevated parcel with 100' Atlantic Ocean sandy beach frontage, utilities available. **\$195,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 2022 - Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$49,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$35,000.**

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

TURTLE ROCKS

#2269 - Turtle Rocks West - 2.50 acre waterfront parcel extends from S.C. Bootle Hwy. to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

CASUARINA POINT

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

NORTH ABACO

"Fisherman's Paradise Marina", Loggerhead Creek - # 2355 Under development on 47 acre tract w/1,500' shoreline. Designed for 67 deep water slips for vessels up to 35'. Electricity installed. **"As Is" \$2,495,000.**

Sugar Plantation 36: #2238 - Lovely 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 level 3,400 s/f tastefully furnished Sea of Abaco waterfront home, plus 1,000 s/f garage & guest house. Pool, private dock, boat lift. 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline **\$895,000.**

Boiling Hole # 1029 - 10.9 acre wooded tract with 156' Sea of Abaco bayside Sea of Abaco frontage. Utilities available at road boundary. **\$107,800.**

Boiling Hole - # 1030 - Two Sea of Abaco waterfront lots (16,689 s/f & 18,192 s/f) 73' & 80' water & highway frontage. Hard rock shoreline. Utilities available. **EACH \$65,900.**

SOUTH ABACO

156 Acre Beachfront Parcel - #2435 Elevations to 60' w/3,152' sandy Atlantic Ocean beach frontage adjacent to Long Beach community. Sensational sea views. Ideal for residential or resort development **\$4,500,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "K": Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$439,500.**

MARSH HARBOUR

#2265 - Central Pines Duplex - 2 bed, 2 bath each, 2,200 s/f total, 12,000 s/f corner parcel. **\$180,000.**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$168,000.**

JOE'S CREEK

Lot "B" - Joe's Creek Vicinity - # 2253, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

LEISURE LEE

"Tranquil Palms" # 2366 - Well maintained & inviting 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,790 s/f turn-key furnished split level canal front home, good elevations. 110' sea-walled canal frontage, deep water dock, tropically landscaped grounds. **\$749,000.**

A Boater's Delight Bayfront Home # 2589 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath newly constructed, unfurnished, 2,240 s/f under roof, private boat slip, 108' water frontage, 18,600 s/f parcel. **\$499,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,000 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$420,000.**

#2213 - "Leisurely Times" - 2 bed, 1 bath, 845 s/f furnished canal home on 12,100 s/f parcel w/110' bulkheaded canal frontage & 50' layalong dock. **\$299,000.**

Residential Parcels

#130 - 22,949 s/f beachfront parcel with 365' of Sea of Abaco water frontage. Great Sea of Abaco views. Electricity, water, telephone & DSL internet at road boundary. **BS\$365,000.**

#1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**

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

1844 - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$125,000.**

Lot # 15 - Great Abaco Hwy - Near Leisure Lee - # 567 - 2.139 acre parcel w/ 50' elevations & 119' frontage on both highway & Coromont Pond. Utilities available. **\$129,000.**

Canal Lot 186 - # 2469 12,535 s/f parcel on quiet cul-de-sac with 174' of deep water sheltered canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$119,000.**

Lot 209 - # 2519 - 12,828 s/f parcel with 100' extra deep water, sheltered canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$115,000.**

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$109,000.**

811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$69,900.**

1902 - Lot # 170 - 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available. **\$49,900.**

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Spay and Neuter Clinic fixes 200 animals

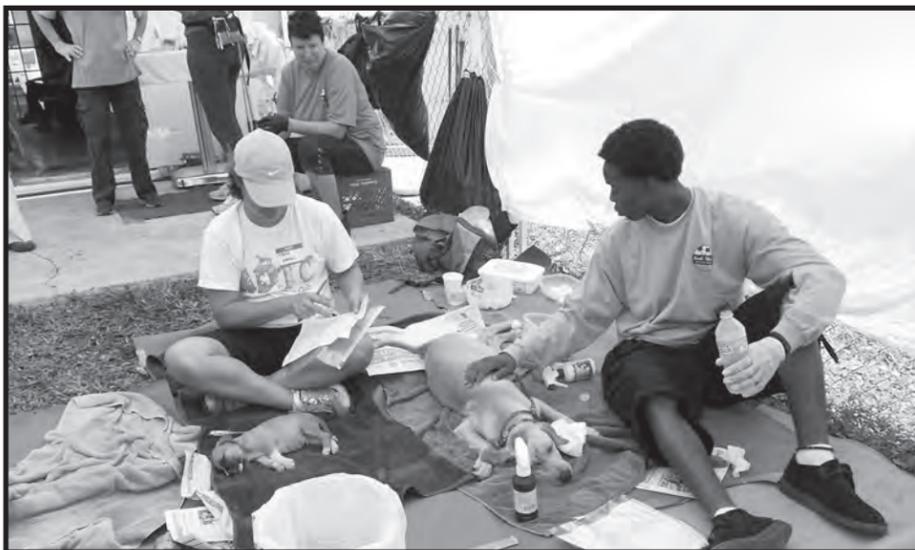
and our economy healthy.”

From his first hit with the band, Ego Tripp titled “Turn Her Loose and Let Her Go”, the international sensation “She Fat” and his string of hits and successful albums that followed, K.B. has been a leader in the Bahamian music industry for some time. His efforts to include other Bahamian musicians in the opportunities that came his way continued as the artist grew as a writer/producer.

In addition to his own extensive discography, which includes hit albums “Conch Juice”, “Island Boy”, “Bush Mechanic” and “Bahamian Culture”; K.B. has also produced a number of “K.B. and Friends” compilation albums.

Now K.B. is becoming a leader in bringing together the Bahamian entertainment industry and groups that support the Bahamas environment. As a Board Member for Save The Bays, K.B. took time out from his concerts in Abaco to stop by FRIENDS and deliver his donation to the new President of the Board of Directors of FRIENDS, Wynsome Ferguson.

Ferguson, who is also the Director of the Abaco Tourism Office, said, “We greatly appreciate K.B.’s contribution and we are glad that he is setting a standard for entertainers to support the environment that inspires them and brings so much to our country.”



Above: volunteers caring for dogs after their surgeries.

By Jennifer Hudson

Approximately 200 animals were spayed and neutered during the Spay and Neuter Clinics held on April 25, 26 and 27. While a few of these were cats, the majority were dogs. This service was absolutely free and several community members who could not otherwise afford the charge brought in their dogs. However, most of the animals were stray potcakes brought in by volunteers who spent the three days catching stray animals.

Volunteers set traps and also went door-to-door and reported that they had a good response from owners. Once neutered these animals were then released. The areas focused on for this Clinic were Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Central Pines and Spring City al-

though animals were also brought in from Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point and Green Turtle Cay.

The organizers were delighted to have met their goal of ‘fixing’ 200 animals during this three day clinic.

The clinics were held at Dr. Bailey’s Island Veterinary Clinic whose premises were an absolute hive of activity during that time and three veterinarians worked tirelessly during those three days dealing with the many animals that were brought in.

Dr. Bailey of Abaco, Dr. Dorsett of Nassau and Dr. Wildgoose of Grand Bahama (who also brought in a tech) performed the surgeries. The organizers of the clinics are extremely grateful to Dr. Bailey whom they say is always willing to jump on board

in opening his premises for these clinics and performing surgeries.

The clinics were promoted by four animal rights groups, namely Friends of Abaco Animals, Abaco Shelter (formerly Pop’s shelter, BAARK from Nassau and Royal Potcake Rescue which is based in Atlanta.

Although spay and neuter clinics have been held on Abaco previously they were originally organized by BAARK from Nassau. This was the second spay and neuter clinic organized by an Abaco group, the first one having been held in October last year.

A large band of volunteers helped on each of the days, working in the clinic dealing with the animals before and after their surgeries while others combed the neighbourhoods to bring in animals which needed neutering. Most of the volunteers were animal lovers from Abaco but they were also joined by three volunteers from Nassau and six from the Royal Potcake Rescue in Atlanta.

Leisa Plummer, who spearheaded the organization of this three day clinic, stated her gratitude to these volunteers and also to the wonderful second-homeowners who had opened their homes to housing the volunteers.

She also expressed thanks to the sponsors who had made these much-needed spay and neuter clinics possible, namely Deans Shipping, Abaco Island Properties, Bahamasair, BNT, Chris Thompson Real Estate, Conch Inn, Golden Grouper, Hope Town Hideaways, Island Breezes Motel, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Schooner Bay

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Spay From Page 21

and members of the general public, also Maxwells and Abaco Groceries for the donation of feeding supplies.

The vets donated their time and skills for a very minimal charge.

The group is hoping to hold two clinics a year and successive clinics will be concentrating on animals from areas of North Abaco and South Abaco. Mrs. Plummer stated that they very much need the support of dog and cat owners. The goal of the group is to now collect \$10,000 to run the next spay and neuter clinic. They are urging the public to donate and anyone wishing to do so should send donations to the Abaco Shelter or Royal Potcake Rescue stipulating that they are for the spay and neuter clinic.

These groups can be contacted on their websites or on their Facebook pages.

Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Abaco Shelter (formerly Pops) either with caring for the dogs, donating food, transporting animals or fostering. Leisa Plummer states that there are on average 36 dogs in the shelter at any one time. There are not only puppies but also 'teen-age' dogs and older ones all of which make great pets.



Above: Dr. Dorsett (From Nassau) operating on a potcake puppy.

Spa and Wellness Weekend at pampers guests at Schooner Bay



Above: Shamir Armbrister (left) & Vanessa Lockhart (right) giving a massage.

By Jennifer Hudson

Schooner Bay's first Spa and Wellness Weekend was held on April 25, 26 and 27 at the Schooner Bay Village in South Abaco. Residents of Schooner Bay and visitors from Nassau and the United States indulged themselves in a weekend of pampering. Relaxing and healthful activities included stretching and yoga on the beach at sunrise and sunset, delicious healthy meals, a healthy cooking demonstration, spa treatments and a guided tour with Bahamas National Trust guide Marcus Davis.

Yoga classes were led by Mrs. Elaine Pilon and spa treatments administered by Vanessa Lockhart and Shamir Armbrister. Spa treatments included pedicures and manicures, facials, regular massage and hot stones massage Clients were able to choose between two hand massage or four hand massage in which both therapists

would work on the person at the same time doubling the therapeutic results.

Delicious brunches were enjoyed in the beautiful picturesque beach setting in front of the cabana and on the Friday night a progressive dinner was held beginning with cocktails in one location and moving to various other spots within the village for each successive course.

Despite the threat of bad weather for the weekend which prevented the arrival of some visitors from Nassau who were planning on travelling to Schooner Bay by boat, Ms. Jennifer Duncombe, Administrative Assistant/Sales Coordinator was very pleased with Schooner Bay's first spa and wellness weekend and stated that she is looking forward to many more which will be even bigger and better.

Moores From Page 6

has been times, purportedly about a year, when no doctor visited Moores Island. In recent times the doctor has only shown up every other month. Residents said there is a need for the doctor to come at least once a month but other believe it necessary for them to visit twice a month.

Gaynell Rolle said that the government is looking to hire 30 doctors most of which will be sent to the out islands.

It was also noted that the clinic building has outlived its ability to serve the needs of the community. The Nurse said that Moores Island deserves the same courtesy afforded to other settlements. The clinic also needs to be located on higher ground.

The nurse also noted that blood work is challenging due to the lack of a regular flight in and out of Moores Island and she has often had to pay out of pocket to have them shipped.

There is also a need for a fire truck on the island as residents have no means of tackling fires when they occur.

Another resident noted that there is a growing stray dog population on the island and some persons have been harassed and attacked by them.

Concerns were expressed about the sea wall that was damaged in Hurricane Sandy and that there is a lack of shelters when storms come through.

People spoke up that they are fed up and tired and a constant chorus from the audience was that "they don't care about us!"

Mr. Key noted that the majority of the issues Moores Island face came about due to lack of money and its isolation.

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Gone Fishin'

Man-O-War Invitational enjoys perfect fishing weather



Above: the Top Boat with Largest Dolphin — "Bimini Twist", Captain Gene Crockett from Wachapreague, Virginia.

By Jim Albertson

The 12th Annual Man-O-War Invitational Offshore Fishing Tournament was held April 24th through the 26. Although the criteria for winning, the location, many of the boats and fishing teams remain the same, each tournament is very different.

Last year's weather was windy and the seas were rough. This year's weather was absolutely perfect all three days: blue skies and calm seas. Last year's winning fish was a wahoo, caught in the final minutes of the final day on the "Phyllis C", Captain Jeffrey Albury. This year's winning fish was a dolphin, caught the first day of the tournament aboard the "Bimini Twist"/Captain Gene Crockett.

The tournament base was Man-O-War Marina and the awards banquet was held at "Sea to Sea", the home of Scott and

Judy Gregory, Man-O-War Cay.

This year's winners were:

Top Boat, Largest Dolphin — "Bimini Twist", Captain Gene Crockett from Wachapreague, Virginia

Tournament Grand Slam — "Flying Tiger", Captian Buzzy Allen from Jacksonville, Florida

Biggest Tuna — "Bluebird", Captain Scott Gregory, Quincy, Florida

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4:00pm / 5:45pm

Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm / 5:00pm

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6:45am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm 5:45pm

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During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for any changes.

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"Is the Airport Open Yet?"

Part IX



No.

Why?

Although government stated that they were eyeing the end of April for a possible soft opening for the Leonard M Thompson International Airport, Deputy Prime Minister Philip Brave Davis revealed that the opening could be delayed as late as the end of May.

The airport terminal, initially expected to open in October 2012, has seen a number of deadlines come and go for the last year and a half and this last delay leaves Abacoians no less frustrated but unsurprised.

On April 23 outside of the house of Assembly Mr. Davis told reporters that although most of the work at the airport was complete, the facility was not scheduled to open until sometime in May because of numerous factors.

He said: "Marsh Harbour airport is almost done and I think we are scheduled to open sometime in May. There were a lot of delays and a number of factors contributed to the delay. As I am currently advised, as I stand here it is still May. I don't know whether it's the first week in May but I know it is May.

"The occupancy certificate has been issued for the building. I can say that so much of the work (required) relates to the runway, the parking area and the other accommodations. (The) work required is to ensure the airport is as aesthetically functional (as possible)."

So yes, another missed deadline, but who's counting?

Check Back Next Issue for Another Exciting Installment in: Is the Airport Open Yet?

Hotels and House Rental Agents

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise

Island-wide Abaco Listings

Abaco Cottage 114 hse 366-0576
Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529

Casuarina Point

Sea Grape/Coco Plum 2 Units 367-2107

Cherokee

Lee Pinder 3 hse 366-2053
Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075

Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

Green Turtle Cay

Barefoot Homes 14 hse 577-4092
Bluff House Club 12 units 365-4200
Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 800-752-0166
Green Turtle Club 35 rm 365-4271
Island Properties 34 hse 365-4047
Leeward Yacht Club 5 hse 365-4191
New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161
Ocean Blue Properties 34 hse 365-4636
Other Shore Club 365-4226
Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

Guana Cay

Dive Guana 11 hse 365-5178
Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137
Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133
Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762
Ruth Sands 9 hse 365-5140

Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133
Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164
Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse 366-0035
Firefly Resort 7 villas 366-0145
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095
Hope T Hideaways 63 hse 366-0224
Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 3 Suites 366-0003

Hope Town..cont

Hope T Villas 3 hse 366-0266
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages 4 hse 366-0266
Sea Spray Resort 6 villas 366-0065
Tanny Key 43 hse 366-0053
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers' Quarters Cay

Lubbers' Landing 4 villas 577-2000

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 2 hse 365-6048
Waterway Rentals 14 hse 365-6143

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse 367-2719
Abaco Towns 16 apts 367-0148
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
Living Easy 16 hse 367-2202
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
Regattas 32 apts 577-6764
HG Christie 11 hse 367-4151

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonafishing 10 rm 800-628-1447

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Abaco Estate Services Mult hse 365-8752
Bahama Beach Club 88 units 365-8500
Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Turtle Rock

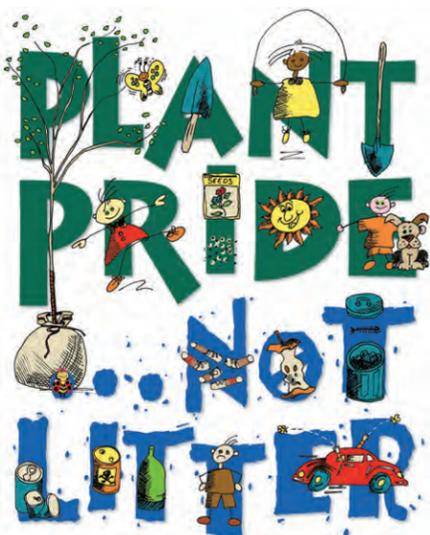
Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900

Web Sites with Abaco Information
www.abaconian.com www.abacoinet.com www.abacocottage.com
www.abacos.com www.oii.net www.bahamas.com

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Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation
www.theabaconian.com

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Albury's Ferry Service - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 7.15am 9am 11am 12:15pm 4pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00am 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay. From Conch Inn:
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm
Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)

Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
T Cay Airport>Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm*
5:00pm
Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**

* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some GT Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$50 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$60 Round Trip

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

Bahamas Ferries Winter Schedule only (Jan 3rd to Apr 15th, 2014)
Mon & Wed: Dep Nassau 2 pm...Arrive S. Abaco 8 pm... Dep S. Abaco 9 pm. **Tue & Thu:** Arrive Freeport 6 am...Dep Freeport 4:30 pm. **Wed & Fri:** Arrive S. Abaco 1:30 am...Dep S. Abaco 2:30 am...Arrive Nassau 8:30 am. Call Abaco Agent: 225-0741 or Nassau Office 242-323-2166 for rates.

Attractions

Albert Lowe Museum Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits.. Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum..... Hope Town
Elbow Cay Lighthouse Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole..... Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry Little Harbour
Man-O-War Heritage Museum..... Man-O-War Cay
Man-O-War Boatyards Man-O-War Cay
Hole-in- Wall lighthouse -very rough road..... South Abaco
Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide... North Abaco
Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill..... North Abaco
Abaco wild horses by appointment..... 367-4805
Bird watching - ask tourism..... 367-3067

Beaches

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

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
• Sandy Point & more

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour..... 367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour 367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure 577-0004
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay 365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay..... 365-4411
C & C Charters • Treasure Cay 365-8506
Dive Abaco Since 1978 • Marsh Harbour..... 367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town 366-0024
DSB Eco-Adventures • Schooner Bay..... 376-9858
The Great Abaco Express Eco & Historical bus tours
Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

Green Turtle Cay
Bluff House 38 F 365-4247
Green Turtle Club 40 F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina 15 365-4531
Other Shore Club 15 F 365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service..... 10 F 365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club..... 26..... 365-4191

Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina 150..... 365-8250

Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina 28 F..... 365-6008

Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina 192..... F..... 367-2158
Conch Inn 72..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina 40..... F 367-2182
Mangoes Marina 29 367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina 62 F..... 367 2700

Hope Town

Hope Town Marina 62..... 366-0003
Lighthouse Marina 6 F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray 60 F..... 366-0065

South Abaco

Schooner Bay 15 F..... 475-7626

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina 40 F..... 365-0083

Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina 158..... 365-5802
Guana Hide-aways 37 365-5070
Orchid Bay..... 66 F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Wi-Fi Hotspots

Marsh Harbour: Abaco Beach Resort
Snappas Grill & Chill
Curlytails
Mangoes Restaurant
Hope Town: Abaco Inn
Cap'n Jacks
H.T. Harbour Lodge
Sea Spray
Green Turle Cay: Sundowners
McIntosh Restaurant
Jolly Roger Bar & Bistro
Leeward Yacht Club
Bluff House
Guana Cay: Guana Grabbers
Nipper's Bar & Grill
M-O-W Cay: Man-O-War Marina
Islander's Restaurant

Charter Fishing Boats

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

Golf Carts • Bikes & Scooters • Boats

Marsh Harbour
A & P Car Rentals 367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals..... 367-1035
Bargain Car Rentals 367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals 367-3910
Cruise Abaco Sailboat Rentals 577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals..... 367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals..... 367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars..... 367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals 367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals 367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals 367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals 367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental 365-4411
C & D Cart Rental 365-4311
Cruising Cart Rentals..... 365-4065
D & P Cart Rental 365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals..... 365-4119
Harbour View Golf Carts..... 365-4411
Kool Karts 365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals 365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes 365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals 365-4259

Guana Cay

Albury's Property Management, Cart Rentals .. 365-5175
Dive Guana Boats, Golf Carts & Bikes..... 365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals..... 365-5175

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco 321-220-8796

Man-O-War

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

Hope Town

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

Treasure Cay

Abaco Adventures - Kayaks 365-8749
Blue Marlin Golf Cart Rentals 365-8687
Cash's Carts 365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals 365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals 365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals 365-8761
Wendal's Bicycle Rentals..... 365-8687

Schooner Bay

T's Carts..... 557-1015
DSB Bike Rentals..... 376-9858

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Bonefish Guides

Casuarina Point Junior Albury..... 366-3058	Marsh Harbour cont... Terrance Davis..... 375-8550 Buddy Pinder..... 366-2163 Justin Sands..... 359-6890 Danny Sawyer 367-3577 Jay Sawyer 367-3941 Abaco Lodge..... 577-1747
Cherokee Donnie Lowe..... 366-2275 Maxwell Sawyer..... 366-3058 Marty Sawyer..... 366-2115 Randy Sawyer 366-2284 Will Sawyer..... 366-2177	North Abaco O'Donald McIntosh... 477-5037 Edward Rolle 365-0024 Pedro Thurston..... 365-2405
Crossing Rocks Tony Russell 366-3259	Sandy Point Valantino Adderley... 366-4323 Anthony Bain 366-4107 Rickmon's..... 366-4139/4477 Pete's Guest House... 366-4119 Patrick Roberts..... 366-4285
Green Turtle Cay Rick Sawyer..... 365-4261 Ronnie Sawyer 357-6667	Treasure Cay Capt. Joe Pritchard... 559-9117 Carey McKenzie..... 365-8313
Hope Town Maitland Lowe 366-0234 Tom Albury..... 366-3141	
Marsh Harbour Jody Albury..... 375-8068 Sidney Albury..... 477-5996 Richard Albury..... 577-0313	

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper

Marsh Harbour/Murphy/Dundas

Abaco Pizza \$ 367-4488
Anglers \$\$\$ 367-2158
Back 2 Da Island..... \$..... 367-0150
Casiah's..... \$ 367-0514
Curly Tails \$\$\$ 367-4444
Foxie's Pizza..... \$ 367-2058
Golden Grouper..... \$\$\$ 367-2301
Island Family Rest \$\$ 367-3778
Java Coffee House 367-5523
Jamie's Place \$ 367-2880
Junovia's..... \$\$ 367-1271
Jib Room \$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken \$ 367-2615
Mangoes \$\$\$ 367-2366
Oasis \$\$ 699-4000
Rumrunners..... \$\$ 367-0171
Snack Shack \$ 367-4005
Snappas \$\$\$ 367-2278
Wallys \$\$\$ 367-2074

Hope Town

Abaco Inn \$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks \$\$ 366-0247
Firefly..... \$\$\$ 366-0145
Harbour's Edge..... \$\$ 366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L)..... \$ 366-0760
HT Inn & Marina..... \$ 366-0003
H T Harbour Lodge \$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies \$ 366-0423
OnDa Beach \$ 366-0558
PapanastyBBQ..... \$ 366-0654
Sea Spray # \$ 366-0065
Sugar Shack + \$ 366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub..... \$ 577-5487

Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's..... \$ 366-3139

Man-O-War

Islander's Seaside Rest \$ 365-6380
Dock'n Dine \$ 365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar \$ 365-6501

Guana Cay

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

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club..... \$\$\$ 365-8500

Coco Beach Bar & Grill..... \$ 365-8470
Creative Hands Bakery..... \$ 365-8153
Florence's Cafe..... \$ 365-8185
Spinnaker Restaurant \$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class \$\$\$ 365-8195
Treasure Sands Club \$\$\$ 365-9385

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House \$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro \$ 365-4247
Green Turtle Club \$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill..... \$ 365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill..... \$ 365-4191
McIntosh's Restaurant \$ 365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant..... \$ 365-4181
New Plymouth Inn \$ 365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill\$ 365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cfe \$ 365-4234
Shorties Take-a-Way..... \$ 365-4342
Sundowners \$ 365-4060
The Wreaking Tree..... \$ 365-5263

Sandy Point

Nancy's..... \$ 366-4120

Schooner Bay

The Blackfly Lodge \$\$\$ 376-0321
The Red Marlin Bistro..... \$ 426-5440
Judy Mae's Kitchen..... \$ 475-7626
Beach Cabana Bar..... \$ 376-9858

Emergency Services

Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance) 367-2911
Police - Marsh Harbour 367-3437 • 911
Police - Hope Town 366-0667
Police - Man-O-War 365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay 365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay 365-4550
B. Electricity Corp 367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage 475-1499, 475-5518
The following services are provided by volunteers
Fire - Marsh Harbour 367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay 475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War 365-4019
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue 365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue..... Marine VHF 16..... 366-0282
Hope Town 366-0549 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine, M.H 367-2295
Abaco Medi-Center, M.H..... 367-9999
Auskill Advanced Medical Clinic, M.H 367-0020
Chiropractor-Dr. Lewis, M.H..... 367-0020
Chiropractor-Michael Hendley, D.C..... 242-439-0768... 367-0020
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay 365-8288
Integrated Medical Center..... 367-1304
Emergency 458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre..... 367-0050
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour 367-2510
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town 365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay 365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town 366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point 366-4010
Kidney Centre, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3310
Out Island Chiropractor..... 367-2584

Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4355
Abaco Dental Asso..... 367-0164
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour..... 367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic..... 365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour..... 367-2544
Treasure Cay..... 365-8061
Chemist shoppe, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3106

Veterinary

Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour..... 367-3551
Island Veterinary Clinic, Marsh Harbour..... 367-0062

Airlines Serving Abaco

Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is 367-2266
AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beah..... 1-386-478-0600
American Eagle - Miami 367-2231
US Reservation..... 1-800-433-7300
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft. Laud 367-2095
Craig Air - Jacksonville..... 367-3522
Island Wings - Ft. Lauderdale..... 1-954-274-6214
Regional - Freeport..... 367-0446
Silver Airline - Orlando, Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach 367-3415
US Reservation..... 1-800-231-0856
Sky Bahamas - Nassau 367-0996
Reservation..... 1-242-377-8993
Western Air - Nassau 367-3722
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida
Cherokee Air Charters 367-1920

Dive Shops

Dive Abaco Since 1978, Marsh Harbour..... 367-2787
Dive Time, Man-O-War..... 365-6235
Froggies, Hope Town..... 366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay..... 365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay..... 365-4411
Dive Guana..... 365-5178

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each passengers above two

• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light, \$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore dose, Ferry \$15
Spring City..... \$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins Bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch \$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern \$20
Snake Cay \$35
Casuarina Point..... \$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour \$80
Bahama Palm Shore \$90
Crossing Rocks \$105
Sandy Point \$150
Leisure Lee \$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry \$80
Treasure Cay Resort..... \$85
Fox Town \$165

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

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

• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock..... \$10
Madeira Park \$20
Sand Banks \$25
Treasure Cay Resort..... \$30
Leisure Lee \$45
Black Wood \$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town \$40
Cedar Harbour \$60
Wood Cay \$70
Mount Hope \$80
Fox Town \$85
Crown Haven \$90
Marsh Harbour airport \$80
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport \$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour \$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry \$25
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole \$30



Abaco Cays Realty, Ltd.

"Luxury homes and property sales"



Elbow Cay
- 24,916 s.f. - 0.571 Acre
- 800 s.f. - 2 Bd - 1 Bth
- 16.5' x 12.4' Shed/Work
- Shared Dock on Sofa
- Off Grid / Solar
- Wired - power available
- Newly Built
- Atlantic Beach access
#HTH1217 - \$549,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 22,330 s.f. - 0.512 Acre
- 155.59' on Sea of Abaco
- 1083 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
- Deltec Home
- 15,000 gal cistern
- close to Gilliam Bay
- Close to town
#GTH1235 \$610,000



Man O' War Cay
- 94,089 s.f. - 2.16 acre
- 146' Atlantic Beach
- Private 90' dock
- 1,975 s.f. residences
- 758 s.f. Main residence
- 374 s.f. Master suite
- 713 s.f. Guest cottage
- 130 s.f. Snore box
- Unique Estate
#MWH1232 - \$2,475,000



Elbow Cay
- Best Estate on Elbow Cay
- Beach lot 2.24 Acres
- 430' Atlantic Beachfront
- 395' on Canal
- 2 Cottages with dock
- Creek Parcel 1.39 Acres
- 160' on Nigh Creek
- 25' Elevations
#HTH1200 \$2,999,900



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 976 s.f. under air
on two levels
- 12,577 s.f. - 0.288 Acre
- 85' protected Bita Bay
Beach frontage
- 822' wrap around porch
- vaulted ceilings
- hurricane glass
#GTH1236 - \$699,000



Man O' War Cay
- Northern Tip of MOW
- Sea to Sea Parcels
- 3 Options Available
- Private Marina 8' MLW
- Private Beaches
- Exceptional Estate
- Great Elevations
- Price Upon Request



Great Guana Cay
Two houses available
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 1 bth
- 1,558 s.f. - 3 bd - 2 bth
- Beautiful views of
Atlantic Ocean
- Close to town
#GGH1191 \$449,000
#GGH1190 \$699,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath
- 1,461 s.f. Residence
- 22,249 s.f. - 0.51 Acre
- 98.6' pristine beachfront
- For sale at \$920,000 or
- \$1350,000 inclusive of
- 1 bed, 1 bth cottage
- 16,144 s.f. or 0.37 Acre
- 127' Black Sound
#GTH1237 - GTH1238



**Central Pines
Marsh Harbour**
- 12,000 s.f. - 0.275 Acre
- 2,851 s.f. Residence
- 2 Bed - 1 Bath
- Screened Porch
- 130 s.f. efficiency
- 206 s.f. Apartment
#MHH1229 \$405,000



Great Guana Cay
- 2,000 s.f. - 3 bd. 2 bth
- 7,408 s.f. - 0.170 Acres
- 1,000 s.f. wrap around
Decks
- Beach Access
- Shared Dock
- Great Elevations/Views
- Beach lot available
#GGH1214 \$640,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
- 1,282 s.f. under air
- 887 s.f. ground floor -
bed-bath-garage
- 1,597 s.f. decks
- 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre
- 200' on Coco Bay Beach
- 8,000 gallon cistern
#GTH1152 - \$1,175,000



Marsh Harbour
- Cove Estates
- 17,288 s.f. - 0.39 Acre
- 2,540 s.f.
- 3 Bed, 2 Bath
- Dual central a/c
- Metal Roof
- 6.5 KW Generator
#MHH1223 - B\$430,000



Great Guana Cay
- 500,940 s.f. - 11.5 Acres
- 695' of Atlantic Frontage
- 555' on Sea of Abaco
- 500' of well protected
boat basin frontage
- 1400 s.f. - 3 bd - 2.5 bath
- 6' MLW
- Great Elevations/Views
#GGH1226 \$2,995,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bd, 4 Bth
- 4,948 s.f. / 2 levels
- 19,083 s.f. - 0.438
- Each level private
living space/kitchen
- Sea of Abaco
- Dock/boatlift/10,000
#GTH1181 - \$1,475,000



**Pelican Shores at
Marsh Harbour**
- 1,300 s.f. Residence
- 16,862 s.f. - 0.39 Acre
- 2 Bedroom 2.5 Bath
- Situated on Bluff
- Overlooking Harbour
- 1583 s.f. open porches
- 117' on the Harbour
#MHH1228 - \$685,000



Green Turtle Cay
- New Plymouth
- 1,726 s.f. - .039 Acre
- 890 s.f. Loyalist Cottage
Settlement Harbour
- 2 Bed, 1 Bath
- Historic
- Shed/Wash house
#GTH1222 - \$199,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 33,342 s.f. - 0.765 Acre
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- Covered Porch
- Impact Doors/Windows
- Turkish Tile Floors
- Pickled vaulted ceilings
- Community Dock Access
#GTH1162 - \$1,999,000



**Pelican Shores at
Marsh Harbour**
- 5 Bd, 4.5 Bth
- 5,600 s.f.
- 38,289 s.f. - 0.878 Acre
- 115' on the Harbour
- Great elevation
- Pool
- Private Dock
- Turn Key
#MHH1227 - \$2,775,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- 1400 s.f. Residence
- 12,469 s.f. - 0.286 Acre
- 757 s.f. of open decks
- garage/workshop
- Native trees
- 20,000 gallon cistern
- City Water
- Public dock - dive shop &
GT Club steps away
#GTH1239 - \$499,000



Man O' War Cay
- 10,056 s.f. - 0.23 Acre
- 1,200 s.f. Residence
- 192 s.f. Snore Box
- 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath
- 16,000 gal. cistern
- 17 KW Diesel Gen.
- Central A/C + Split Unit
#MWH1024 \$499,000



Scotland Cay
- 1 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath
- 612 s.f.
- 79,150 s.f. - 1.82 Acre
- 300' pristine beachfront
- Garage/Laundry
- Cistern 25,000 gal
- 30 kw auxiliary gen
- Lifetime landing rights
- Boat Slip / Lift
#SCH1094 - \$1,150,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 31,816 s.f. - 0.730 Acre
- 197.46 Bonefish flats
frontage on Sofa
- 1,700 s.f. - 2 bd, 1 bth
- Artistic Studio loft
- Garage/workshop
- 40' useable beach
- Private water views
#GTH1221 - \$599,000



Man O' War Cay
- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 2,652 s.f. total Res.
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- 243.25' on the Sea
of Abaco
- 197.36' on Atlantic
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Central Abaco
• Turtle Rocks Lots • 19,719 - 216,057 • 0.452 - 4.95 acre • road • electric fresh water well cap • beach access • elevated • centrally located. #CAV1241-1242 \$38,788 - \$169,697.

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South Abaco
• Chimney Hill Beach • 46,652 s.f. • 1.07 acre • Lot #15 on Atlantic Ocean in Little Harbour • 97' of Atlantic beach • elevated • off grid • Petes Pub. #LHV1240 \$130,000.
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CARIFTA swimmer returns as hero

Efforts from Abaco athletes propel Bahamas to top for first time in history



Above: a welcome home party at the airport for Abaco Swim Club's Joshua Wong who competed with the Bahamas National Team at CARIFTA in Aruba. Thanks to the efforts of Joshua and fellow swimmers from Abaco - Miller Albury, Lily Higgs and Albury Higgs - The Bahamas earned first in Swimming for the first time in history. See page 10.

Hope Town School Wine & Cheese event raises funds



Above: some Hope Town School students display their collaborative book - "Up Cycles to School." On April 17 many in the community came out to a fundraiser for the school held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge.

Hope Town School held a wine & cheese fundraiser on April 17. A focus of the fundraiser was the book the schoolchildren wrote and illustrated: "Up Cycles to School." A great crowd turned out to the Hope Town Harbour Lodge to enjoy an evening browsing auction items, interacting with the students and socializing over a glass of wine.

A centerpiece of the evening was a large board indicating specific items the school needs. The board filled up throughout the event as individuals and families put money towards art supplies, playground equipment, musical instruments and many other supplies and necessary services. One of the biggest individual donations came from the Mack family, who funded a year's worth of high speed internet for the school.

The largest big ticket item that did not get funded that night was the set of twelve tablets priced at \$500 a piece, or a total of \$6,000. The school is still hoping to find a donor for these items.

Throughout the evening students

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proudly displayed their collective work. "Up Cycles to School" has been selling throughout Abaco and goes towards funding the public school. The books were, of course, on sale that night as well.

Local artist, Atilla Feszt, had on display shirts that featured artwork from the school students. In a unique style, the art depicted sharks, crabs, marlins and many other Bahamian animals. Proceeds from sale of the shirts went towards the school.

The private room at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge provided a great venue for the event. Guests mingled between auction stations, the wine table and spoke to teachers, students and volunteers.



Above: guests holding the students' book, "Up Cycles to School."

Below: group hug.



Luau supports Man-O-War swimmers



Above: Coach Amelia Putnam Sands introduces some of the swimmers.

On April 12 Friends of the Man-O-War Swimmers held a luau cookout at the home of Dr. Leo & Charlotte Landhuis in Man-O-War. Guests at the event were treated to a Hawaiian themed afternoon complete with hula skirts and leis on the beach. Food was served and fresh coconut milk was on hand to wash it down. The event was organized to raise money for the swimmers and the swimming program on Man-O-War.

Six children from Man-O-War have travelled and competed in national swim meets so far.

A live and silent auction kept people busy as they tried to secure the best deals of the day. A limbo contest, best-dressed competition and live music kept everyone entertained.

Organizer and coach, Amelia Putnam Sands, said to the crowd, "The Man-O-War Swimmers would not exist without the help of everyone here. We have had so many generous sponsors and supporters. Our friends have provided their time, ideas, prizes, items for auction and so much more. Our parents have been cooking, decorating and setting up this luau for all to enjoy. I have seen the most support for the Man-O-War Swimmers while planning this event."

She also reminisced about the origins of organized swimming on the cay, "Organized swimming started on MOW with our very own Arthur Eldon. He used to teach the kids in the harbour and I'm happy to be involved in getting the kids back into the sport."

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LUBBER'S QUARTERS



LUBBERS QUARTERS \$995,000
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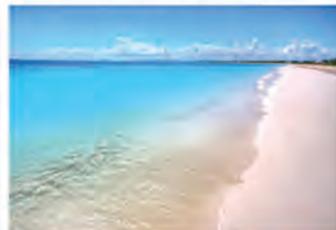
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Remembering Family and Friends



Funeral Service for **Leah Made-line Pinder**, age 60 years, of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, was held at The Grace

Gym, Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Officiating was Pastor David Cartwright assisted by Kevin Sawyer.

She is survived by her husband: Robert Noel Pinder; her children: Heather Samantha Sawyer and Robert Zach Pinder; two grandchildren: Samantha Noelle Sawyer and Alexander Clint Sawyer; son-in-law: Clint Hamilton Sawyer; sisters: Janice Burchards and Marsha Geraghty Starling; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; many dear close friends in Abaco and Nassau.



Alma Albury (nicknamed 'Flash') born March 10th 1940, died on March 17th 2014 in Nassau after a long illness.

He was born in Man-O-War Cay and resided in Treasure Cay since 1966. He left his wife Rosemary Albury and his children Hank, Lounette, Roddy, Jed and their families, numerous relatives and friends to miss him. Thank you all for your prayers.

CRIME REPORT

Stealing

At 11:50am on Friday 25th April, 2014, a 56 year old male of Murphy Town reported that sometime between 4:00pm on 24th April, 2014 and 8:00am on 25th April, 2014, some unknown person/s entered a storage area and stole three (3) tires and seven (7) flat screen Televisions. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking

At 8:55am on Tuesday 22nd April, 2014, a 29 year old male of Leisure Lee, Abaco & c/o a local provisioning company located in Marsh Harbour reported that sometime between 21/4/14 and 22/4/14, some unknown person/s entered his work place and stole an assortment of beers, juice and food. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Found Drugs

At 12:50am on 23rd April, 2014, officers of the Marsh Harbour Police Station found while on patrol a clear plastic bag containing suspected marijuana and reported while making a check of a local Club located in Dundas Town, Abaco. The same was discovered on the inside.

Investigation continues.

Call 919 to report suspicious behaviour.

School & Youth News

Abaco Central High School wins the annual Mathematics and Science Contest

By Mirella Santillo

A team of three grade 12 students from Abaco Central High School won the annual Mathematics and Science contest organized by the Department of Education.

Conrad Cornish, Jessica Pierre and Kirkland McIntosh placed first, winning by a margin of 10 points in front of SC Bootle.

Four high schools- St Francis de Sales, Agape Christian School, SC Bootle and Abaco Central High School participated in the three hour competition that was held on April 11 at Friendship Tabernacle.

The contest was divided in two levels; questions in level I had to be answered within ten seconds; questions in level two had to be answered in thirty seconds. The subjects included algebra, variations, geometry, biology, botany, minerals and vitamins.

The students explained that a speed run decided on the winners. They said that the questions were not too difficult but they felt they were under pressure because of the time limit and thus committed a few mistakes that cost them points.

They are still pleased with the results since it is the first time their school beat SC Bootle High School.

Agape Christian School wins Primary Math and Science Competition

By Samantha Evans

On Wednesday March 26, beginning at 10am, the Primary Mathematics and Science Competition was held at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. Nine schools participated and had a team of three students to compete from Grades 4 to 6.

The participating schools were: Amy Roberts, Agape Christian School, Angels Academy, Central Abaco Primary, Cooper's Town Primary, Long Bay School, Hope Town School, Crossing Rocks Primary and St. Francis de Sales Catholic School.

The students were asked to answer questions individually and as a team. All questions were from the Science and Mathematics Primary School Curriculum.

The top three teams from this competition were: Crossing Rocks Primary School in third place, Amy Roberts in second place and Agape Christian School in first place. The event was organized by Felemease Sawyer from the Department of Education Office Abaco District.

Participants from the top three schools received trophies and certificates.

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School & Youth News

Kiwanis Club installs youth officers and charters club on Abaco



Above: MP Curry with Kiwanis officers and club members during the Installation Service on April 2.

By Samantha Evans

On Wednesday evening April 2, 2014, the Kiwanis Club of Central Abaco held its Installation Service for Officers of the Key Club and K-kids and the Charter Ceremony for the K-kids. President of the Kiwanis Club of Abaco, Mr. William Davis, gave the highlights of the positive things the students have been doing such as community clean-ups. He is a product of Key Club so was able to assure the parents that it will build the moral and character of their children.

Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Bahamas, Christine King, brought brief remarks. She gave a brief history of the

Kiwanis Club in The Bahamas and spoke of the social and leadership aspects of the youth arms of this association. Remarks were also given by Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham who commended those who take the time to mentor youth and congratulated those youth who joined these clubs to make a difference in the communities where they live and go to school.

The guest speaker was Renardo Curry, M.P. for North Abaco and Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister. He began by commending the Kiwanis Club for mentoring Abaco youth and those across The Bahamas because

they are the future. He encouraged the members to have a mindset of service and to remain humble when they are given opportunities to serve.

He told the youth that there are three things he embraced since leaving high school. Firstly, they must be dedicated to their dreams and to themselves. Secondly, they must have integrity. They should not cheat on exams, take credit for the work of others, nor be dishonest in their business dealings. Finally, they must be prepared to work as a team. Teamwork is important if they are to succeed because they will need the expertise of others.

The officers were then installed by Melford Clarke, Bahamas District Administrator, and the K-kids were presented with their charter by Stephen Brennen, Assistant K-kids District Administrator.

The officers of the Key Club are: President-Vinesha LaRose, Secretary-Jessica Pierre, Treasurer-Kermeisha Curry, and Editor-Kelsey Burrows. The three directors are: Sondley Cajuste, Maresha Joseph, and Nagee Williams. The executive officers of the K-kids are: President-Selena Saunders, Vice President-Jerry Laguerre, Secretary-Brenisha Davis, Treasurer-Ashanti Thompson and Editor-Kaithlyn Francis. The three directors from grades 4, 5, and 6 are: Nikia Ferguson, Lorvencia Orvil, and Arianna Cartwright.

The officers of the Key Club received a handbook, certificate and pin. The K-Kids officers received a certificate and handbook.

The world premiere of "Every Child Counts" documentary to be held in Nassau

Press Release

Every Child Counts, a pioneering special needs school in Abaco which refuses to leave any child behind, has become the subject of an international documentary.

The film began with veteran independent film director Wendy Loten, who partnered with Ryerson University after discovering a shared interest in the school. The three-year project chronicles the journey from typical island school to a beacon of hope for disabled children faced with limited educational options. As the name suggests, the school excludes no child because of financial or other limitations.

The world premiere of the documentary will take place in Nassau this Saturday, April 26 at 7pm at the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas and will be attended by the president of Ryerson.

It was filmed by a professional Canadian television team who originally intended to make a short fundraising video, but quickly realized that the inspirational story has a much broader appeal.

The premiere coincides with recent efforts by the Bahamian government to pass legislation concerning disability issues, in particular providing for the educational needs of special needs children.

The school is hoping it will receive

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Fox Town Primary pays courtesy call to Governor General



Above: His Excellency the Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes welcomes Grade 4, 5 and 6 students from Fox Town Primary School, Abaco to Government House on Monday, April 14, 2014. They were accompanied by Ms. Sheila Thomas, teacher of Grade 5 and 6; Ms. Nadia McDermott, Grade 4 teacher; Ms. Claudette Adderley, Grade 3 teacher and a parent, Ms. Nicola Mills. (BIS PHOTO/Letisha Henderson)

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some funding if the legislation passes. Currently, salary for only two teachers is provided by the government and all other costs must be covered by donations and modest tuition fees.

This is an enormous financial burden on the school's founder, Lyn Major, who refuses to turn away any student, even if their parents can afford to pay nothing. The school costs around \$400,000 a year to run.

On Friday evening, the president of Ryerson, Sheldon Levy, will host a special reception at the British Colonial Hilton for members of the Bahamian educational community to tell them about the Ryerson Bahamas Project – a scheme which to date has seen 40 Ryerson students volunteer at Every Child Counts.

The academic placements run every spring for 5-9 weeks and see the students trained in disability teaching, curricula,

and community organizational skills. They work directly in the classroom with the students, and also develop educational resources on topics such as human rights, disability awareness and anti-bullying presentations and materials.

They also assist with the Special Olympics and other school activities and with the school's new vocational training and sales center.

The Bahamas Project is expanding into a Ryerson University International Community Engagement credit course, beginning in February 15. All the course activities are developed in collaboration with Every Child Counts.

Saturday's premiere is being held under the patronage of Catholic Archbishop Patrick Pinder. Attendees will have a chance to meet and talk with the school's founder and some of its facilitators, including producer Wendy Loten of Loten Media.

Freeport students visited Abaco on one-day excursion



By Mirella Santillo

A group of forty six people from Grand Bahama, comprised of thirty six grade four students, Principal, teachers and parents came for a day's visit to Abaco on April 16.

The Principal of Walker Parker Pri-

mary School in Freeport, Mrs. Jacqueline Pinder, accompanied by students, teachers and chaperons was picked up in Crown Haven from the early morning ferry from Grand Bahama by tour operator, Mrs.

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BMCC Cadets schooled on navigation by maritime professionals



Above: BMCC Cadets standing alongside Abaco BMCC Coordinator Glender Knowles in front to far right, and Kimberly Butterfield and Port Administrator Marques Williams.

By Canishka Alexander

On April 12, cadets enrolled in the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps of Abaco participated in a practical outdoor classroom experience. According to Abaco's BMCC Coordinator Glender Knowles, the cadets took part in a bridge familiarization and learned parts of the ship onboard the M/V Duke.

Knowles thanked Captain Michael Bethel for granting permission to them for the tour, and applauded Captain Chu for his presentation. The cadets were also engaged in a navigation exercise aboard Albury's Ferry to Hope Town Harbour.

"This exercise included observation of navigation markers, headings, ranges, tides, wind direction, draft of the vessel and safety equipment on board the vessel," Knowles explained. "Additionally, the Cadets were tested on the general 'rules of the road,' and I thank Mr. Dennis Knowles

and owners of Albury's Ferry for sponsoring this event."

Later, a brief lecture took place at the Marsh Harbour Port Administration Building with the new Office Administrator, Marques Williams, who is a graduate of the prestigious SUNY Maritime. Williams spoke about the business side of the maritime industry. He also informed the cadets of the importance of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is responsible for making up the rules that govern the industry.

Finally, Knowles made an appeal to students interested in becoming cadets and looking forward to joining the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps, which is an after-school program for students in Grade 10 to 12. Please contact Glender Knowles at 646-7072 or speak to your school's guidance counsellors for contact information.

Crossing Rocks Primary School held 'One Bahamas Unity Walk'

By Samantha Evans

Crossing Rocks Primary School along with the Crossing Rocks community participated in its first 'One Bahamas Unity Walk' on 15th March, 2014. The walk began at the St. Marks Baptist Church at 8 a.m.

In attendance were District Superintendent Dr. Lenora J. Black and Administrator for South Abaco Lavon Harris-Smith. Ms. Smith gave a brief history about the One Bahamas Unity Walk. Dr.

Lenora Black gave well wishes to all participants and expressed her gratitude to all in attendance.

Participants walked for one mile through the community. The walk concluded at the bus stop where Administrator Smith conducted cool down exercises. The walk was coordinated by Principal Mrs. Simone Pinder who thanked all supporters and encouraged them to invite more community members for next year's walk.

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Glender Knowles.

Driving from Crown Haven after a breakfast stop, they headed to the Green Turtle Cay ferry dock where they boarding the ferry at 11:30.

On Green Turtle Cay, they visited the Albert Lowe Museum and the Memorial Sculpture Garden, before settling for lunch at the Wrecking Tree.

Back to the main island on the 3:00 pm ferry, they were driven to the famous Treasure Cay beach to enjoy a few moments of sand and sea near the Coco Bar.

For Mrs. Pinder, "it was an amazing trip." The Principal said it was an "educational, exciting, engaging trip, a thrilling experience outside the classroom." It was the first time on a boat for some of the children. Some of them had never been out of Grand Bahama.

For Anastasia Clarke, a grade 4 teacher, the trip to Treasure Cay was especially enjoyable. The ferry ride was also fun. "I loved Treasure Cay," she said.

Mrs. Knowles had planned for the group to stop for pies in Cooper's Town, before taking the visitors back to Crown Haven to catch the afternoon ferry back to Grand Bahama.

Abaco children place second, third in Tribune's Easter Colouring Competition



Every year, the Tribune newspaper organizes an Easter Basket Colouring Competition for children between the ages of five and 11 years old. This year, there were five entries from Marsh Harbour and two of them placed in the six to seven year-old category.

Grace Ann Bethel and Faith Francis placed second and third, respectively. This was quite an achievement as they were competing nationally.

The photo shows Grace Ann and Faith Francis along with Joshua Bethel, Kaitlyn Francis and Laila Parotti, who placed at the local level.

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Abaco girls place in beach volleyball tournament



Above: On April 5, the Scotia Defenders held a beach volleyball tournament in Nassau. There was a total of five women teams and eight men teams. Shakera Cooper (l) and Lakeshia Albury (r), who are both from Abaco, placed second in the women's category. Margaret Albury (pictured in the middle) assisted in distributing trophies and cash prizes.

Abaco Central High School wins soccer competition over rival SC Bootle High



Above: the ACH soccer team. This is the first year the team has beaten their rivals at SC Bootle.

By Mirella Santillo

An annual soccer competition between Abaco Central High School and SC Bootle High School took place over two days on April 8 and April 15 at the Murphy Town Park soccer field.

The outcome was a victory for the Abaco Central High School Marlins who won two games by two goals to one (2-1) against their long-time rivals, the SC Bootle Dynamic Dolphins.

It is the first time since soccer competitions started between the two schools that ACH won, explained Coach Christine Jenoure.

She added that Loudjino Box was the MVP for ACH together with a few other students who contributed to the victory.

The best players for the Marlins were Emmanuel Lor Fils, Woodly Jean, Relle -Plench Pharisien, Carry Jean-Louis, Johnson Jean and Loudjino Box.

Sherwood Simms Basketball Tournament features fierce competition

By Mirella Santillo

The Sherwood Simms Basketball Tournament, which started on March 20, culminated in three championship games played on April 12.

The Abaco Central High School Marlins won the under-15 championship over the Zion Knights 23 to 15 and beat Change Ministries' team in a very heated game that went into over time, 34 to 30

In the under-13 category, the championship game went to Change Ministries' team who beat the Zion Knights 23 to 15.

The Marlins had defeated the Youth In Action team in the under-15 category, 35 to 19 during the play-off the previous day, qualifying for the championship.

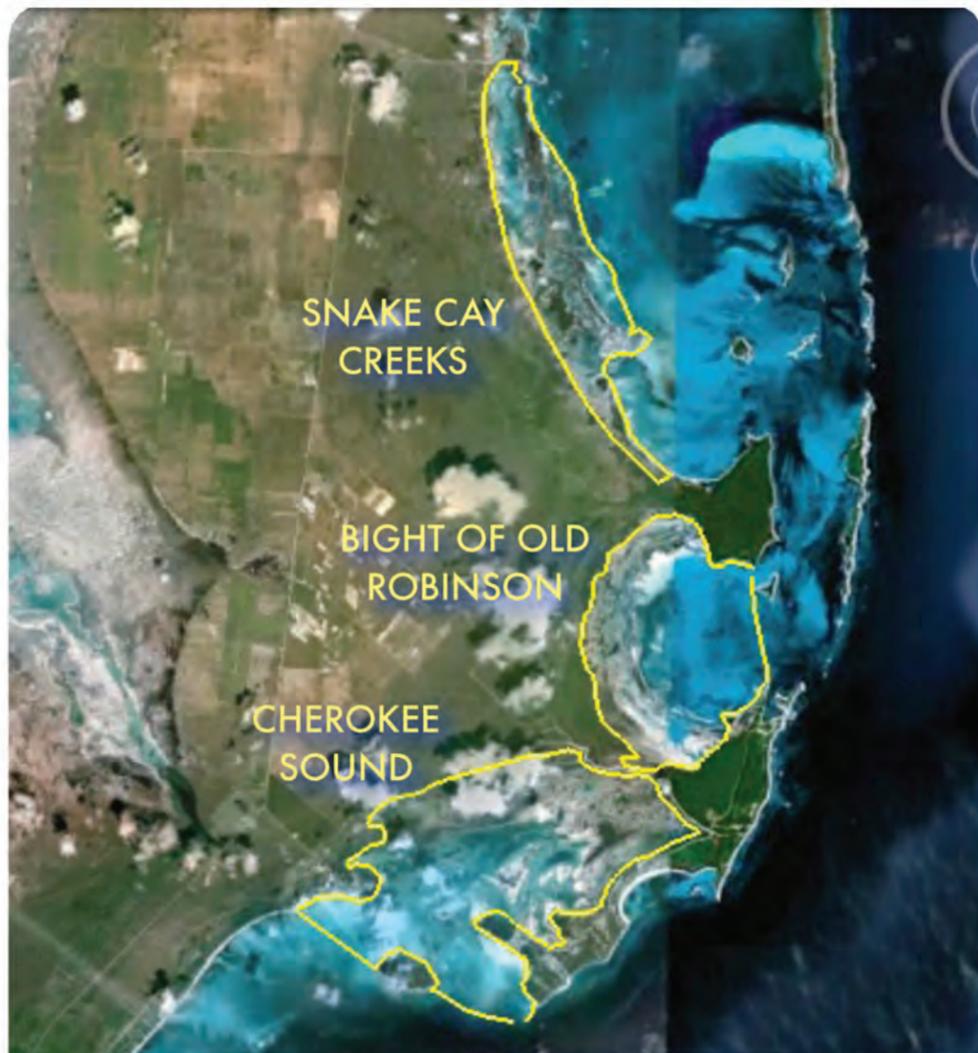
Also in the under-15 category, the Zion Knights had defeated Randy Davis' Change Ministries' team 20 to 18 in a well matched game.

In the third play-off game, Abaco Central High School's Marlins under-19 defeated Pastor Emmet Archer's Youth Ministries' team 30 to 22

In the fourth game, a strong Change Ministries team, which included some of

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the Eagles best players (Agape Christian School's team) won over the Zion Knights 38 to 21.

The last play-off game in the open category ended up with another victory for Change Ministries against the Knights 41 to 27. The Eagles' Coaches, Mr. Wayde Adderley and Mr. Godfrey Rolle Sr attended the games as spectators.

It was to be the Marlins against Change Ministries in the championship.

The under-13 game featuring Central Abaco Primary School against the Zion Knights was cancelled as the young children had participated in a two-day Inter-School Sports event and were too tired to attend.

During the Friday games the Marlins took the advantage right away in the first quarter, closing at 13 to 2 at half time. They allowed Change Ministries to equalize with a tie of 22 points each. The refer-



Above: the ACH championship senior boy team.

ees decided on a 3 minute overtime which still ended in a tie. The teams were then given four shots each which decided on the outcome as the Marlins did not miss a shot.

In the under-13 age group, Treshawn Swain with Change Ministries was voted the best player. In the under-15, Wesley Romanville was the MVP for the Marlins.

Edwood Stuart also from ACH was the MVP in the under-19 category.

Godfrey Rolle was the MVP for Change Ministries in the open-age group.

Shantel Penn coaches the under-15 Marlins while the Principal, Ricardo Ferguson, takes care of the older boys. They will be traveling to Bimini to participate in a tournament after Easter.

Randy Davis is the coach for all the Change Ministries' teams while Pastor Emmett Archer coaches the Youth Ministries teams; "Stretch" Morley still coaches Youth in Action and Nelson Carol coaches the Zion Knights.

Gilbert Davis, Christopher Smith and Ishmael Morley acted as referees since the beginning of the tournament. All the games took place at the Zion's Cathedral Basketball court.

The second annual Church League Summer Basketball program will start in May after examinations have ended.

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Bahamas captures first CARIFTA Swimming Title

Overview Provided by Nassau Guardian, Individual Stories by Timothy Roberts

The Bahamas Swim Team made history after winning the 2014 CARIFTA Swimming Championships for the first time since the event began.

It took four grueling days of competition to get it done, but, at the end of it all, the 36-member Bahamian swim team emerged victorious over 20 other countries to claim the country's first ever CARIFTA swimming title. The win comes on the heels of a disappointing seventh-place finish by the CARIFTA track and field team just a few days earlier.

Since the coming together of the young but talented squad, there have been a lot of high hopes and expectations. Head Coach Andy Knowles seemed confident leading up to the event. He often spoke about the strength and depth of the squad and its ability to do something special.

Team Bahamas finished the event with 736.50 points, more than 100 points ahead of second-place finisher Aruba. Host country, Aruba, scored 618 points, and two-time champion, Guadeloupe, finished third, with 540 points. The Bahamas also topped the medal standings, finishing with 55 total medals - 23 gold, 22 silver and 10 bronze. Aruba was next with 51 total medals - 16, gold, 16 silver and 19 bronze, and Trinidad & Tobago was third on the medal chart with 34 total medals - 16 gold, 11 silver and seven bronze.

This year served somewhat as a year of redemption for Team Bahamas, after last year's team finished in fifth position, the lowest finish for the team in the past 10 years.

Joanna Evans and Margaret Albury Higgs were expected to be key contributors for the team, and they did not disappoint. They finished as the High Point award winners in their respective divisions.

Albury Higgs captured the 13-14 girls division with 78 total points, more than twice as much as the next highest scorer, Lesy Celini of Guadeloupe, with 35 points.

Evans also took her age division quite convincingly. She won the 15-17 girls division with 70 points. Daniella Van den



Above: Joshua was greeted by a large crowd when he returned from CARIFTA, including Abaco Swim Club coaches. Left to right: Brenda Sawyer, Chris Higgs, Joshua Wong, Sara Knowles and Laurence Higgs.

Berg, of Aruba, was the next highest scorer, with 41 total points.

The Bahamas won 16 medals on the final night of competition to raise its total to 55. Albury Higgs was very impressive as she dominated the 13-14 girls 200 meters (m) individual medley (IM), as well as the 50m breaststroke, while Evans finished first in the 15-17 girls 200m IM and the 100m freestyle.

Dustin Tynes was also impressive. He finished first in the 15-17 boys 50m breaststroke in a CARIFTA record time of 29.08 seconds. Laura Morley finished first in the 15-17 girls 50m breast, and Samuel Gibson took the gold in the 11-12 boys 50m butterfly.

The 11-12 boys won the 400m medley relay in 4:33.43, almost 10 seconds ahead of second place finisher, Martinique. The team consisted of Peter Morley, Izaak Bastian, Darren Laing and Samuel Gibson. Bastian also finished second in the 11-12 boys 50m breast.

The open water division was added to the competition this year. It has not been one of the country's main focus over the years, but even so, Evans managed to win gold in the 15-17 5k open water swim race, an event that Coach Knowles feels needs more focus.

He said "I really didn't know what to expect at first but once we got there and got adjusted to everything it got easier. Like my first race I was really nervous because I didn't want to mess up but after my first race I was fine."

Joshua said that CARIFTA was a real eye-opener for him with the level of competition there. "It was one race after another; it was really fast. I didn't expect it to be that fast," he said.

"This is what I was training for," Joshua said. "You really have to work hard to get on the team and I am really proud of myself for making it there." He said he is also happy that he dropped time in all of his races which was one of his biggest goals.

He said "It's a really good feeling to know that I'm a part of that team (that won The Bahamas first CARIFTA meet)."

Joshua Wong



Above: Joshua with his parents Kristi and Jeremy Wong.

Joshua Wong made a strong showing in his first CARIFTA and says he hopes to make an even bigger impact for Team Bahamas at CISC in the summer.

He competed well in every race he entered and missed earning three medals in three events by a combined total of .86 seconds. At the end of the competition Joshua placed fourth in the 100 and 200 meter Breaststroke and seventh in the 50 meter Breaststroke. He also placed fifth as a part of the 400 meter Medley Relay team.

Miller Albury



Above: Miller Albury swimming in Aruba.

Miller Albury said he was proud to be a part of the Bahamas National CARIFTA Swim Team, making history for The Bahamas in Aruba. Although this was his third appearance at CARIFTA, this one was "Special", as the team came away with the first place title for the first time in the

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history of the competition.

Miller made his contribution swimming eleven events, making finals in six of those events, with personal best times in 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly.

"It was a tough meet for me, especially in backstroke, with strong competition from the field, hundredths of a second deciding winners and losers", Miller said, missing the 50 meter backstroke final by one-one-hundredth of a second.

However, Miller said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience adding that these are "some of the best memories of my life. I was happy to be a part of this experience and love this entire team with all my heart".

Miller missed the welcome home both in Nassau and in Abaco as he and other teammates returned directly to school in the US. He says he will now set his sights on The RBC National Swimming competition in June and hopes to attend the CICS swimming competition in Barbados in July.

Lily Higgs

Attending her second CARIFTA event Lily Higgs said that this years' experience was different her first year. "I went in more focused and in much better shape. Even though I was at the younger end of the age group, I was still determined to get on the podium and I achieved my goal with



Above: Albury (left) and Lily (right) with their father Chris Higgs.

a bronze in the 200 meter Individual Medley!" she said.

She said "It was great to see all the friends from other countries around the Caribbean, and I met new ones this year."

She said she looks forward to representing the Bahamas again in Barbados for her first CISC Swimming competition in July.

Besides a bronze medal – her first

CARIFTA medal – Lilly earned fifth place in the 400 meter Individual Medley, sixth place in the 5K open water swim and eighth place in the 800 meter freestyle with personal best times in every race.

Margaret Albury Higgs

Competing in her fourth CARIFTA, Margaret Albury Higgs continues to make her country proud, including a record breaking performance.

"Since I was entered this year under converted (short course) times, it was not a sure thing that I would win even the races where I was seeded first," Albury said. "Luckily, I ended up with first or second finishes in all my best races and even a few others."

"When I broke the record for the 100 Breast, it was a great feeling," she said. "And I am so proud to be a part of the first Bahamas CARIFTA Champion team as well."

She said she has been working hard training, and is very pleased with her results. Albury earned five gold medals in the 200, 100 and 50 meter breaststroke, and 400 and 200 meter individual medley. She earned four silver medals in the 800, 400 and 200 meter freestyle and 200 meter butterfly. She also earned fourth place in the 200 meter backstroke and fifth place in the 5K open water swim.

Albury set a new CARIFTA record in the 100 meter breaststroke with a time of 1:14.91, and was the High Point winner for her age group with 82 total points.



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Man-O-War Primary conducts Call to Action Day to raise awareness

By Kellie Janes

Man-O-War Primary's Eco Club 'God's Gardeners' Call to Action Day was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. The Club members had been busy planning long before this day. The eco committee decided to find out how much the community knew about climate change by surveying adults in the community. The students wrote the survey with questions that would help them determine the level of knowledge on the topic of climate change and carbon footprints.

After surveying 48 residents, the grade six students made graphs showing the results. The graphs showed that most of the adults surveyed knew very little about global climate change. The students decided that it was very important to inform the community about simple steps they can take to reduce co2 gas emissions. The aim was to get the residents of the community to make some simple life style changes to reduce the carbon footprint of the island.

The committee chose three members to write a play for the school to perform. The play featured a mad scientist, Walter. (played by Nathan Sweeting) and his assistant the lovely Luna (played by Aaliyah Roberts). Walter was trying to make a potion to stop Global Warming. He traveled the Globe speaking with a Canadian, a Russian, an Australian, a Jamaican, and a Bahamian fisherman to discuss climate change. As a result of their travels the mad scientist Walter realizes that the warming atmosphere is making changes worldwide. He sees that his potion won't work but some simple actions taken by all of us will help reduce co2 emissions.

The lower primary students were in charge of asking the audience to make some pledges to take steps that result in smaller carbon footprints.

Pledges were:

- To walk or ride bikes more often.
- Use the sun to dry laundry when possible.
- Always take a reusable bag to the grocery store.
- Change lights at home to use compact fluorescent bulbs.
- Turn off lights and/or unplug electrical gadgets when not in use.

The students made small laminated signs to place at key locations to remind people of the pledges they were making. These were given to those who attended the play. These small reminders will help those in the audience remember to take their reusable bags to the grocery store, use their laundry line and join the students on walking-Wednesdays.

The Eco Club was delighted by the turn out on Tuesday evening. Many friends came to New Life Bible Chapel for the play. Man-O-War Grocery Store has joined our initiative and will be offering their customers a discount each time they remember to bring their reusable bags for a purchase.

The students will be taking a follow up survey when they return after Easter break. This will help them determine if the residents who attended the play have been successful in making these simple life style changes.

CAPS wins Grades 5 and 6 General Knowledge Competition

By Samantha Evans

On Wednesday April 9, 2014, the Grades 5 and 6 General Knowledge Competition was held at the Old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. The competition began at 10 am with six schools participating.

The schools were: Amy Roberts, Angels Academy, Agape Christian School, Hope Town School, Central Abaco Primary, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School and Man-O-War.

The students received three rounds of individual questions and five rounds of team questions. The questions came from four categories including Language Arts, Family Life, Social Studies and Religious Knowledge.

At the end of the competition, the top three schools were: in third place Long Bay School with 60 points, in second place Man-O-War All Aged School with 70 points and the winning school with perfect scores was Central Abaco Primary School with 95 points. Each member of the winning team was presented with a trophy and the substitutes each got a certificate.

Agape entertains with school play



On April 11 Agape Christian School held their Grades 1-3 Spring Play entitled "Character Matters" which used a collection of classic fairytale stories to show why good character is important. The play was also part of an appeal to assist in raising funds for playground equipment for the primary school.

Spring Tea Party held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church

By Samantha Evans

On a cool spring, Sunday afternoon on April 13, the Spring Lenten Tea Party was held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall on Don Mackay Blvd. The event began at 4pm at which time the judges began viewing the displays for the Easter Bonnet Competition, the Table Decorating Competition and the Fan Decorating Competition.

Each category was judged based on Originality, Creativity, Execution of Theme, and Presentation.

Once the judges were done, the performances started. Many churches took part in this Lenten Tea Party, with performances ranging from singing to dancing to chorale reading to modeling. The guest performers were the Culture Club of Central Abaco Primary School, the Choir from Marsh Harbour Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dancers from St. Martins Church, models from K-kids, songs by Tanna Newbold and Akeem Adderley, a dance by St. Andrews Angels, and models from St. John the Baptist Anglican Church.

Once the performances were done, the judges announced the winners in each category. The winner of the Fan Decorating Competition was Monica Adderley. The winner of the Table Decorating Competition was Central Abaco Primary School K-kids. Finally, the winner of the Easter Bonnet Competition was Evelyn Smith.

All participants were presented with a certificate. Also present for this event

was acting Rector for the host church Mrs. Angela Palacios. This event was hosted by the Anglican Church Women (ACW) where the coordinator for the second year was Kayla Wallace.

Team from SCAN Bahamas visits Abaco public schools to discuss abuse

By Samantha Evans

During the third week of March, a team of three representatives from the SCAN Team in New Providence visited the island of Abaco. While visiting schools, they shared pertinent information with teachers and students. They enlightened students about the various types of child abuse such as physical, emotional, neglect, and sexual.

Several demonstrations were conducted and a moment of question/answer period was held. At smaller schools like James A. Pinder, students were also allowed to speak with the team individually in the presence of the principal. They also highlighted some matters of concern which were noted.

Overall, both teachers and students found the presentation interesting, informative and rewarding. The presentation was made to students from Grades 4 and over.

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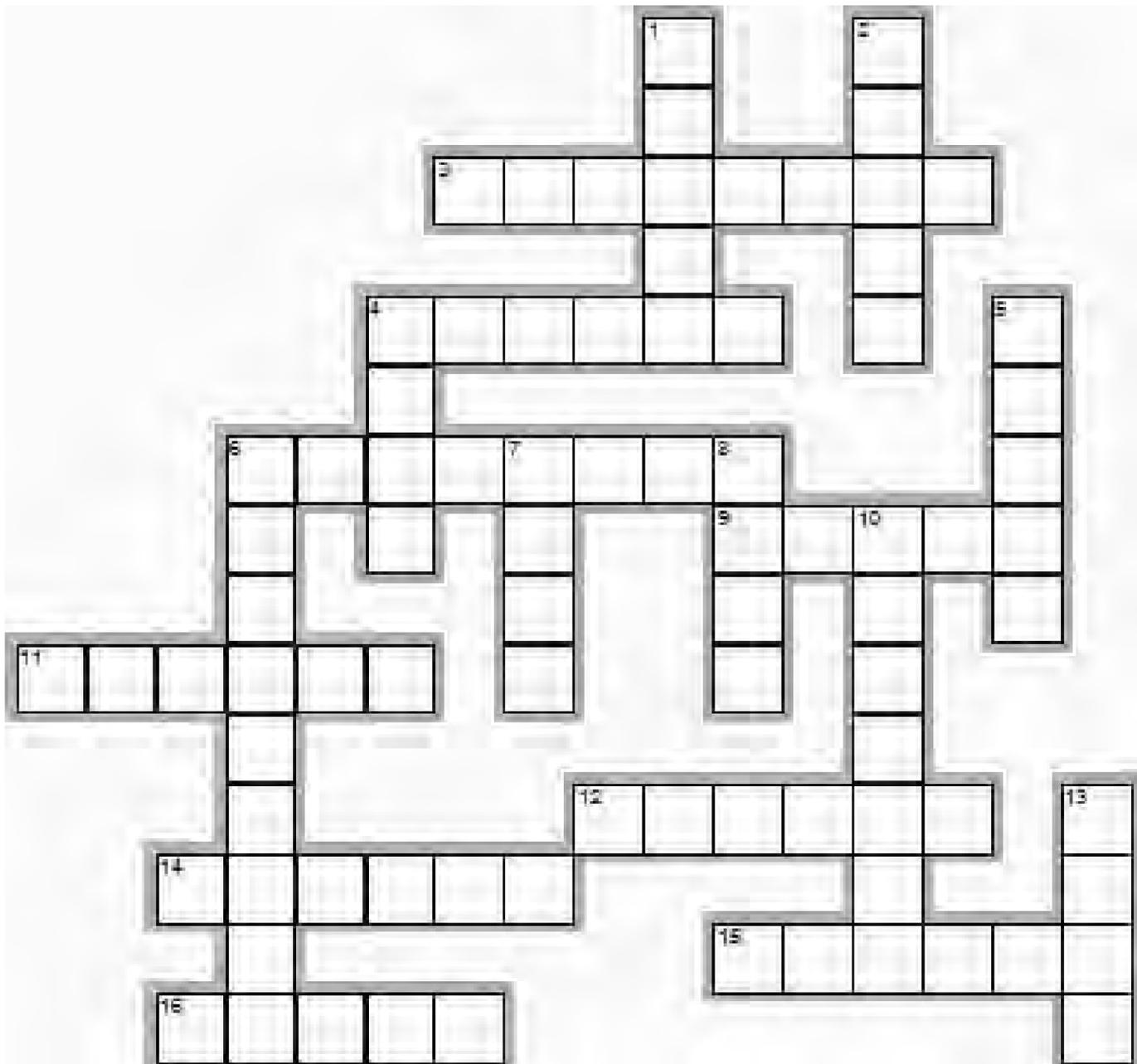
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- 9. Cay with lighthouse
- 11. Light Wind
- 12. Fix
- 14. Filtered through grounds
- 15. Heavenly Host
- 16. Edible part of the coconut

Down

- 1. Virgin cooking oil
- 2. Location of 2014 CARIFTA Swimming Events
- 4. Controls the tides, romantic
- 5. This Haven far north.
- 6. Bahamian rock
- 7. Autumn
- 8. Assistance
- 10. 212 Degrees Fahrenheit
- 13. Before the present



April 15 Answers

Across

- 3. **ELEUTHERA**—Home of the Glass Window Bridge
- 6. **ALEXANDRIA**—Abaco ruins near Hole in the Wall on Soldier Road
- 10. **MANGROVE**—Fish nursery
- 11. **BEAR**—Grizzly, Black, Brown, Etc
- 12. **WHITE**—"Sound" shared by Elbow Cay and Green Turtle Cay
- 14. **KEYS**—Open doors
- 16. **OYSTERS**—Tasty bivalves
- 19. **COCONUT**—Filled with jelly and water
- 21. **LIGHTHOUSE**—Candy striped in Hope Town

Down

- 1. **HAULING**—Bahamian net fishing
- 2. **RELAX**—Many come to The Bahamas to do this
- 4. **TURTLE**—Feed on sea grass, protective shell
- 5. **STARFISH**—Common echinoderm
- 7. **FATE**—Destiny
- 8. **LEATHER**—Animal hide
- 9. **FLAMINGO**—National bird
- 12. **WHALES**—Dolphins larger cousins
- 13. **MARSH**—This Harbour is Abaco's capitol.
- 15. **SAILING**—Sport using wind
- 17. **RAY**—Manta, eagle, etc.
- 18. **KNOTS**—Stomaches and rope can both be tied in _____
- 20. **TOY**—Play thing

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Bakers Bay extends sports program to wider community

By Samantha Evans

Bakers Bay Club launched its Community Footprints Program this year as a means of giving back. This program was started for Guana Cay children but has now been extended to other schools. Mr. Robert "Bobbie" Russell, Sports professional at the resort, recently took some students from James A Pinder School to teach them tennis and golf.

He is pleased that this program started which exposes students to many new sports and opportunities in this area. He stated that the program is still small but he is looking forward to it being offered to more schools in the near future. He added that through his employment at Bakers Bay, he has been able to offer tennis classes to students on mainland Marsh Harbour as a way of him giving back and sharing his talent with the community youth.

He reached out to the MP for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, who sponsored three months of lessons for the students he already had enrolled. After those three

month had expired, Mr. Russell matched those three months to assist the youth.

Mr. Russell stated that he is very pleased with the performance of the youth in the program. He noted that Rhonda Hull is the sponsor of the program being offered at James A. Pinder which has been running for 10 weeks now. The program is offered during the school day and caters to twenty-five students spanning four grades.

The program is very successful as the students can tell the different tennis positions and movements of tennis.

He said that he told the students that they do not know who will see them when

they play and give them a scholarship. He added that it is because of scholarships that he and Golf Pro Rachel Riley went off to college and can now teach the sport. He noted that he and Rachel will soon start their school visits to tell about the opportunities in sports.

He encourages students to join the Bahamas Golf Federation Junior Division so that they can make the team and compete for the Bahamas. Rachel Riley is the Chairman of the Junior Federation. To learn more they can email: rriley@bakersbayclub.com or funbobrussell@bakersbayclub.com.



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Left: The students and teachers of Forest Heights Academy stood in support of the proposed East Abaco Creeks National Parks. They spelled out the letters for the East Abaco Creeks (EAC) on the school field.

Friends of the Environment and the Bahamas National Trust proposed that the wetland habitat at Snake Cay Creek, Bight of Old Robinson and Cherokee Sound be put aside for the use of future generations. The proposal states that fishing and conching would still be allowed, but that existing marine resources regulations will be enforced to protect juveniles.

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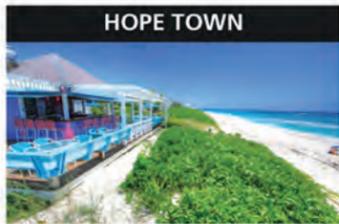


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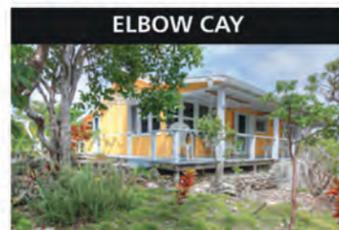
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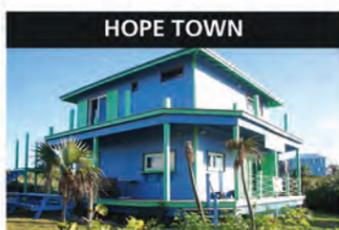
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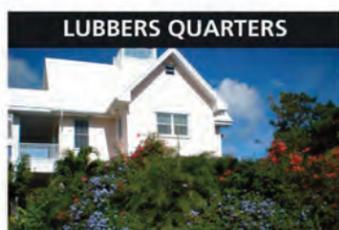
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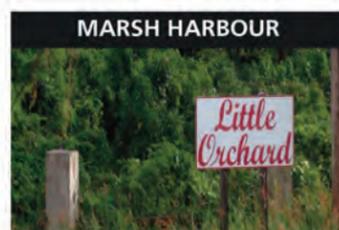
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