Cooper’s Town dock will be replaced
Minister signs contract for work on dock

By Timothy Roberts

The contract for the construction of a new government dock in Cooper’s Town was awarded to Calvin Parker Construction of Fox Town at a contract signing ceremony at the site on February 9.

The contract, worth $460,100, was presented by the Minister of Public Works and Transportation, the Hon. Neko Grant, and is expected to be completed in six months. The previous government dock was destroyed during Hurricane Irene in August of 2011.

Mr. Grant said that soon John Schaefer, Ministry of Works’ Engineer for Abaco, will be known as the “Dock Man” in The Bahamas for designing this dock as well as the docks on Current Island and at Jean’s Bay in Eleuthera.

Mr. Grant said, “It has been determined that there is a need for a complete reconstruction of the timber portion of the dock along with increasing the existing concrete abutment.” The construction includes a 15-foot by 15-foot gazebo with benches and a shingled roof.

Five local contractors were invited to submit bids and Calvin Parker Construction’s bid was the lowest qualifying bid. Calvin Parker Construction has previously successfully completed several government contracts on Abaco in the past.

Grouper season opens March 1

The Department of Marine Resources advises the public that the season for Nassau Grouper opens on March 1. Fishermen are permitted to harvest Nassau Grouper of weights greater than three pounds. Fishermen are reminded to adhere to all fisheries laws to ensure the sustainability of all the marine resources of The Bahamas.

The Department of Marine Resources reminds fishermen that persons found in violation of Bahamian fisheries laws will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Man-O-War’s Flea Market benefits school

Man-O-War has held an annual Flea Market for 27 years to raise money for the Man-O-War Primary School. This year was an especially successful year with many booths and large numbers of people enjoying the ambiance of the event as well as viewing all the crafts, marine items, art, baked goods, food and games. The school reserves the sale of all food and drink items for their benefit. But otherwise anyone can sell items. See story on page 2.

Magistrate holds seminar for Local Government officials

Abaco’s resident magistrate, Ancilla Evans Williams, seated second from left, is holding a series of short seminars for various groups acting in government positions. These men are all chief councillors or chairmen of town committees who are justices of the peace because of those positions. Previous seminars were for other justices of the peace and for those serving on juvenile panels. Seated are Administrator Cephas Cooper, Mrs. Williams, Administrator Theophilus Cox, Administrator Lavon Harris Smith and Administrator Benjamin Pinder. Standing are George Cornish, Gary Smith, John Hudson, Roosevelt Curry, Leslie McIntosh, Stanley White, D’Shawn Simms and Kelson Thurston. See story on page 5.
The 2012 Man-O-War All Aged School Flea Market was a resounding success. This is an annual event which brings out the entire community of Man-O-War Cay and is coordinated by the parents and teachers of students of Man-O-War All Aged School for their benefit.

The Flea Market has grown significantly since its first event in 1985 and today sports many tables with used marine and household items, handcrafted art from near and far and culinary delights prepared by the parents and families of the students as well as the island’s second homeowners, who have developed something known as “The Pantry,” selling gourmet treats. But most of all, it is an event for, and by, the island’s schoolchildren. So we found it appropriate to use the colourful descriptions of one of the school’s shining stars, Brittany Weatherford, as a centrepiece in this article.

The Flea Market

By Brittany Weatherford
A Man-O-War school student

The flea market is a fun place to be! We do lots of awesome stuff like sojer crab races, take a chance, cotton candy, face painting and a place we made up called “beach boutique,” where we sell beach things we found on the beach. We sell food like sauce chicken, dinners and desserts. We do a silent auction and a raffle and you might win some really cool prizes. I love the flea market even though it is a lot of hard work to set up for. We do this flea market because we need to make money to pay our teachers and to buy books and school supplies for the school. We have it only once a year though but it is so much fun. Remember come down to the flea market and have an extraordinary time!

This year, the turnout was remarkable. Albury’s Ferry Service and Froggies helped transport many people from Guana Cay, Marsh Harbour and Hope Town to the event. The streets of Man-O-War, normally quiet, were busy with people and vehicles, and the island was transformed for a day. The island’s government school has for a long time managed to meet its financial needs and extra budgetary ex-
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Seminar is for local government officers

By Jennifer Hudson

A seminar for Justices of the Peace was held on February 17 in the Magistrate’s Court. Attending the seminar were Local Government Chief Councillors and Chairmen of Town Committees throughout Abaco who, by virtue of their office, also hold the position of Justice of the Peace. The local government officials were welcomed by Valerie Dean, Court Administrator who mentioned that she was pleased to see Chief Councillor Roosevelt Curry in attendance all the way from Grand Cay.

Speaker for the seminar was Ancella Evans-Williams, Stipendiary and Court Magistrate. Mrs. Williams introduced herself by saying that she was only recently assigned to Marsh Harbour and that her experience so far has been most pleasant. She has been a magistrate for nearly four years and an attorney for 10 years. She has also taught law and is proud to have helped start a paralegal course in Freeport.

She congratulated the audience on the capacities in which they serve commenting on the great confidence their constituents have shown in them and stating that they serve the country as a whole.

Topics that she discusses in the seminar were the following:

• Role and function of Justices of the Peace
• Ethical considerations
• Powers and duties of Justices of the Peace in court
• Court etiquette
• Preparation of Affidavits
• Preparation of Wills

Mrs. Williams encouraged participation of the audience by asking questions of them and allowing them to ask questions of her.

“This will be the first of many workshops as new issues will come up from time to time and in the next workshop we will go into even more detail,” she explained.

In attendance were Administrators Ce-phas Cooper, Benjamin Pinder, Theophillus Cox, Lavon Harris-Smith and Cleola Pinder, newly appointed Administrator for Cat Island who takes up her new post on February 20.

By Bradley Albury

Friends of the Environment held its 12th annual Reef Ball fundraising event on February 18. This was the second time the event was hosted by the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and the first of two events for this year. One hundred tickets were sold that included a surf and turf meal, a live and silent auction and live music performed by Modern Vintage. Two guests at the event were honored for their outstanding commitment and efforts towards conservation. Friends of the Environment is an educational organization which focuses on local environmental issues.

When guests began arriving, they browsed the silent auction tables, socialized and enjoyed the cool evening air under the stars.

As the meals were served, Michael Albury began the live auction. Prizes includ-ed a weekend stay at Atlantis, a vacation to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and a sunset cruise among others. Mr. Albury brought the energy needed to engage the crowd to sell the big ticket items, but the most popular and hottestly contested prize was Cooking Lessons with Veronica, which included a meal for eight and a night of cooking les-

After the auction Mr. Albury told the crowd there was a matching donation for any money raised besides what was raised from the auction for up to $10,000. Several parties pledged their donation and the matching amount was reached. After dinner, couples took to the dance floor as Modern Vintage, a band from Nassau, played a mix of island favorites, pop and smooth rock.

The next Reef Ball will be held March 10 at the Fih Room in Marsh Harbour.

Remember Conservation begins with YOU

Reef Ball raises money for conservation

Gary Richardson, left, known as Gary the Explorer, and Frank Kenyon received awards from Friends of the Environment for their longstanding service and effort in furthering education about Abaco’s environment. The awards were presented by Lindsey McCoy and Cha Boyce on behalf of the organization.

Gary Richardson and Frank Kenyon received awards in recognition of their longstanding service.

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By Timothy Roberts

Fletcher McIntosh, President of FES Construction, says the progress is going well on the construction of the airport terminal and they are “looking to put the tenant in the building within ten months. So from today we have five more months to do that.”

He indicated that the progress depends on Ministry of Public Works inspectors getting here on time as presently they have been waiting two weeks for them.

Mr. McIntosh replied that Mr. McIntosh’s concerns are being addressed, and the Ministry will do its part to ensure that the work progresses. He said that the traffic control tower is in place, and the work is progressing well. He expects that FES will be finished in the ten months they have planned for.

Mr. McIntosh said they presently have some rough work to be done including wrapping all the metal ducts before spraying the insulation in the ceiling which needs to be done before they start laying tile on the floor. He said they are about 50 percent completed, but the last part is the slower work because it involves finish work.

He noted that he has had no shortage of workers, but “there aren’t many skilled workers. Many have experience with building residential or small offices but don’t have the experience in building a larger structure like this terminal building.”

Mr. Grant said that the government has invested just over $58 million in infrastructure on Abaco since he was appointed Minister of Public Works in July of 2008. Mr. Grant outlined the many projects from roads, sidewalks, and docks that have been carried out and said that there will be some further road works in the coming months.

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Minister views new airport terminal and road

The new terminal is taking shape. Construction is at the halfway point, five months of work with another five months to go. Min. Neko Grant was pleased with the progress.

The Hon. Neko Grant, second from left, looked at the roundabout on S.C. Bootle Highway that will join the bypass road from the airport. The site for the hospital is in the background. Mr. Grant is speaking with John Schaeffer, Abaco’s Engineer. Others in the picture are Robert Mouzas, Works Engineer from Nassau, Colin Higgy, Permanent Secretary of Works, and John Canton, Director of Public Works.

By Timothy Roberts

The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, inspected two ongoing infrastructural projects and was generally pleased with the progress on both the bypass road and the Marsh Harbour airport terminal that he reviewed on February 9.

Mr. Grant said that the quality of work on the bypass road, which runs from the Marsh Harbour airport roundabout to the new roundabout being built on S.C. Bootle Highway, is satisfactory and he continued, “They are progressing quite well and I am told we are on schedule.”

This road will eliminate the heavy traffic in downtown Marsh Harbour and will permit someone landing at the Marsh Harbour airport to proceed to North Abaco without going through town.

“Abaco is a growing community. As we move forward, we will have more and more persons moving to the area from New Providence and Grand Bahama,” Mr. Grant said.

The contract was issued for $965,000 to Knowles Construction & Development Company Ltd. and the road will connect with the port road on S.C. Bootle Highway via a new roundabout and will have 1.5-inch hot mix asphalt on the roundabouts and on the new access road with prime pea gravel and sand seal on the remaining surfaces.

Mr. Grant noted that adjustments were made to the roundabout at S.C. Bootle Highway as a result of the flooding associated with Hurricane Irene, raising the road and factoring in drainage. He said it was “a blessing in disguise” as it happened early enough to adjust without having to undo any progress in the work.

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Cooper’s Town dock will be complete in 6 months

The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works, is shown presenting the signed contract for extensive repairs to the dock to Calvin Parker, who won the bid for the work. The residents of Cooper’s Town are delighted that their dock will be rebuilt.

Calvin Parker thanked the Minister of Public Works for awarding his company the contract and assured him that he would give a quality job, on time and within budget as Mr. Grant asked.

Colin Higgs, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, said there will be a public meeting before the end of February to discuss two major projects which are the North Abaco Bridge connecting Great Abaco and Little Abaco and the North Abaco Port which will be an inland port for international and domestic freight and will include a marina.

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Site of new mini-hospital is prepared

The site of the planned mini-hospital is near the new roundabout on S.C. Bootle Highway where the new bypass from the airport joins the road from the port. The mini-hospital will be part of the government complex planned that includes the new administration building that is near completion.

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Changes at The Abaconian

The Editor Says

Eighteen years and about 360 newspapers later we have chronicled Abaco’s growth into the 21st century. When Kathleen and I began the paper in 1993, we had lived on Abaco for 34 years, arriving at Snorkel Cay, leased by a 16-page Illinois pulpwood operation. Our arrival coincided with the beginning of Abaco’s phenomenal growth and expansion in the second half of the 20th century.

We later lived in Hope Town for 12 years, giving us valuable insights into the growing second homeowner influx and Abaco’s growth in tourism.

Moving to Marsh Harbour in 1987 put us in the center of Abaco’s commerce, banking, shipping, merchandising, cultural and other activities inherent in a growing and diverse community.

Late in 1993 we began The Abaconian newspaper. We were a bit naive in assuming it would be a good part-time job. After all, how much work would it take to come out with a paper once a month in the commercial center of Abaco?

Convincing the business community to advertise was relatively easy as there was a pent-up desire to advertise local goods and services. As the ads increased, so did our growing and diverse community.

In my humble opinion

Sadily, this is my last column.

Minister C.A. Smith’s parting words to me when I moved from Nassau to Abaco were “Whatever you do, Stephanie, try to make it a success.”

I arrived in Hope Town with my two young children not knowing what to do and with no lofty aspirations of “making a difference.” All I wanted was a small, wide world. Exposure to the concepts of others brings out new approaches to problems in our own communities. We have seen residents come together to solve problems.

In the future is rich with changes, some expected and others that are not.

The Abaconian’s future.

I discovered, as with many of my other crazy ventures, that it was going to be neither practical nor remunerative. Finally, I applied for a job as a manageress at a local restaurant. It was a far cry from working in a psychiatric clinic in Nassau, but I viewed it as an adventure and a financially secure one.

A couple of days before going for the interview I was at a party in Hope Town.

“So what did you in England?” a man asked.

“I worked as a writer on an architectural magazine in the heart of London. A kind of young, quicky Bridget Jones,” I laughed.

“You look like you enjoyed it,” he observed. “Your eyes have lit up.”

It was true. I loved gathering material from the Long Island, interviews for conferences. Meeting deadlines and going to press was stimulating and exciting.

“We have a great newspaper here in Marsh Harbour. Why don’t you apply for a job?” he suggested.

“I have heard that it is by a husband and wife, and they run a tight ship. There would be no point.”

“Contact them anyway; they are friends of mine,” he insisted.

The following day I bumped into the same man in Hope Town. “So did you call the Abaconian?” he asked.

“No, I am too shy,” I replied.

“Come with me,” he said, pointing to a telephone box outside the government clinic, “I’m going to make the call.”

A few moments later he dangled a telephone to me. “Dave Ralph will meet you at the Golden Grouper at noon tomorrow,” he said.

We met and he dangled a telephone in my shoes. Tight ship, I thought. There is no way they would give me a job. However, I decided to go. While I was there dangled a telephone to me. “Dave Ralph will meet you at the Golden Grouper at noon tomorrow,” he said.

We met and he dangled a telephone in my shoes. Tight ship, I thought. There is no way they would give me a job. However, I decided to go. While I was there, Dave Ralph came over and introduced himself. “I am Dave Ralph,” he said.

He offered me a job as a reporter and writer. He told me that they had been looking for a new editor and that I was the one they had been looking for.

And I took the job.

A tribute

To the Editor:

The Abaconian has been a wonderful gift to the people of Abaco—Bahamians and second homeowners alike—from the vision, hard work and dedication of Dave and Kathy Ralph of Marsh Harbour. They started the newspaper in 1993 and have made it into the best paper in the Out Islands.

It has brought Abaco residents together—people in Green Turtle Cay and Cooper’s Town now know what is going on in Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War Cay —and vice versa. There is a common interest now that did not exist during the 1980s. All of us applaud their singularly unique contribution to their adopted land and wish them well in their retirement years.

And, of course, we looked enthusiastically to the future of The Abaconian in the capable hands of Dave and Kathy Albury.

Steve Dodge

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We have received several letters recently from people who do not print letters that we cannot determine the writer. If you do not want your name appearing in letters that we cannot determine the writer.


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We are in the process of selling The Abaconian to local Abacoans, Michael and Nancy Albury of Man-O-War, his sister Ruth and Ruth’s son Bradley. Bradley will be the managing editor and will begin publishing with the March 15 issue. By the time you read this, he and his staff will have moved to their office in Dove Plaza next to the Administrator’s office.

We hope that we have been able to preserv e The Abaconian in the hands of someone to whom it is a meaningful publication to Abaco. We will continue to live here as Abaco is our home. We will be helping the new owners to make it a success.

You will still see us at events throughout the area as we are still vitally interested in Abaco and its people.

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Concerns of disrepair at port

By Timothy Roberts

Complaints surrounding the conditions at the port in Marsh Harbour have been ongoing for some time and according to sources at the dock they are falling on deaf ears as repairs, some that date as far back as the 2004 hurricane season, are not being carried out.

Since Hurricanes Jean and Frances made their passage through Abaco in 2004, the main guiding buoys from the mouth of the harbour leading to the port have problems. Either the lights on them have stopped working or the buoys themselves have disappeared. We were told that initially there were eight buoys with lights to direct freighters and barges through the narrow channel to the international and domestic port; today there are only four left and of these only one has its light working. This causes difficulty to captains navigating the passage.

Additionally, many large tires which act as fenders along the faces of the dock are either missing or are in desperate need of replacing. The roofs of both the international and domestic warehouses sustained damage during Hurricane Irene last August with missing roof panels that have not been replaced.

The domestic warehouse has three roll-up doors that are jammed either up or down and need to be repaired or replaced. The conventional employee access door is jammed shut, perhaps from corrosion or slight sitting of the structure. The door to the employees’ restroom is broken and the room itself has not been cleaned for months.

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The contract for repairs to the two warehouses has already been awarded, and the contractor, Michael Lundy, is awaiting the arrival of materials. He noted that issues with the buoys and dock fenders are also being addressed and that they are in the process of getting them sorted out.

Capt. Leeland Russell, director of the Abaco’s Port Department, said he is aware of the complaints. While some of the issues have not been addressed as quickly as some would like, progress is being made.

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Scrap metal is being shipped once again

By Mirella Santillo

A large barge, the Thor III, loaded with 2000 metric tons of scrap metal, left Parker’s Landing in Murphy Town towed by the tug boat Mitchell. It had spent days loading scrap metal recovered from all over the island. Each truck load of scrap was weighed at Abaco Block & Concrete before being unloaded onto the barge. The operation was under the supervision of the Abaco Salvage Operators Association and the company owning the barge.

The remains of 500 cars were loaded together with pieces of heavy equipment and other discarded items; all together 2000 metric tons of scrap metal were shipped to Tampa.

Sherilyn Cooper, President of the Abaco Salvage Operators Association, was happy that historic artifacts from Saw Mill Sink in South Abaco were saved. The Association has been working hand-in-hand with the Bahamas National Trust and Friends of the Environment to safeguard relics of the past. The two environmental organizations are hoping to develop material to educate people on what is scrap and what is artifact and which areas could have artifacts that need to be protected.

The barge will return when enough metal has been assembled.

Plans for AgriExpo are extensive

On April 27 and 28 the second All Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agribusiness Exposition (AgriExpo) will be held with the theme Promoting Food Security. The event will be held at the BACF Farmers’ Market site in Marsh Harbour. Participants at the event will include the Department of Agriculture, Department of Marine Resources and Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) as well as many local organizations and individuals. Schools will be involved with special provisions for them on April 27. An essay competition for primary and secondary schools is already underway with agricultural themes as the topics. AgriExpo 2012 will feature presentations and demonstrations, displays and entertainment including the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band.

Art program will work with immigrant children

Jessica Filkins and Jaclyn Brannon are spearheading a program to involve children of the Mud and Pigeon Pea immigrant communities in developing their artistic talents. At present they are offering classes on Sundays at the Island Wave Community Culture Center on Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Gary Sawyer, Progressive Liberal Party candidate for Central and South Abaco, along with a group of supporters, formed a motorcade to drive to the Administrator’s office to pick up his voter’s card on February 17. The parade included cars and trucks with persons waving PLP flags, enthusiastic in their support of their candidate. After Mr. Sawyer received his voter’s card, the group drove around town waving their banners, eventually returning to PLP headquarters on Don MacKay Boulevard. This is raising the awareness that the country’s general election is drawing near and the time for Bahamians to register will soon be closed.
Members of the Abaco branch of the Bahamas Horticultural Society enjoyed creating their own bonsai plants under the direction of Jim Eastwood, a long time bonsai expert. He is shown here in the upper right. The club held this meeting in the fire house of Bahamas Palm Shores.
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Local Government at Work

A letter was read from Central Abaco Primary School requesting extra security through the evening and night as the school is experiencing more frequent break-ins through night hours. Presently, the school has three female security guards (from the government’s 52-week program) and one male. The staff is requesting that the male security guard be switched to work from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. to try to curb the problem.

D’Shawn Simms suggested an alternative plan such as using security cameras. Mr. Cornwall and Mr. Simms agreed to see where the problems are and make recommendations.

While being presented with a letter from Lovely Reckley concerning her children’s lunch program, the Council decided that each township will look into sponsoring children’s lunches for those who are unable to afford it.

Murphy Town Committee February 6

By Milenda Santillo

Murphy Town Committee’s monthly meeting was held on February 6 at the Council Office in Marsh Harbour. The most pressing matters on the agenda were to find a solution to the garbage situation for Great Cistern, a restructuring of the budget and a decision to approve one of the tenders received for changing the windows and doors at the Burial Society Hall in Murphy Town.

At the last meeting the Committee had decided to find an alternative to having a bin for the residents of Great Cistern to dispose of their garbage. The bin which was supposed to be for household refuse was being used for construction debris; and because it was low, dogs could reach the trash and spread the garbage around. The Committee members thought that a doctor-to-door pick up would solve the problem. Discussion took place between the residents of Great Cistern and the Committee, some in favor of the pick-up, others not.

However, because of the land configuration, it would be difficult for a regular garbage truck to reach some areas and maneuver on the narrow roads. This idea was rejected by Chairman D’Shawn Simms. In the meantime it was discovered that the land where the bin was located was not Crown Land, but was privately owned. The bin was removed during the first week of February and the land was cleared of trash. “No Dumping” notices were posted. Chairman Simms is informing people that anyone leaving trash on that site will be prosecuted if caught.

During the February 6 meeting, the Committee decided to find another location in the area to place a taller, covered bin. The Chairman proposed two locations that were not accepted by the other committee members. It was agreed that a Crown Land parcel on the Great Cistern Estate Road would be found.

Administrator Cephas Cooper reviewed the budget and pointed out that the side road maintenance area was in deficit because of unexpected expenses. After deliberations, the Committee members agreed to reduce the mowing of the side streets to once a month instead of twice during the dry season to offset the negative balance. Twice a week maintenance should resume after a few months.

The expenses of changing the doors and the windows at the Burial Society were reviewed and agreed upon. Six tenders for labor were received; after reviewing the quotes, it was agreed that Jackson Blatch will be retained to do the work.

The day following the meeting, Chairman Simms let it be known that he had secured a location on Great Cistern Estate Road for the garbage bin to be placed. It will be between the former location and the triplex apartment building located before the corner of Murphy Town Boulevard. The land is to be cleared and the bin in place by the end of February.

Marsh Harbour Town Committee Feb. 8

By Timothy Roberts

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Government trainees are working on the terminal

By Jennifer Hudson

The new Marsh Harbour International Airport terminal is rising up from the ground rapidly and is looking very impressive. I was first given a tour of its foundations in September. During my second visit at the beginning of February, I was awed at the amount of work that has been done and how all the different areas such as domestic and international arrivals and departure halls, baggage handling areas, lounges, areas for offices, restaurants and shops and even a jail cell are all taking shape.

It is now five months since 30 young men began work on the new terminal as part of the National Job Skills and Training Initiative. Twenty-three of these young men are still currently employed working alongside approximately 120 skilled members of FES Construction Company, the company which has been contracted to build the new terminal and control tower, and subcontract workers. The trainees are excited about what they have already learnt and where these new skills can lead them in the future. Of the few who have left the project some have moved on to other jobs, three have gone away to college and just one or two found that they were unable to comply with the high ethical standards required of them.

“At the beginning, the apprentices began by digging trenches, sweeping and shoveling, but now they have moved on to focused areas which include electrical, plumbing, carpentry and air conditioning. Here we encourage a good work ethic. The young men are learning the trade and are really making progress,” stated Corry Adderley, Safety Director for FES Construction Company. He added that many have already decided either to stay with the company in the future or to take further classes. “These young men will stay on this project as long as there is work on the site which we expect to be brought to a somewhat of a close in June or July. Despite much rain in September, October and November, we have made lots of progress recently and the project is on schedule,” he stated.

I was taken on a tour of the airport construction by Mr. Adderley who introduced me to several of the government trainees, all of whom are very enthusiastic about the trades they are learning and the part they are playing in the construction of the terminal. Several travel up a good distance each day from as far as Blackwood, Cedar Harbour and Cooper’s Town in North Abaco. Jeno Cornish is working on masonry, grounds cleaning and material sorting. “This is my first time in masonry, I have learned a lot and am looking forward to one day owning my own masonry company,” he stated enthusiastically. Stefano Curry is assisting with carpentry. He has been building fascia boards and is now starting working on inside walls. Although he had never done any carpentry before beginning his training project, he hopes before he leaves to learn enough to be a skilled carpenter.

Two young men who had been working only as trainees on the project for two and three weeks respectively were excited to be new recruits. I met both Whitmore Pratt and Stanford McIntosh working in the international arrival hall. Mr. Pratt is really enjoying the hands-on work and is trying to learn everything he possibly can. Mr. McIntosh is working alongside a carpenter putting up metal studs which he said that he finds pretty challenging.

Rudinell McIntosh, who has been working along with the electricians since the beginning of the project, explained that he is now joining pipes and pulling wires for switches and plugs. “At first I was working on trenching. This was hard as we had to dig deep trenches to put pipes in to come up through the walls. Now I am working on circuits for the lighting which is complicated stuff and is very good experience.” Mr McIntosh expressed his pride in being a part of this major project for Abaco. “I feel I have played a very important role in this new building, and I am very proud to know that I will have helped build this terminal. When the building is finished, I will feel very happy and proud every time I see the lights come on in the terminal.” I feel that he spoke on behalf of all of the trainees when he said, “It is not every day you get paid to learn, and I am very grateful to government for this opportunity.”

These are some of the trainees learning trades while they work on constructing the new terminal at the Marsh Harbour airport. Second from the right is Corry Adderley, Safety Director for FES Construction.
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David Knowles receives a promotion

By Timothy Roberts

Head Park Warden for the Bahamas National Trust on Abaco, David Knowles was promoted to Director of Parks with responsibility for 27 national parks across The Bahamas at the end of 2011.

Mr. Knowles, a native of Nassau, said that despite an initial reluctance to accept the position, he is now excited to take on the challenge and create even more awareness of our national parks among visitors and locals. His initial reluctance was due to his desire to remain on Abaco. But the concern was short lived because the Trust confirmed that he would be able to operate from Abaco.

Eric Carey, Director of the Trust, has known Mr. Knowles for many years when he was first introduced to farming working his grandfather’s pineapple farm. And those experiences have stayed with him.

He attended Oregon State University where he received a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. He worked in Nassau for several years, eventually with the Department of Agriculture. In 1998 he replaced Simeon Pinder in the Department of Agriculture on Abaco and was permanently stationed here as a Junior Officer in 1999, a position he held until 2007 when he joined the Trust.

Moving forward, he wants to push for infrastructure in the parks to make them more accessible and visitor friendly. He hopes to get locals to learn more about their national parks and why they are important to us.

Business License has new revenue officer

By Camilksa Alexander

During the recent Heads of Departments meeting held on January 26, Gaynell Rolle, Chief Finance and Revenue Officer, was officially introduced to many of her colleagues. According to Ms. Rolle, an assessment of the Business License and Evaluation Department on Abaco was carried out under the direction of Administrator Cephas Coo-per and the directors of the financial sector. Based on the results gathered from the assessment, a decision was made to restructure the department, hence her appointment as Chief Finance and Revenue Officer.

Ms. Rolle viewed the department’s mandate as a simple but effective means of putting forward the same strategy, mission statement and vision that is comparable to the Business License Office in Nassau. “What is key is making the department a role model department that can be benchmarked and be a highlight ministry of Abaco,” she said.

After taking a sabbatical in 1997 to enter front line politics, Ms. Rolle was pleased to return to government work which she began in 1993. Ms. Rolle continued, “Abaco is fast becoming the envy of other islands in The Bahamas. It is bursting with growth opportunities in a number of areas for those with a vision and the wherewithal to translate vision into substance. I am certainly honored at this pivotal point in its economy having been considered to serve in a role that can effect change, forge the way forward and help to shape the community. I look forward to doing so in a positive way.

People in the News

Little League receives donation

FLP candidate for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, left, made a donation to the All Abaco Little League Baseball Association on February 8. The donation will go toward ensuring that Little League Baseball is kept up and running on the island. He is giving the check to Coach George Mills, Association President.

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People in the News

Young Abaconian heads ScotiaBank
By Canishka Alexander
Lasonya Missick joins several other women with the distinction of being a female branch manager of ScotiaBank Ltd. in Marsh Harbour. Mrs. Missick is the current manager, and it is a role that has left her feeling excited. Others who served in this capacity are Judy Johnston, Maureen Wallace and Cleola Pinder.

Lasonya Missick

“It’s a dream come true in a lot of ways because I typically say that when I joined the bank in 1994, my first goal was to be a branch manager. I looked over and saw it, and I said one day I’d like to do that,” she explained. “And so to actually accomplish a long-term goal feels really great, and for that I’m excited because it makes me more passionate.”

Speaking of goals, she can see where her goals tie in with the vision of ScotiaBank, and she has a strong family background that has instilled good structural values in her.

In terms of personal aspirations, I want to be more community-minded and to give back. I’m very interested in the future of our young women and in being a positive influence on them.”

Mrs. Missick sees herself as the same person in all aspects of her life. She explained that as a mother she is passionate about the success of her children, in her personal life it has built character and allowed her to make worthy contributions to ScotiaBank, and she has a strong family background that has instilled good structural values in her.

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Moving forward, Mrs. Missick is looking to deepen their presence on Abaco because it is a fast-growing community.

Urgent care medical center opens
By Samantha V. Evans
In 2011 Dr. Latesha McIntosh returned to Abaco after being away since she was ten years old. Even though she was schooled away from Abaco, she spent every break on the island back in her hometown of Wood Cay. Upon graduating high school, she attended The College of the Bahamas where she studied biology. She obtained a bachelor’s degree from Florida Memorial University, then went to at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad where she spent five years working on her medical degree. She interned at Princess Margaret Hospital for the next 18 months before beginning work in Freeport from 2003 to 2006. But she wanted to obtain an additional degree as an Emergency Medical Specialist so returned to The University of the West Indies in Jamaica where she spent four years. She returned to Freeport in 2010, then returned home to Abaco last year.

She has worked part-time at Auskell and while there noticed that there was a need for more emergency health care. She noted that Abaco has very qualified doctors, some of whom she remembers being here when she was a child. However, urgent care is an area that is lacking. She explained that urgent care requires specialized care which must be done within a “golden window.” She is a specialist in this area.

She loves Abaco so much and wants to improve healthcare so she decided to return home to open her center. Additionally, since she recently had a baby, she noted that it would be a good place to raise children. On February 6 Abaco Medi Center and Urgent Care Facility opened in the Schooner building next to Insurance Management.

Dr. McIntosh can see patients for any ailments from the common cold to pregnancy. Under the Urgent Care facility she specializes in emergencies which can include all types of trauma cases. Her goal is to get the patients stabilized so that they can have the best chance at recovery. Also she has to decide whether the patient needs to be flown out and can be managed on the island. The Urgent Care Facility is there to cater to people who need care immediately while they wait on an air ambulance.

In the coming weeks she will be having specialists come into the Center on a monthly basis in the areas of obstetrics, pediatrics, internal medicine and the like. She will be adding digital radiology in the coming weeks so that patients can get a second opinion while they are still in her office.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center is closed on Sunday except in the case of emergencies. The office contact is 367-9999 and the emergency number is 577-9999.

Terminal
From Page 6

He added, “We expect for this air traffic control tower to be manned by Abacoians. There is a recruitment program going on as we speak so they can be trained in time and occupy the tower on completion of the building.”

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News of South Abaco

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Wedding

Although originally postponed due to illnesses experienced by various members of the wedding party, Samantha Sawyer, daughter of Denise and Steve Sawyer, wed Mickey Lowe, the son of Noel and Hannah (deceased) Lowe, on February 4 in a private ceremony at the bride’s sister’s home. Kellie and Darrel Pinder in Cherokee. Kellie was the Maid of Honor and Colin Aithurb, a long time friend stood as best man. A reception was held in the W.W. Sands Community Center to celebrate the occasion with many family members and friends in attendance.

The happy couple have known each other all their lives. The bride was formerly employed at Pete’s Pub in Little Harbour and the groom is an air conditioning specialist and owner of his own company, Lowe’s Air Conditioning. The couple has recently purchased a house in Cherokee and will make their home here in the settlement where they both grew up. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Soup Kitchen

On the menu this month was turkey soup with mixed vegetables and served with a dinner roll. Thirty shu-shu’s, bedridden, elderly widows and widowers living in Cherokee received a container of hot, homemade soup hand delivered by the church ladies.

The Soup Kitchen is an outreach program originally begun by Rev. Neilly and has been operating once a month at Epworth Chapel in Cherokee since March 2011. Because of our many generous benefactors, we are able to carry out this worthwhile and gratifying project. The ladies who prepare the meal every month vow they will carry on with this labour of love for as long as they are able to do so and the good Lord continues to provide the means.

17th Annual Valentine’s Tea

Not everyone has time to stop for a tea break or even take a few extra minutes for themselves. It is why we have continued this unique local custom of having an annual Tea Party on or near Valentine’s Day every year for 17 consecutive years and hope it is enjoyed by all who make the effort to come out.

Our little gatherings are not about “lazy afternoons” as some may think. Yes, we serve tea and little sandwiches and desserts, but we also forgot about our hardships and worries and any petty problems of the day. We played some silly games, hear some jokes, tell each other funny stories, catch up on old times, laugh a lot and generally just let our hair down.” A psychiatrist might tell us all these things are necessary to keep us sane. Anyway, we believe everyone enjoyed themselves and escaped if only for enough time to have a “cuppa” and continue to carry on a very pleasant pastime for one afternoon for one more year.

Cherokee Community Clinic

Several more local volunteers have come out to help with the construction of the new Cherokee Community Clinic. They are cutting and bending steel for the foundation and columns, trying to get at least the first phase ready for inspection so that the concrete can be poured. I guess you could call this the “grunt work,” and these men are doing a great job. When the building is completed, it will be there for all of us, but these volunteers will certainly have a great feeling of accomplishment for the work they did in helping the community reach its goal.

These are hard times and many are out of work. Even the government is experiencing a depression. But when casually talking with our representative at a local gathering on one of the cays recently, I asked why there was nothing for Cherokee on the Free National Movements list of accomplishments in Abaco since the 2007 election (which they handed out at a recent rally held in Nassau). I had to admit, seeing nothing on that printed list made me feel once again like an “outside child,” receiving nothing or at best “only the dregs.” But then I was told, “Cherokee is unique, it’s not like other settlements. They help themselves and always have.”

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The ladies of Cherokee Sound gather every Valentine’s Day for a Tea Party. They have a delightful time chatting, playing games and enjoying tea and sweets served on fancy china. It is a gathering that they all look forward to.

Local Church Services

Two open-air services were held on February 7 and 8 on the school ground steps. Rev. Maria Neilly, Minister of Epworth Methodist Chapel, and Darrel Pinder of the Assemblies of God Church in Cherokee delivered inspiring messages. The singing was impressive and very loud. Not only Cherokee folks enjoy these informal nights of singing, tending and fellowship, but actually lots of other Abacians look forward to them as well, and this time was no exception as many visitors made the long trek along our winding road to hear these sermons, singing and fellowship, but actually lots of other Abacians look forward to them as well, and this time was no exception as many visitors made the long trek along our winding road to hear these
Hair stylists compete in Atlanta hair show
By Camille Alexander
Sharron Davis, proprietor of Restoration Salon and Spa, was excited to attend the Bromer Brothers Hair Show 2012 in Atlanta on February 18-21. She took six of her students from Restoration Academy and Salon Professionals as well as Nevan-dria Rolle, Miss Abaco 2012, to model the costume she designed for the Fantasy Competition.

One of the students attended a microderm-abrasion course with one of Bromer Brothers top skin care representatives, who focused on corrective skin care and taking care of the skin from inside out.

Meanwhile, the remaining students signed up for the mannequin competition. They had practiced styling their mannequins’ hair while timing themselves. They were allowed to take their mannequins already prepped. When the competition began, they were required to style the hair in 30 minutes.

Ms. Davis said that although the trip to Atlanta was costly, she was a priceless experience because it allowed the group to keep on the cutting edge and learn about newly released products. “To be in a competition of this magnitude is awesome, and I am excited,” Davis said. “The students are already winners to me just by competing.”

School
Penses with funds raised by the annual flea market. In a perfect coordination between students and teachers, upwards of 30 tables were busy selling used books, crafts and delicious meals and desserts.

The school and parents of the students are grateful to the Abaco Community for its continued support.
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Working on the newspaper allowed me to travel the length and breadth of Abaco and to get to know and understand the people of these wonderful islands. Without the job on The Abaconian I would never have met people tucked away in small settlements like Crown Haven. I discovered many years ago that most people living on the cays have not been any farther north than Treasure Cay nor anywhere near Sandy Point in the south. What a loss for them!

Writing columns was an intriguing experience. It afforded me the opportunity of hopefully bringing a little humour at times to my readers. It changed the way I look at the world, not just Abaco. I listened and observed more and used the funny things people say and do as raw material for my columns. I found that one sentence, even one word could be a prompt for a column. As I write these final words, I regret the columns I never wrote, like the one about Lyn Major which I intended entitling “A Major Concern” in acknowledgment of the wonderful work she has done over the years with Every Child Counts. Sorry, Lyn.

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Abaco loses one of its business pioneers

Abaco loses one of its business pioneers. Walter Marshall Smith, better known as Wally, the beloved owner of Wally’s restaurant, passed away at the age of 93 in Marshall Harbour By 1962 he had built a vacation home on land where the Conch Inn now stands and where he and his family vacationed for the next two years. In 1964 he sold his company in Canada and moved his wife Phyllis and his two daughters, Barbara and Maureen, to Marsh Harbour permanently.

Wally Smith’s friendly and personal touch soon had bankers and other members of the business community stopping by each day for happy hour in his home. So bank manager Doug Jones suggested that Wally get a liquor license. This he did and in 1968 he turned his vacation home into what became the well known Conch Inn. He also built some rental homes where Iggy Biggy and Island Gal now stand. The Conch Inn was the first of its kind for tourists to enjoy,” stated Maureen. “It was better than just a bar; there were Strauss Walters playing in the background and people drank their beer out of a glass instead of a bottle and had to take their hats off before they entered.” During that time Wally was chair of the Independence Committee.

In 1973 an electrical fire destroyed the Conch Inn during the middle of the night. However, undeterred, Wally was able to purchase Leonard Thompson’s home on the adjacent property which he renovated and opened as the Conch Inn Restaurant. He then built 10 motel-type rental units on the former Conch Inn land which became the Conch Inn as we know it today and the Conch Crazed which was a daytime restaurant by the marina which is now, after many renovations, Curly Tail Restaurant. The Crazed Charters company had moved here and needed a place for its clients to stay on their first and last nights. So with this first motel on Abaco, Wally had provided a much needed facility to satisfy this need.

In 1982 Wally sold the Conch Inn and began looking for property for a new restaurant. “He was very particular that he wanted exactly the right piece in the right place,” remembers Maureen. He finally found what he wanted and built the well known Wally’s Restaurant in 1986. The restaurant still proudly stands on the same spot today although it was sold by his daughter Maureen four years ago. Wally ran this restaurant himself for many years assisted by his daughter Maureen and his younger daughter Barbara until her death several years ago. The restaurant remains the same with inside and outside dining, bar and trendy boutique which was started by Wally’s wife, Phyllis, who predeceased him two years ago. Wally was always very ‘mine host,’ greeting every body at the door with a smile and friendly hello, “Hello,” reminisces Maureen. He had to re tactfully retire into the background, leaving his daughter to run it as he suffered a broken hip two years before it was sold.

Wally made a great contribution to tourism on Abaco. On the 25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Independence this was recognized by the Bahamas government when he was presented with an award for his contribution to Abaco’s tourism at Government House in Nassau. “In the 60s he always said. ‘Someday this place is gonna catch on,’ and he was around long enough to see it catch on,” said Maureen proudly. “He loved Abaco and loved the people, never having any regrets for having left his homeland of Canada. He became a natural ized citizen of The Bahamas in 1977.”

Humblestone From Page II

By Jennifer Hudson

I was shocked to learn that Ralph had not only been actively involved in the development of the hospitality industry on Abaco, but he had also become a mentor to many who are now leaders in the industry. Ralph’s passion for creating and running the job on The Abaconian 16 years ago, for allowing me to thank Dave and Kathy Ralph for giving Lyn the wonderful work she has done over the columns I never wrote, like the one about columns. I found that one sentence, even observed more and used the funny things people say and do as raw material for my columns. I found that one sentence, even one word could be a prompt for a column. As I write these final words, I regret the columns I never wrote, like the one about Lyn Major which I intended entitling “A Major Concern” in acknowledgment of the wonderful work she has done over the years with Every Child Counts. Sorry, Lyn.

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- $$ = Moderate, $50-$100
- $$$ = High, over $100
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-On Settlement Harbour
-Near Nipper's & Town
-Abaco’s best beach
-1,558 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bth
-12,105 s.f. - 0.227 Acre

Green Turtle Cay
-17,393 s.f. - 0.360 Acre
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-2 kitchens
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-Mid-Island Area
-180’ water frontage
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-33,482 s.f. - 0.779 Acre
-161.30’ on Coco Bay
-5,360 s.f. - 0.120 Acre

Green Turtle Cay
-3,240 s.f. - 0.072 Acre
-2,246 s.f. - 0.056 Acre
-90’ on Gilliam Bay

Great Guana Cay
-39,394 s.f. - 0.875 Acre
-Green Turtle Cay
-Duplex Garage - Dockage / membership

Green Turtle Cay
-30,977 s.f. - 0.710 Acre
-2,356 s.f. Wrap/decks
-30,977 s.f. - 0.710 Acre

Green Turtle Cay
-26,796 s.f. - 0.592 Acre
-250’ on Ocean Front
-3,060 s.f. - 0.068 Acre

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Coach George Mills, president of the All-Abaco Little League Association, welcomed everyone to the exciting opening of the 2012 Season Opening Ceremony that was held at the Murphy Town Ballpark on February 11. Coach Mills introduced the six teams in attendance: Central Abaco Orioles, Central Abaco Parrots, Central Abaco Marlins and the North Abaco Baseball Club’s A, B and Juniors players.

In light of the great success of last year’s international baseball tournament and the community’s hospitality to our guests, Craig Kemp, President of the Bahamas Baseball Federation, had come to the realization that Abaco is ready for “big things.” In fact, Mr. Kemp announced that three mini-tournaments are scheduled this year—one for Abaco, Long Island and Eleuthera.

Administrator Cephas Cooper was pleased with the presence of Little League baseball on Abaco adding that it is important for the youth to be involved in positive and wholesome activities.

The special guest at the ceremony was Ed Armbrister, former major league player for the Cincinnati Reds, who commented...
that he could see the potential that the play-
ers had for the sport, and he encouraged
their parents to continue to support them.
He shared his experience before becoming
a baseball player on a professional level. “I
had the will to go ahead and play baseball
and do the best I could every day. I wasn’t
thinking about being a professional. I just
loved the sport, and I wanted to play along
with my teammates,” he recalled.

During the ceremony Whelma Cole-
brooke of the Ministry of Youth, Sports
and Culture made a presentation of two
drink coolers to Elvis Curry, vice presi-
dent of the league.

After the ceremonial first pitch, the first
of three scheduled games began. In the 9-10
division, the North Abaco Baseball Club A
beat the Central Abaco Orioles 23-0. The
winning pitcher was Oniel Pritchard. In
Game Two, the North Abaco B team de-
feated the Central Abaco Parrots with a
score of 3-2 in a pitcher’s duel. The winning
pitcher was K. Wright with 10 strikeouts.
According to Coach Mills, the third game
between the North Abaco Juniors and the
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date will be announced later.

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The Circus is returning
After a five year hiatus the Carnival is coming back. The Carnival which just
spent seven weeks in Nassau and four
seeks in Freeport is scheduled to open in
Marsh Harbour on March 10 at the Abaco Central Primary School grounds.
The Carnival will present 16 rides in-
cluding the Flying Bats, Pirate Ship,
Twister, Bumper Cars, Scram-
bler, Gravity and many rides for the
children under 12.

Along with the rides there will be lots of
games and food for all to enjoy.

A new Pay One Price will be offered this
year. With this a customer can just pay one
low price each day and ride all the rides as
many times as he wants during operating
hours. Admission not Included. Come join
us for miles of smiles at the carnival on
March 10 through March 25th.

North Abaco Bird Watching Trip
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Lunch will be in Crown Haven

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15,500 sq. ft. beachfront lot just south of Abaco Inn.

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SUMLA ESTATE
$4,500,000
63 acres with over 6,000 ft. of waterfront is ideal for an estate or development.

BOAT HARBOUR
$1,390,000
43,560 sq. ft. property offers a 6 bdrm waterfront home.

LITTLE ORCHARD
$249,000
30,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with available utilities.

BLUFF HARBOUR
$2,100,000
Unique 2 bdrm waterfront home on 2 acres, plus dock.

WHITE BAY
$1,165,000
One-of-a-kind, 3 bdrm home with Sea of Abaco views.

ROYAL PALM
$450,000
Exceptional 4 bdrm home is furnished and pure luxury.

CROCKET DRIVE
$399,000
Tastefully furnished, 2 bdrm home on a quiet cul-de-sac is perfect for entertaining.

REGATTAS
$249,000
Furnished, 2 bdrm, 2 bath upper level condo.

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Special island and wall built 4 bdrm, 3 bath home.

GREAT ABACO CLUB
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7,600 sq. ft. canalfront home is the lowest priced in this gated community.

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56,604 sq. ft. open zoned lot in a high traffic location.

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25,703 sq. ft. lot offers panoramic sea views.

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JOE’S CAY
$2,225,000
30 acre Private Island has beaches stretching 1,500 ft., and possibilities for a marina.

BOAT HARBOUR
$1,390,000
1.14 beach acres at Baker’s Bay Golf & Ocean Club.

MARSH HARBOUR
$3,800/month
Exceptional 4 bdrm home is furnished and pure luxury. Sleeps 8

GREAT CISTERN
$76,500
30,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with available utilities.

SUMNER ESTATE
$4,500,000
9,000 sq. ft. beachfront lot stretching 1,500 ft., and possibilities for a marina.

BLACK SOUND
$288,000
New, 4 bdrm family retreat awaits your final touches.

LITTLE ORCHARD
$249,000
7,600 sq. ft. canalfront lot just south of Abaco Inn.

GREEN TURTLE CAY
Takahita Beach
$999,000
One-of-a-kind, 2 bdrm beachfront home on 2 acres, plus dock.

NEW PLYMOUTH
$643,500
3 bdrm hilltop retreat with sea views picture perfect views.

DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES
$149,000
7,223 sq. ft. hillside lot with ocean and bay views.

DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES
$165,000
25,000 sq. ft. lot offers panoramic sea views.

SANDS ROAD
$265,000
Tucked away 2 bdrm cottage near the beach.

HOPE TOWN
$980/week
This 1 bdrm rental is located in the heart of Hope Town.

MARSH HARBOUR
$980/week
Charming, intimate and conveniently located in the heart of Hope Town is this 1 bdrm rental. Sleeps 4
BNT holds poster competition

By Jennifer Hud son

During the very successful Art for the Parks show held at Abaco Beach Resort at the end of January, the Bahamas National Trust held a school poster competition as a segment of this fundraising event. The theme for the competition was Conservation Can’t Wait. Of the 21 schools invited to participate, 14 entered.

The competition, which was sponsored by Sand Dollar Shoppe, was divided into three categories. Prizes were awarded to first, second and third place winners in each category and a grand prize was awarded to the overall best in competition winner. Judges for the event were Lynn Gape, Simon Parr, David Knowles and Martin Russell.

The competition challenged students to illustrate why there is a need to protect our ecosystems, marine resources and open spaces for future generations of Bahamians. “These valuable habitats and species help drive our number one industry - tourism and provide employment for residents. Our marine ecosystems support our fishing industry and dive industry which bring millions of dollars into our economy annually,” stated Kaderin Mills, Abaco Administrator with the Trust.

The posters were judged prior to the opening of the art show and were on display in the marquee during the entire show. The entries showed both excellent imagination and talent. These are the winners.

Overall Winner in Competition
Antoine Edmond, Abaco Central High

Category I - Grades 4 to 6
1st Place, Bethany Higgins, Agape Christian
2nd Place, Gerline Belot and Jefferson Charlie, Treasure Cay Primary
3rd Place, Kalina Weatherford, Mun-War Primary

Category II - Grades 7 to 9
1st Place, Johanon Cartwright, Agape Christian
2nd Place, Dellano Johnson, S.C. Bootle
3rd Place, Felicia Roberts, Mary E. Albury

Honorable Mention
Johnny Auguste, S. C. Bootle High
Kyle Reeves, Mary E. Albury
Brandon Weatherford, Mary E. Albury
Giovanna Mani, Mary E. Albury

Category III - Grades 10 to 12
1st Place, James Pritchard Jr, S.C. Bottle
2nd Place, Brandon Pinder, St. Francis de Sales
3rd Place, Tirshatha Etienne, Long Bay

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Singing group performed by Shere Khan

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An a capella singing group from Princeton University which performs under the name of Shere Khan delighted audiences on Abaco with several concerts during the first week of February. Their first performance was at the St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town to raise funds for the Hope Town youth group’s mission trip this coming summer. On Friday they visited the Every Child Counts School where they were given a tour of the school, spent time with the students and then performed.

The winner of the poster competition held by the Bahamas National Trust was Antoine Edmond, right, a student at Abaco Central High School. He is shown at the Art for the Parks show with his winning painting. He is shown with his father, Henry Edmond.

An a capella singing group from Princeton University performed three times in February to assist in raising funds for various group. This is the fifth trip that the group has made to Abaco.
Ten Abaco Central High School students were rewarded with Students of the Month certificates for their performance during the month of January. The program was launched by teachers of the Department of Social Sciences, explained subject coordinator Shere Khan, who was formed in 1993, consists of 14 students who are pursuing a variety of majors and are all at different stages in their studies. It was interesting to note that out of this extremely talented musical group, only the leader was a music major. The other members are all great friends who enjoy making music together and have been blessed with great singing talents. One of the members explained the group’s unusual name by saying that they named themselves after Shere Khan, the famous Tiger from Rudyard Kipling’s Jungle Book which is their college mascot.

The audience was treated to an explanation and demonstration of how the various parts are built into a chorus. Each of the four vocal parts, bass, tenor, alto and soprano, were sung in turn and then all were put together to form the group’s distinctive and delightful sound. One of the members cleverly put in a vocal percussion part which sounds amazingly like actual instruments. All of the members’ voices blend well together into one beautiful harmonious sound. They sang with such precision and followed their leader’s every direction for dynamics which gave much expression to all of their contemporary songs. In each of the songs solo parts were performed by various members. Abaco’s own Aly Boyce, a Forest Heights Academy senior student, who is herself a talented young singer, joined the group as a soloist in one of their songs and received rousing applause. Members of the senior class and junkanoo group organized the event and raised funds through the sale of tickets and the sale of homemade pizza and baked goods provided by students, teachers and parents.

The 14 singers were given free accommodation in Hope Town in a beautiful residence thanks to the generosity of Bill Hand and Tom Taft. These two gentlemen are the owners of Calypso, a beautiful, six-bedroom house located on the beach at Elbow Cay which they also donated to the group for their stay in 2010. In Marsh Harbour the group was housed in condos at Regattas of Abaco, courtesy of Kimberly Soya.

ECC hears about home for those with special needs
By Mirella Santillo
On February 4 Lyn Major, Director of Every Child Counts, the school staff and parents heard a presentation by Rev. Lynn Godfrey, Chaplain of the L’Arche Community in Hamilton, Ontario. L’Arche is a facility for students with special needs requiring a home after completing their school studies. Rev. Godfrey was interested in meeting with the older students of ECC who might be interested in working at L’Arche as assistants. She illustrated her presentation with pictures to introduce the ECC group to the facility including the teachers and faculty members there.

The ECC faculty members have known about the concept of L’Arche as Mrs. Major attended a symposium on the organization a few years ago in the United States, and a member of L’Arche visited the school in 2010 to discuss the concept.

Mrs. Major developed an interest in L’Arche Community when she realized that some of her students would need a similar type of home after they graduate from ECC. For two years the staff, parents, and others have met to study possibilities. It became clear that a future home for former ECC students could be formed under the L’Arche umbrella.

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The Abaconian March 1, 2012

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One of them is that future assistants of the home spend time in an already established L’Arche facility. During Rev. Godfrey’s visit, a student, Karen Bain, expressed her desire to become an assistant at L’Arche in Canada to familiarize herself with the concept. The officials will begin the immigration process for her to stay in Canada.

As ECC moves closer to become affiliated with L’Arche, some logistic details will have to be clarified. The legal aspect must be finalized and funds will have to be raised to build a two-story structure on the school grounds. The future building will house a production and training center on the ground floor and apartments on the upper floor where L’Arche residents will live with their assistants.

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American civil rights leader who was in -spired by Dr. King, and write an essay on how that particular leader contributed to the civil rights movement. The students had to describe their own role in making a more peaceful and non-violent world based on contributions to their own communities. Devin selected Rev. Jesse Jackson for her topic. In her essay, she wrote about a new government program, the Technical Cadet program. “This program is desperately needed at my school to create the proper business mind set for our future graduates. Our high schoolers desperately need this program because for most of them Abaco is the world and the core subjects here is not adequately preparing them for the future. Rev. Jack son and Dr. King were both men that faced inequalities fiercely. As for me, I will not allow the inadequacies which exist at my school to prevail. I will make this island a better place through the power of the pen and my voice. Moore’s Island All-age School will be better because I am pre pared to knock until the door is opened.”

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On February 17 the students and teachers of Long Bay School took part in the Cross Country Race. Principal Jacqueline Collie stated that they had been doing this for 15 years and it is a prerequisite to sports day. The event is used to rejuvenate and build endurance in their students before the major sports events begin so that they can be mentally and physically prepared to compete.

As the name suggests, the event should cross settlements but due to the fact that they have preschoolers, they keep the walk short so that all the students can participate. Prizes were given in four categories. The winners in grades 1-3 were Brianna Pabian and Darris Gelin, in grades 4-6 were Tane-sha Gelin and Melvynz, in grades 7-9 were Shanika Simms and Javarezh Mcintosh and in grades 10-12 were Crystal Johnson and Bremont Davis. Teachers were located at each stop to give out water, monitor the race and assist students as needed. Mrs. Collins also ran and came third. She stated that she believes in leading by example. Her participation is the students and staff of Long Bay School who participated in the school’s annual Cross Country Race. Since even the young children were racing, the route was shortened to accommodate them.
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Long Bay School has many activities
By Samantha V. Evans

Long Bay School students have been making their mark as they have been successful in numerous competitions. On February 8 Tirshantha Etienne placed second in the Rotary Speech Competition. She was also successful in numerous competitions. On February 8 Tirshantha Etienne placed second in the Rotary Speech Competition. She was the top student at the school last year. These students were Tirshantha Etienne, Cicely Gomez, Alexia Gomez, Alton Pubien, Michina Etienne, Giovanni Morris, Carl Newbold, Duane Johnson, Samuel Collie, Jaheem Smith, Daphanie D’Haits and Tyrrique Lightbourn. Each of the students received a certificate and a phone card in the value of $20, $10 and $5. The winning logo is on the T-shirts which can be purchased from the school office. Suluki Innocent, left, and Jason Quashie, right, are PTA officers.

Angels Academy wins Grade 4 Spelling Bee

Twenty-four students took part in the Grade 4 Spelling Bee held at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town on February 10. The winner of the Grade 4 Spelling Bee was Trent Albury of Angels Academy. In second place was TaVaughn Taylor of Cooper’s Church Hall in Dundas Town on February 10. The winner of the Grade 4 Spelling Bee was Trent Albury of Angels Academy. In second place was TaVaughn Taylor of Cooper’s Church Hall in Dundas Town.

Horizons Academy holds open house
By Samantha V. Evans

On February 11 Horizons Academy held its Grand Opening at the school on S.C. Bootle Highway in Marsh Harbour. The speaker for the event was Dr. Lenora Black, who gave the students food for thought and some well needed advice as they work hard to reach their full potential. Dr. Black reminded the students that today is more family-oriented as parental support is needed more than ever in order for kids to succeed. She spoke about how the school offers help to first time parents of their children and to help them with their choices.

The honour of officially opening the school was by Simmone Mullings, her sister Sonia Bowe-Adderley and niece Sonia Bowe.
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St. Francis celebrates Catholic School Week
By Canishka Alexander

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School celebrated Catholic School Week 2012 from January 29 to February 5. The theme was Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service. Elmer Bongen, chairman of the Catholic School Week Committee, explained that it was a week that is observed all over the world among all Catholic schools. “The purpose of the celebration is to recognize the important role of Catholic education in a community,” he explained. Throughout the week special events were held including an opening mass on January 29, a special assembly and an art exhibit on January 31 through February 3, featuring the artistic abilities of the students.

On February 2 a Friendship Game was organized and incorporated basketball and volleyball games between teachers and students. Every day trivia questions were given on the history of St. Francis and on the contribution of Catholic education in The Bahamas. Culminating on February 3 was the Fun Day with a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon and raffle along with activities, food and games.

St. Francis de Sales raffle is drawn
By Canishka Alexander

On February 17 St. Francis de Sales School held a greatly anticipated raffle drawing that the students were excited about. It was originally intended to take place during Catholic Schools Week 2012 from January 29 to February 5. Excited cheers rang out from the audience as each winner was announced. Perhaps the most sought after prize was the cruise for two – the grand prize – which was won by Diamond Davis.

Each of students who were the top sellers will be rewarded with a prize. Charleston Hunt, a Grade 4 student, sold 147 raffle books. Danielle Sands, a student of Grade 3, sold 95 raffle books. Grade One student Kadia Armbrister sold 77 raffle books. Principal Josephine Kumar commended the PTA committee for an outstanding job.

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eska Adderley. Following the ceremony, the parents and guests toured the building. Refreshments were served.

After the Grand Opening, a Fun Day and Open House followed. The parents and students fellowshipped together and helped the school raise much needed funds for facility upkeep, supplies and a school bus. Numerous items were on sale. The parents donated clothing and shoes which were sold for low prices. Each grade level was responsible for a stall; grade 9 provided dessert and grade 10 provided the food. Some of the items on sale were delicious dinners and desserts. The kids enjoyed a dance and fun in a Wet Slide bouncing castle.

Part of the celebration of Catholic School Week was a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon held on February 3. The entire school participated. Those walking followed the banner carried a couple of the older students. When the students completed the walk, they enjoyed the rest of the day in fun activities.
consecuting the prizes for the raffle. The funds raised will go towards equipping the prizes for the raffle. We would also like to thank all those who supported the raffle by selling and buying tickets."

**Forest Heights Academy “Goes Green”**

In order to provide an example to the students of Forest Heights Academy, the members of its community and the entire Bahamas, Forest Heights Academy is striving to become an Eco-Friendly school, an international program to encourage conservation. Even more importantly, it hopes to maintain the pristine environment for which The Bahamas is known and loved internationally.

Forest Heights is a pilot school in the Eco-Friendly School program, coordinated in The Bahamas by BREEF. As a part of this program, many programs have been initiated. One successful program which has been in place for four years is the recycling of aluminum cans. Some of the more recent activities include the recycling of plastic water bottles and paper as well as encouraging the students to use reusable water bottles. Moreover, the school has begun composting biodegradable materials, and its Interact Club has produced a thriving garden.

Finally, the Forest Heights Eco-Code is posted in each classroom, which includes its long range goals to protect the environment. This code includes the efficient use of electricity by opening windows on beautiful days and turning off lights when the students are not in the classroom. It is just a start. But by implementing these measures, the students of Forest Heights hope to ensure the future of the Bahamas and keep it forever “Clean, Green and Pristine.”

**Maritime opportunities offered to students**

By Canishka Alexander

Representatives of Campbell Shipping Company Ltd. of Nassau made presentations on the opportunities available to students in the maritime industry. The presentation was made at Agape Christian School on February 17. This large gathering of students is from various schools in Central Abaco.

Lester BENEFY, Assistant Technical Manager for Campbell Shipping, spoke about the long, distinguished history that surrounds global shipping. He indicated that research has shown that 90 percent of the world’s trade is transported by the international shipping industry. Without shipping there would be no importation and exportation of affordable food and goods.

Mr. Benedy concluded that it is global trade that continues to sustain this industry. He described international shipping as one of the most technologically advanced industries in the world, one of the most swift and efficient methods of global transportation and the safest and most environmentally friendly mode of commercial transportation.

Mr. Armitrere, Campbell’s chief security officer, explained that the International Maritime Organization requires ships that travel to various ports around the world to have things like the ships’ bilge water tested and fuel tests carried out. Although there are a wide range of jobs available from accountants to cooks, there is a shortage of engineers in the industry. He pointed out that those trained in the

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**Concerts will benefit students**

Abaco Pathfinders is hosting its annual fundraising event, and it promises to be a night to remember. The sounds of jazz will fill the skies on March 2 in Hope Town and March 3 in Marsh Harbour. Both nights will be filled with prizes and numerous activities to entertain. A 10-piece band from Nassau, Ambasah, will perform each night. It is a sensational musical group that performs jazz with a Caribbean flair. It promises to be a sophisticated evening with the main goal of raising funds to assist more Abaco students in attending college.

Abaco Pathfinders was started in 2001 under the efforts of the late Jim Blumberg and his board members. Mr. Blumberg came to the island as a second homeowner, noticed many students on Abaco possessing great potential and pooled resources in order to make a difference.

In the last 10 years Abaco Pathfinders has assisted more than 150 students to college. Each year generous businesses, locals and second homeowners donate fantastic items which are auctioned. This community support has been the bedrock of the success of the program.

In these challenging economic times, students find it harder to pursue a college degree. Abaco Pathfinders has determined to continue the vision of its founding chairman and board members in raising funds for this great cause.

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These students from several high schools in Central Abaco listened to presentations promoting careers in the maritime industry and explanations of programs available to them.
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Research continues on virus affecting the spiny lobster

By Timothy Roberts

A recently discovered virus that is lethal to juvenile Caribbean spiny lobsters places further stress on an already troubled marine resource. This problem is in a new phase of studies to determine the impact on lobster populations in The Bahamas.

Dr. Mark Butler, Professor of Biological Science at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, assisted by retired Professor Dr. Bill Herrnkind, visited Abaco this past October collecting 100 samples from adult crawfish legs from each of eight locations across The Bahamas as they study the virus called PaV1 (Panulirus argus Virus #1).

The analysis of these samples is ongoing; however, the research to date reveals an inconsequential infection rate in the Bahamas’ adult populations at these eight locations.

The virus was first discovered in 1999 by Don Behringer of the University of Florida and Dr. Butler and Jeffrey Shields with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. They showed that the disease primarily kills juvenile spiny lobsters, though some only become carriers. This is the first known virus to affect a lobster of any species.

In the current phase of research on Abaco Dr. Butler is seeking to study post larval lobsters using “shag” nets to collect them as they come in from ocean currents. He is studying the dispersal of the disease to discover if there is large scale pathogen connectivity.

Infected spiny lobsters have been found everywhere from the Florida Keys and Mexico to Belize and St. Croix. It is believed that the transmission of the virus occurs as the larvae travel hundreds of miles through the Gulf Stream.

The PaV1 virus attacks the blood cells and tissues of the spiny lobster, causing most to die from metabolic depletion, a condition characterized by loss of energy. While the effects are often lethal on juvenile lobsters, adult lobsters seem largely unaffected by it.

The samples will be collected from the “shags,” which have been placed in shallow water near Fowl Cay and in the Channel south of Man-O-War. For one year these tissue samples will be evaluated for the presence of the virus at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Jeremie Saunders, Fisheries Superintendent for Abaco, and Leon Pinder, Abaco’s Deputy Fisheries Officer, are assisting in collecting the samples once a month. The samples of transparent post-larval, pigmented post-larval and juvenile lobsters will be preserved in 40 percent alcohol and sent to Dr. Butler for analysis.

The Department of Marine Resources asks the public to be aware of these “shags” and to report them to Jeremie Saunders or Leon Pinder. The shags are designed to attract small juvenile spiny lobsters that are migrating from out to the open water to gravelly areas where they will mature. This is part of a study being done by a professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, to learn more about the extent of a virus that is attacking spiny lobster. The effects of the virus is usually lethal in juvenile lobsters.

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Four students compete for Junior Minister

By Canishka Alexander

Four 11th grade students were selected to compete for this year’s Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco. On February 15 Antonio Roberts of St. Francis de Sales was shown with his coach, in an interview. Rebecca Strachan, the fourth candidate, was away in Nassau on job experience, so her interview was completed upon her return.

The interview process accounts for 40 percent of their final grade while the remaining 60 percent will be determined from a speech competition on March 15. The candidate with the highest overall grade will represent Abaco in the National Junior Minister of Tourism Competition that will take place on April 3 in Nassau and be given the opportunity to be named Junior Minister of Tourism 2012-2013.

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Junior Achievement holds speech contest

By Mirella Santillo

The sixth annual Junior Achievement Speech Contest on Abaco was held on February 11 at Grace Baptist Church. Twenty-four students from the various Junior Achievement clubs on Abaco elaborated on the topic: Passionately Pursuing Purpose. Rose Mika Charles from S.C. Bootle High School’s JA group SWAG took a well deserved first place. Joshua Robin with BTC’s Chat n’ EZ took the second place. In third position came another SWAG’s Achiever, Shantell Bernadin.

Rose Mika will have a complimentary trip to Nassau including plane ticket, hotel and more to participate in the National JA Speech Competition to be held on February 26 during the Bahamas Junior Achievement Conference. The winner will also participate in the annual Texaco Speech Competition.

All the speakers put their best effort to the activity, speaking loudly, enunciating with passion, demonstrating that they had done their research during their four to six minute speech. Most of the contestants were girls, some of them seasoned speakers who had already participated in other public speaking events.

It was an important day for Nadira Rawlakan, head advisor for the SWAG group. Rose Mika and Shantell had already proven themselves as members of the winning team in the National Debates Series for Abaco in November 2011.

The judges were members of Toastmasters International.

St. Francis dominated Speech Competition

By Mirella Santillo

Quitel Charlton, a student at St. Francis de Sales School, took the first place in the annual Rotary Club of Abaco Speech Competition that was held on February 8 at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town, thus winning the Hugh Cottis Floating Trophy for her school. Her performance was outstanding with a great
Drill Team practice will begin in March

By Samantha V. Evans

Students from grade five to twelve have an opportunity to join Abaco’s first drill team during the month of March. The Abaco Supreme Drill Team will consist of training in the art of drilling, stepping and dancing.

Each child will have an opportunity to display his talents and be a part of a team that will foster an attitude of self-motivation and discipline. Training will begin on March 17 and be held every Saturday from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at Central Abaco Primary School grounds.

The students will be trained to take part in the National Independence Parade to be held in July. The drill instructor will be Kirklena Thompson-Mackey and the dance and step instructor will be Claudia Henchell-Knowles.

There will be an entry fee of $3 which is due with the application form and a $4 fee to be paid each class. The money collected will be used to purchase all dress attire, batons, pompoms, hand ribbons and other miscellaneous items each child will need.

The instructors began visiting schools on Thursday February 15th to promote the program. Interested persons can contact Kirklena Mackey at 475-4471.
Basketball Jamboree’s Final Leg
By Mirella Santillo

The third and final leg of the Primary School Basketball Jamboree, the first ever to happen on Abaco, was played on the Green Turtle Cay outdoor basketball court on January 20.

There was a big surprise with the results: Amy Roberts School’s girls’ team finishing in second place behind Central Abaco Primary School. The Jamboree was the first competition that the Green Turtle Cay school’s teams (boys and girls) participated in. The teams were formed in October to enter the event, so the girls’ performance last Friday was a great reward for Coach Vogel Williams who traveled regularly from the main island to coach the boys and the girls to prepare them for the tournament.

Agape Christian School, Treasure Cay Primary School and Central Abaco Primary School’s boys teams ended in a tie of two wins, one loss each.

Coach Wayde Adderley, who put together the whole event, was extremely pleased with the Green Turtle Cay session. “The weather was perfect, many people in the community came to watch the games, screaming encouragement to the players from outside the fence, and the kids had a great time,” he commented.

He would like to organize another primary school basketball jamboree before the end of the school year, explaining that the kids need training and regular competition to really improve their skills. He is grateful to coach Vogel Williams and to Amy Roberts Primary School’s Principal Eva McIntosh, who helped coordinate the event. The jamboree started in October with

the first leg played in Treasure Cay and the second session taking place in Marsh Harbour just before the Christmas holidays. Each event consisted of a series of approximately twelve short games played between several school’s teams over four to five hours.

In October only two schools participated in the girls’s division, Amy Roberts Primary School and Treasure Cay Primary School; Amy Roberts came first. In the boys’s division, Central Abaco Primary took the first place, followed by Agape Christian School and in third position, Treasure Cay Primary School; Amy Roberts placed fourth.

In November, three girls teams entered the tournament. Central Abaco Primary took the first place, followed by Agape and in third place Amy Roberts. It was Central Abaco Primary who again placed first in the boys division. Agape came in second place and Amy Roberts third.

Central Abaco Primary’s coach, Jeffrey Victor, said he was particularly proud of his teams since the school does not have a basketball court and the children did not have much training. He too would like to see more tournaments between primary schools students.

Abaco Placed second in the Darts Gold Cup
By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco Darts team traveled to Nassau on the weekend of February 10-11 to participate in the National Darts Gold Cup Tournament. The Abaco team, last year’s

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champion, relinquished the title to the Nassau team. Abaco followed with 166 points ahead of Grand Bahama with 118 points and Eleuthera with 57 points.

The Abaco team won the team event; Faith Sawyer won the Lady Single against another Abaconian, Angela Russell. Robin Albury was declared MVP of the whole tournament, winning the highest check-off with 156, the lowest dart game with twelve darts and the most 180s.

Angela Russell and Faith Sawyer were runners-up in the women’s double. While attending the Sports Tourism Conference in Nassau during the same weekend, Malcolm Spicer, President of the Bahamas Darts Association, was invited to organize a World Darts Tournament to be held in November.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism, to promote another sports event on Abaco. He decided to organize a World Darts Tournament to be held in November. Sixty-four countries could be represented during that event.

The Abaco team was invited by the Hon. Charles Maynard, Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture, and the Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism, to promote another sports event on Abaco. He decided to organize a World Darts Tournament to be held in November. Sixty-four countries could be represented during that event.

 coach said they have been promised that the tournament will be held on Abaco, so he wouldn’t be surprised if this year turns out to be the year it happens.
The old tradition of making cane syrup is kept alive

By Timothy Roberts

Elmer Bethel and Bobby Albury are keeping alive the old tradition of milling sugarcane for syrup, an industry that sustained some families on Abaco for nearly two centuries.

Mr. Bethel, who was originally from Cherokee Sound, remembers his grandfather, John Sawyer, farming and milling sugarcane at Matthew’s Point, an area across from Leisure Lee on the south side of Abaco. His grandfather carried his family, including six children, to Matthew’s Point around Christmas and stayed there until March or April farming all their fields.

Mr. Albury’s grandfather, Wilson Sawyer from Marsh Harbour, was also a cane farmer. A few years ago an old mill made in 1871 was found that belonged to him. After restoring it, Bobby and Elmer built a small platform and set it up. For the past 15 years they have made use of it producing sugarcane syrup every other year.

Elmer recalls the first time he and Bobby made cane syrup they used a dough machine. He said they had to strip the cane and run it through three or four times to get a bucket of juice. After boiling it for several hours, they ended up with a gallon and a half of syrup.

The first few times they did this, they would spend a couple days collecting and preparing fire wood used to heat the boiler. Now they have a 55-gallon stainless steel drum that has been modified to hold up to 70 gallons of cane juice. They heat it with propane gas, making the process faster and more efficient.

Elmer said the boiling brings the particles to the top in a thick foam which they scooped off probably twice during the boiling period. After several hours of boiling, the 60 to 70 gallons of cane juice will eventually yield about eight gallons of syrup.

Elmer said that there were many families involved in farming and milling sugarcane. Jack Lowe’s father and grandfather, Reggie and Eldred Lowe, had a large farm on Moore’s Island and milled syrup and sugar which they sold to residents on the cays and to other places in The Bahamas.

Elmer also remembered Warren Albury’s father, Anthony Albury, who had a 35-acre farm on a cay on the south side of Murphy Town. Many Cherokee men also farmed sugarcane.

The work was hard manual work with their main tool being a cutlass for harvesting and a horse for turning the mill. Later some farmers employed motorized means of milling. However, sugarcane grows quite readily and required little to no fertilizers.

Elmer added, “Our native cane makes the best syrup.” Elmer and Bobby have involved their sons and are ensuring the knowledge of milling sugarcane is not lost.

Using an old sugar mill that belonged to Wilson Sawyer of Marsh Harbour, several men are keeping alive the art of making cane syrup. The cane is fed into the mill that mashes it, releasing the liquid that is boiled down into syrup. However, these men are powering the grinder with a car driving round and round instead of a horse or other work animal. Elmer Bethel and Bobby Albury are involving their sons so the tradition can be passed on to the next generation.

After the juice is extracted from the cane stalks, it is boiled down for hours until the syrup is thick. Shown are Elmer Bethel and his two sons, Dale Bethel and Bart Bethel. The men now make cane syrup every two years. They have made the process easier by having a stainless steel drum and heating it with propane, luxuries that their forefathers did not have.

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Public Notice for Vacancies

Air Traffic Control Trainees

For Marsh Harbour, Abaco

Civil Aviation Department

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Bahamians to fill the positions of Air Traffic Control Trainees in the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, Civil Aviation Department, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

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The salary of the post is in the Scale I - $18,250.00 per annum.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application forms may be obtained from Administrators Offices, Marsh Harbour, Sandy Point and Cooper’s Town and should be returned completed with qualifications and documentation proof of relevant experience to the applicable Administrator’s Office.
Joy was born in Hope Town, Abaco on November 1st, 1933 and she passed away on January 15th, 2012 at her home in Huntsville, Alabama. She was predeceased by her husband O.L. (Mac) McClure, Parents - Marton & Jennie Cash and Brother William (Billy) Cash. She is survived by her four children - Debbie Pinder of Nassau, Connie Brazelton, Jamie McClure & Kevin McClure of Huntsville. Two Sons-in-Law - Ross Pinder & Edward Brazelton, Daughter-in-Law Sharon McClure, also six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, one brother - Gary Cash of Luxembourg, Two sisters - Kay Russell & Gloria Knowles of Abaco. Two Brothers-in-Law - Kenaz Russell & Frank (Skelly) Knowles and a host of other relatives and friends.

Her home going service was held on January 16th, 2012 at Lakewood Baptist Church in Huntsville where she was a devoted member. Joy was deeply loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Zion Baptist’s men hosts week of activities

By Samantha V. Evans

The Men’s Ministry at Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town began a week of activities on February 15 with the theme Follow Me as I Follow Christ. There were different speakers each night. They included Floyd Johnson of the Miracle Church of God on Green Turtle Cay and Pastor Deion Gibson of First Assembly Church. The speakers gave testimony of their lives and spoke about the challenges being faced in society today.

Everette Strachan, the Men’s Ministry’s President, stated that they have been going out into the community evangelizing and are confident that they are reaching the community, especially the young men. On February 17 a speech competition was held for the youth with the theme How Would You Address the Issue of Violence in our Community?

On February 18 the men saw the movie Courageous which addresses the role of men in society. Pastor Strachan noted that the messages addressed in this movie are so powerful that he is looking for immediate changes to be seen in the men who saw it. The men also signed a resolution at the end of the movie committing to improving their family.

The final service was led by Senior Pastor Christopher Dean at the church.

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The winner was Maria Merlien from Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay. In second place was Vashon Robbins from Grace Baptist Church in Dundas Town. Melchizedek Brice from Zion Baptist Cathedral took the third place. The two other contestants were Trudy Dean of Zion Baptist Cathedral, and Quetelle Charlton of Miracle Church of God Green Turtle Cay.

The winner received a trophy, a certificate and $200, the second place finisher received a trophy, certificate and $100, and the third place finisher received a trophy, certificate and $50. The other participants received a certificate and $25.

Soul Saving Ministry Hosts Gospel Concert

By Samantha V. Evans

Soul Saving Ministry is one of the churches on Abaco that is making a huge impact within the community. On February 17 Pastor Lawrence Arnett and his church family held a concert fundraiser at the church to aid their building fund. They invited Peter Runks, Landlord, and Christian Massive to perform during the night.

All of the artists performed. Landlord took time to tell the audience about his life and he encouraged the youth not to waste the talents God has given them.

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The Trust will enforce No Take Zones

By Timothy Roberts

The Bahamas National Trust will begin enforcing the no-take rule in the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park beginning April 1, 2012, after the defined grace period allowed to fishermen who historically fished the area.

This 2100-acre area became a protected land and sea national park in 1972 because of the extensive reef system. This project aims to achieve public support and environmental awareness through information sharing and education of the local stakeholders and marine park area enforcement personnel. The training will include the benefits of the parks, the allowable activities in the Pelican Cays Park and development strategies for the park.

The project also seeks to obtain stakeholder ideas and management suggestions. These will be incorporated into the larger Development of an Effective Management System of Marine Protected Areas in the Abacos project that includes the Pelican Cays Park.

The Trust will hold a workshop as part of a consultation process with members of local government agencies and stakeholders such as the enforcement agencies, dive/tour operators, local NGO’s and the public.

It is the Trust’s hope that the stakeholders will grasp the importance of supporting and preserving the area and will assist in the ongoing patrolling and monitoring of this important marine environment.

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The structure next to the control tower will be the fire station for the two fire trucks at the airport.

Control Tower From Page 1

ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) rated. Control towers have windows that circle the entire top floor, giving all around vision. The windows are usually tilted outward at 15 degrees to avoid seeing the reflection of their equipment. The cab is built to withstand intense hurricanes with 1 1/4-inch thick glass, weighing 8,800 pounds, and will come equipped with a weather monitoring equipment and lightning protection.

The control tower is expected to be connected to New Providence Air Traffic Control and will direct landings and takeoffs, eliminating back-taxing.

The cab is 98 percent complete in construction. The progress of the construction of the air traffic control tower is expected to allow AJT Engineering to complete the installation of the electronic equipment in about three months – sometime in May. Control towers contain radars, a sophisticated telephone system, wind and atmospheric pressure gauges and a rotating beacon. During his visit on February 9 the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, said that recruitment for training air traffic control officers is in progress and he is expecting to get Abacoans to fill those positions.

FOREST HEIGHTS ACADEMY

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March 3, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

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Tel 367-3539
Bibles are donated to Abaco Central High

By Samantha V. Evans

At a meeting of the PTA of Abaco Central High School Vice President Jason Quashie arranged for two missionaries to present the school with 65 Easy-Read Bibles. David and Dinah Caskey have been supplying Bibles for churches, organizations and individuals for many years.

Pastor David Caskey stated that the Bibles that were presented to schools were purchased with funds raised by a group of young people in Texas. When he told them that there was a school in The Bahamas that needed Bibles, they went to their church and asked for the support to raise $5,000. Since the church was unable to assist them, they have raised much more than they originally set out to raise and have been able to aid this project and many others. Pastor Caskey stated that they have raised $11,000 towards purchasing Bibles over the years.

The parents attending the PTA meeting were amazed that the students were able to accomplish so much and had such passion for donating Bibles. The gifts were presented to Mrs. Cooper and Philippa Farrington of the Religion Department. They were grateful for the donation as it will make teaching much easier.

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Contact Mr. George Mills at 376-8416 for more information.
Anglican Church Men in M. Harbour hold Pre-Valentine’s Day Steak Out

Twice a year St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Men have a steak-out at the church. The first one for this year was held on February 11. This Pre-Valentine’s Day Steak-Out was held to raise funds for two persons from the church to attend the AMC Conference which will take place on Long Island in March. The officers of the Men’s Ministry are Israel Wallace, President; Lloyd Deveaux, Vice President; Sukh Innocent, Treasurer; John Pintard, Secretary; Richard Gibbs, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Melfred Martin, Chaplain; and Charles Leong, Sergeant of Arms. Banana bread, coconut tarts, and soft drinks were also on sale.

Teens Attend Pre-Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance

By: Samantha V. Evans

On February 10 teens enjoyed a Pre-Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. The event was planned by Philip Farrington, who wanted to host a fun, clean event for teens. The teen played games, ate and danced the night away. The event allowed four Abaco Central High School students to debut their DJ skills and from the reviews received they did a fine job. The event was chaperoned by teachers.

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