Flag Raising Celebrates 30 Years
Ceremonial Flag Was Raised Throughout Bahamas Including Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

As part of the 30th Independence Anniversary Celebrations, a National Flag Raising Ceremony was held at Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour on July 8th. The ceremony opened with the presentation of the Bahamian flag to the Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting, by Mrs. Yvonne Woods, National Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism. Officers of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and Royal Bahamas Police Force raised the flag during the playing of the National Anthem by a quartet of musicians from the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band. The flag, which was brought here by Mrs. Woods, had visited all but one of the Family Islands and, after being raised on Abaco, would then be carried to Grand Bahama before making its final stop in Nassau for the Independence Celebrations there.

Master of Ceremonies, Administrator Alexander Williams, recognized the honorees for the occasion and representatives from several government departments, churches and businesses. Ms. Angela Clare, Director of Tourism for Family Islands, brought greetings from Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe.

Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP, thanked all for coming to participate in this Independence Celebration and stated that he had repre...
Farmers’ Show Was Educational

By Isabel Sherman

The Bahamas Farmers Association Abaco Branch held a Bahamian celebration on July 5 at the Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. The purpose of the exhibit was to showcase all of the food items grown on Abaco, food processing done on Abaco, arts and crafts, and organizations for the protection of the environment on Abaco.

The hall was filled with exhibits with some even on the outside. Pepperpot Farm was selling plants as well as bananas and a variety of vegetables. An exhibit of the various plants used in bush medicine was interesting. There were homemade jams, jellies, sauces and pickled items on display and for sale. A display of ornamental plants and a display of books about Bahamian plants and flowers were included. Don Woods had his jewelry and carvings on display. Stephen Knowles had his hand made wooden bowls and other items on display as well as some indigenous seedlings to sell. Friends of the Environment had a large display with literature on protecting our environment and information on invasive species. The Marine Mammal Survey had a booth. Mimi Rehor had a display about the wild horses and showed a video. Nick Maioulis had a display of Neem products and trees.

Mr. Claude Smith, a leading agriculturalist from Nassau, left, was the guest speaker at the opening of the Farmers’ Association Show. He was on Abaco during the 1960s involved with the Owens Illinois sugar project. John Hedden, one of the organizers of the show, is on the right.

Mr. Ossie Nixon is holding jars of hot sauce made during a demonstration of food processing at the Farmers’ Association show in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Keith Bailey with the Department of Agriculture came from Nassau to encourage the processing of locally grown produce and had Mr. Nixon assist him.

Two ladies who produce jams, jellies, breads, chutneys, juices and other delicious foods made of local produce displayed their work, even offering samples. Shown are, left to right, Mrs. Lovely Reckley, Mr. Bradley Reckley, Mr. Silverth Mills and Ms. Brenda Simms from Nassau. The educational show covered many topics associated with agriculture.
**TILLOO CUT**

**SUMMARY**

- **Hope Town/Elbow Cay**: Internet Reference #1671
- **Dorros Cove Subdivision**: 3 bed 2 bath 1700 sq ft.
- **Traditional island home**: Waterfront and A/C
- **Almost 1 acre landscaped**: Panoramic ocean view
- **Private dock slip**: Fully furnished

**SOLD**

- **$990,000**

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**OTHER LISTINGS**

- **Elbow Cay**: “Tahiti Hai” – Dorros Cove Subdivision
- **1/2 Acre Lot**: 1/2 acre oceanfront lot with shared dock in the Bight of Tilloo
- **$415,000**

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**TRADEWINDS**

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**REGATTAS OF ABACO**

- **Tilhoo Cut**: “Tahiti Hai” – Dorros Cove Subdivision
- **Outstanding elevation**: Sea to property located on the most beautiful beach on Elbow Cay,
- **Waterfront property, deep water with sandy bottom**: $150,000

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**LEYER LEE**

- **Bahama Palm Shores**: Starting at $16,000
- **Leisure Lee**: Canal lots $60,000
- **Coral Island**: Starting at $2,000

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**UNDER CONTRACT**

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**LUBBERS QUARTERS**

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**SUNRISE POINT**

- **Hope Town/Elbow Cay**: Internet Reference #1659
- **2619, 800 square feet**: Additional 800sq.’
- **fully furnished**: Great area to surf
- **$649,000 rental history**

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**WHITE SOUND**

- **Walsh Sound/Elbow Cay**: Internet Reference #1681
- **3 1/2 Acre 100 ft. frontage on the Sea of Abaco**: $180,000
- **Internet Reference #1823**
- **Tilhoo Bight**: Lot #38 – Chichi waterfront property, deep water bottom.
- **$150,000**

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Cherokee Sound
By Lee Pinder
Cherokee Plantation
Winding Bay

Work has begun. This photo is a “before” picture that the people of Cherokee will have to keep in our mind’s eye from this day forward. The change will be hard to accept, it is so tranquil and so serene. We know that once construction begins on this project it will never be the same again. Of course, we know it is not just Cherokee folks who have enjoyed many hours of recreation and enjoyment at Winding Bay and for the next generation we all want to see progress, but it’s just that it’s such a hard pill to swallow. Once it’s gone, it’s gone forever - and “forever” is such a long, long time.

Fun Day
On the last day of school before summer vacation the students at the Cherokee School had a Fun Day. As usual there were two teams competing against each other for points and prizes in the three-legged race, relay runs, raw egg toss, book balancing, water balloon competition and the ever popular egg-in-spoon race. The Barracudas won first place ribbons with their 36 points while the Sharks came in second with 28 points. Refreshments were kindly provided by the parents and a good time was had by all.

On the Honor Roll
In the lower classes Terrance Albury, O’Conno Cooper, Dre Hepburn, Hayley Sands, Chyanne Turnquest and Jessica Weatherford ended up with high marks. Tyler Albury, Lance Bethel and Kyle Sands all made the Honor Roll in the upper classes. Congratulations for a job well done to all the honorees.

Anniversary Service Held
Robert Sweeting, MP for South Abaco, along with his wife Maggie and the Administrator, Mr. Jolton Johnson, were just a few of the visiting dignitaries who came to celebrate 30 years of Bahamian Independence at a combined church service held specifically for our district. The service was held in the Assemblies of God Church with Pastor Bateman Sands delivering the sermon. Nearly two hundred were in attendance. A luncheon was held on the school grounds after the church service and food was prepared by all the ladies of Cherokee. With the actual anniversary being later in the week, the community of Cherokee is making plans for a day of celebration with fun games and prizes on the 10th.

Summer Visitors
Just like every other settlement on Abaco, Cherokee has quite a contingent of summer visitors at the present time. Every household seems to have lots of family or friends staying with them. Young and old alike are drawn to our shores to experience the summertime activities that we who live here so often take for granted. Nowadays most of us even have the luxury of relaxing in air conditioning to help us escape the really hot days. So we hope all our visitors will remember to put on lots of sun block, catch lots of fish, enjoy your summer on Abaco and come back and see us again next year.

Cherokee Town Meeting
On July 7th Jolton Johnson, Administrator for South Abaco, called a Town Meeting for the Cherokee/ Casuarina Point Town area. A welcome addition to the meeting was Ms. Knowles, a secretary to take minutes of the meeting in order to keep a permanent record of decisions made and all topics of concern brought up by the town folk. In addition, the Administrator brought with him several officials from the various Government Departments to answer the peoples questions directly. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Nettica Symonette, the Chairperson for the Town Committee. Jason Roberts, Chief Councillor for the South Abaco District, gave the breakdown of the previous year’s expenditures and announced that besides the new budget proposed for the coming year that an additional amount of $70,000 was being allotted to the South Abaco District and Moore’s Island District specifically earmarked for parks and sporting facilities. It was pointed out that Cherokee had budgeted for two public toilets to be erected. The exact positioning of these new facilities was not mentioned. Cherokee’s representatives suggested that the $10,000 available to Cherokee for parks be spent on completing the ballfield. A committee headed by Kenneth Albury will be formed to study other options and make a recommendation.

South Abaco News

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More South Abaco News

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if and when these new “parks” were built if community want. The question was asked that final decision as to what the committee and community want. The question was asked that if and when these new “parks” were built if there would be government funds to maintain them. The Administrator assured us that their maintenance would be taken care of by the government.

Mrs. Belinda McIntosh from Road Traffic told about the various increases their department would be putting into effect immediately. She reported that there would be an increase in Road Traffic fines. The need for speed signs in our community was requested and we were told that we only had to let our needs be known and Road Traffic would be happy to supply them for us. This was very good news indeed.

Mr. Henry Romer, Manager of Batelco on Abaco, was asked again about telephone service to Bahama Palm Shores. He apologized for the long delay and told the group that Batelco was aiming at a September 2003 deadline to be ready for installations. A concerned resident inquired about how the service would be provided, on overhead poles or underground, in keeping with the existing services into their area. They were told both options were being studied with regard to costs and the residents would be given the results of the study to make their own choice as to installation. It was pointed out that the service would be of the very latest technology in fiber optics and would make a newer and more efficient online network service available for computer users. At this point Mr. Ramaer was asked if the new fiber optics broadband internet service would be extended to Cherokee as well. The answer did not set a specific date, but did promise that we were definitely in the overall plan.

Mr. Howard Cowan with the Environmental Health Department was asked about the holdup in moving Cherokee’s dump site. He stated that a decision was being made within the next two weeks regarding all dump sites in the Bahamas, a decision that would be environmentally safe to our surroundings. This was welcome news as this has been a big concern of many persons who are concerned for the future of our islands.

The roadside verges are becoming a real problem with the many Casuarina trees springing up. They are causing a road hazard and making it difficult for drivers to see around the many bends and curves in the Cherokee road. The Administrator stated that the Government’s mowing vehicle was temporarily not in service due to its driver suffering an injury to his hand, but that he expected him to be back at work soon and he would make a point of having him mow along side the curved sections of our road.

Mr. Hezekiah Dean, Superintendent of the schools on Abaco, told us about a new island wide competency testing that took place during the last few weeks in all schools of The Bahamas with an eye towards making sure that students are learning within their individual level and being advanced according to their learning. He stressed that parents and the community need to become more involved and that within the next school year he would be asking for more commitment from the communities to assist our children to receive a better education by more involvement in their school work and mentoring. It was stated that government will no longer be subsidizing transportation from the cays and outlying settlements (like Cherokee) for students who are not attending government schools. He mentioned the need for a secondary school for the South, but a nothing is definite at this time.

It was announced by Ms. Vashti Albury, our local government representative and Deputy Chairperson, that the decision had been made to station a policeman in Cherokee full time. This is good news as our young people have been too long without an authorit y figure to keep them “on the straight and narrow.”

With another hurricane season upon us the Administrator asked that each community supply him with the names of our Disaster Preparedness Committee, a listing of the dia betics and disabled persons as well as specific locations of our hurricane shelters.

This opportunity to speak directly to representatives from the various government departments is a new and welcome concept and the Administrator was congratulated by all those present for having them attend this meeting. This new method of running a Town Meeting does not put the Administrator into the position of being “the middle man” and the people have the opportunity to receive answers “directly from the horse’s mouth” in a forum where the specific departments are “put on the record” when answering the people’s questions. We understand this was the first meeting of this kind for Cherokee, but we hope it is definitely not the last.

It Pays to Advertise
U.S. Church Youth Groups Assist Methodist Habitat

By Jennifer Hudson

Throughout the summer, Methodist Habitat will be getting a helping hand from various church youth groups from the United States. The first group arrived on June 29th for a stay of eight nights and consists of twenty-seven high school and college students from Mouzon Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Woodland United Methodist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina, along with seven adult leaders. Each day they can be seen busily restoring two homes in Murphy Town and making hurricane shutters for the house donated for the elderly by Social Services. These young people have taken out floorboards and walls to which termites had done their worst and replaced them with new ones, painted, fixed and weeded, transforming the residences for their occupants. Two of the girls said that they have been getting dirtier than they have ever been and are, in fact, not sure which is tan and which is dirt, but they are very happy to be here helping in this way.

Rev. Carla Culmer has coordinated these summer projects with the assistance of Sean Ingraham, Director of Methodist Habitat based in Eleuthera. Methodist Habitat, which built seven houses in the Bahamas last year and has already completed three this year, is part of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church and works on these ventures in partnership with the government of the Bahamas. The government, through the Department of Social Services, provides the materials for the projects and the volunteers provide the labour. Methodist Habitat has already completed work on Eleuthera, Andros, Cat Island and New Providence in addition to Abaco. The Mission Volunteers brought their own tools and raised the money for their expenses with barbeque sales, car washes, baby-sitting, pumpkin sales and sponsorships. The homes receiving assistance are selected by the Department of Social Services, which still has a long list of people requiring assistance, especially since Hurricane Floyd.

The youth groups are being housed in the hall adjacent to St. Andrews Methodist Church, Dundas Town, where a cook has been employed to take care of their needs. They have visited various beaches to relax and do some snorkeling to cool off. "We like the beaches, the tropical fruits and the very friendly people and really do not want to leave Abaco," they said.

Various Mission Groups will be on Abaco until mid-August, staying in the St. Andrews Church Hall and working in the community. From July 7th to 13th a group will be here from Beach United Methodist Church, Cat Island and New Providence in addition to Abaco. The Mission Volunteers brought their own tools and raised the money for their expenses with barbeque sales, car washes, baby-sitting, pumpkin sales and sponsorships. The homes receiving assistance are selected by the Department of Social Services, which still has a long list of people requiring assistance, especially since Hurricane Floyd.

The youth groups are being housed in the hall adjacent to St. Andrews Methodist Church, Dundas Town, where a cook has been employed to take care of their needs. They are thoroughly enjoying Bahamian peas ‘n rice and macaroni. The students also raised funds to purchase fifty cots for sleeping which they have had shipped over and which they have donated to Methodist Habitat for the use of all the groups that will follow. It has not been all work for these young people. After an arduous day in the heat they have visited various beaches to relax and do some snorkeling to cool off.
Mrs. Kathy Fairman is the lucky winner of Solomon’s Abaco Shopping Spree promotion. She is shown receiving her $1,000 certificate from Mr. Matthew Taylor of Solomon’s Abaco. Shoppers entered the big give-away by purchasing favorite everyday products at Solomon’s Abaco, Sawyer’s Market and Treasure Cay Mini Market. Mrs. Fairman’s purchases were made at Solomon’s Abaco and the drawing took place on June 28th.

Disaster Committee Meets

The Central Abaco Disaster Committee met on July 2 to review their plans in the event of a disaster, a hurricane, fire or other type of disaster. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Silbert Mills, Disaster Committee Chairman assisted by Mr. Alexander Williams, Senior Administrator. The subcommittee chairmen gave reports on shelter, communication, medical services, supplies, transportation, and fire and rescue services.

The owners of properties used as shelters are being asked to sign a waiver which will release government from any responsibility for damage to the buildings or furnishings as a result of the building being used as a shelter. Property owners are reluctant to sign the waivers.

The Sandy Point community is constructing a shelter out of town adjacent to the new subdivision there. The building is not ready to be used as shelter as there will have to be modifications made to reflect the current building standards.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is holding funds and supplies to be used to benefit the victims of the recent fire in the Pigeon Pea. The Committee discussed this situation and it was decided that the Social Services Department, under the direction of Ms. Charlemear Fernandez, will assist Fr. Roger in distributing food, kitchen utensils and household supplies on July 2 at the Ministry of Works Compound in Marsh Harbour.

Donations Came from Florida

By Isabel Sherman

Mr. David Trice, a second homeowner in Treasure Cay and a member of St. Mary’s and Andrew Catholic Church in Treasure Cay, has done his part to help the fire victims of the Pigeon Pea. He arranged with the organization Food for the Poor for a donation which came with the assistance of United Abaco Freight. The donation included 100 blankets, kitchen utensils and some staple foods such as rice. Father Roger of St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour distributed the items on July 4 along with officials from the Abaco Branch of the Bahamas Red Cross and Department of Social Services. The items were distributed at the Ministry of Works compound on July 4.

Food for the Poor is an international Christian charity which helps people in many countries with basic needs such as food, clothing and transportation, and fire and rescue services.
Our economy seems to be on the upswing after Hurricane Floyd in September 1999 and New York Trade Center attack in September 2001. Both events left us scarred and nervous. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the storm destroyed our insurance money and the rebuilding of storm-damaged homes and businesses. As our tourism base began to recover from the hurricane, the whole world was shocked by the events of 9/11. The attack on the World Trade buildings changed the way the entire world traveled. Suddenly no one wanted to take a vacation. Fear gripped those who would normally jet to foreign countries. Everyone wanted to stay near home and family. As a result of the extra security measures and nervousness over air travel, the sector of the tourism industry dependent on air travel was depressed. Our arrivals went down with everyone else but probably not to the extent that many felt.

Added to those two events was the recession last winter in the United States has been going through. Disposable income has been severely limited for many. Our normally buoyant economy has been struggling even though it is well above my mother’s heads.

We feel the one-hour flight from Florida is less intimidating than longer flights on large aircraft. This is to our advantage. It is also an advantage to us that we are in a very secure part of the world with a friendly government. We feel we have several advantages going for us. Our high repeat visitor base seems to be satisfied with the peace and quiet the Abaco area offers. Our second homeowners and the hotel and rental guests have continued to come. Our repeat visitors are very loyal to Abaco as we are so well aware after all the assistance they gave us following Hurricane Floyd.

Last winter the economy was beginning to recuperate with rental homes doing reason- able well. The larger hotels still complained of low occupancy levels. Most of the marinas reported reasonable numbers of boats although there seemed to be a universal opinion that the boating people were spending less while here. We are aware of 14 fishing tournaments held this spring using various Abaco locations as their base. Several have been in existence only one year or two so had few boats.

Others were local in nature while nearly ten were of a repeat international nature, drawing competitors from around the world. The number of entrants for these larger and more prestigious tournaments was very good. The persons coming to these tournaments may stay with their host hotel or restaurants but bring a good boost to the economy. The money spent on fuel, meals and accommodations is substantial.

Recently we concluded the 28th Regatta in Treasure Cay, one of our bio- tech racing series. Sixty boats entered and sampled the hospitality from Green Turtle Cay on down through Marsh Harbour. They did not go in private craft like some of the tournament fishermen but do leave a green residue behind. Like the fishing tournament crowd, you do not just count the boats entered. They bring family and friends and frequently have a mother ship accompany them as they weave their way through Abaco Sound. Overarend values from million dollars of boats in hotels and guest houses. In the case of the sailing regatta, as many additional people come for the parties as come for the competition. When one of the parties hosts 800 - 1000 people, it is obvious that there are many visitors in the area.

The fishing tournaments and the Regatta events are an opportunity for the participants in these events drawing their own conclusions on what we have to offer.

This summer’s business has been excel- lent. We are having a wonderful season and all tell of an excellent season. However, we must constantly be on the alert for circumstances or events which can bring a negative impact on our major industry. This was forc- ibly brought to our attention earlier this month in Treasure Cay. An unfortunate anchoring strike in Treasure Cay destroyed a main transformer on the peak July 4th. This created B.E.C. outages as the transformer was in the States being repaired and a second standby generator was in the midst of an overhaul in Marsh Harbour. They showed more later, larger and a good boost to the economy.

The registration fee for the 28th Regatta is $250. Our boats and teams came from the United States, Bahamas and Canada. Some churches don’t have all the funds them- selves. But maybe that’s not really the problem. I mean, what better way to teach children about teamwork than through sports? Or qualities like patience and commitment to practicing through learning to play a musical instru- ment. The more we can do to teach our children to come together, socialize and have fun. A youth centre of sorts. Some churches don’t have all the funds them- selves to afford such a place, but if they worked together, showing the unity that the churches to which they belong have given to the community would be beyond belief.

And it’s not just the churches that should be involved, but anyone who has children, the funeral committee, the school committee could donate time, effort or money to such a worthy cause. Just remember these children are the future of Abaco.

Our repeat visitor base has increased. The revenue of the Bahamas is down as it is with many other governments and innova- tive and creative methods are being imple- mented to make up the shortfall. The tax the tax 50 percent or 200 percent depending on length may increase the immediate revenue. This tax as well may mean less money and jobs overall.

If government takes in an equal amount of revenue from a smaller number of boats pay- ing the higher fees, the individual owner or service if the private sector is hurt by fewer visi- tors? We have to remember that it is the private sector which supports government spending.

If fewer boats come, less fuel will be sold, fewer restaurant meals will be served, fewer marina slips will be rented, fewer repairs will be needed, fewer guests will fly in to cruise on their friend’s boat, fewer rooms and houses will be rented for family and friends. Perhaps that fee should be raised but it must be raised to the point of being a deterrent to visit- ing here. Any decrease in boat arrivals will translate in a drop in overall revenue. The goal should be rather to devise a program to increase the number of boaters.

We hope government will reconsider this rush to raise fees. The government only makes monies of more than just Abaco. Grand Bahama and Bimini stand to lose more than Abaco as many of their boaters make short weekend runs to Treasure Cay.

The Ministry of Tourism has a web site at bahamas.com with a bulletin board for questions, complaints and other notices. Com- plaints on the cruising permit increase are beginning to show up on this site. If you would like to express your feelings on this or other topics, log on.

Generally Speaking: . . . Children of the Summer

By Isobel Sherman

Thought To Ponder

As I was doing some grocery shopping last Wednesday I overheard her asking her mother about her daughter who looked to be around five or six years of age not to wander away from her in the store. She told him that they were in a foreign country and that she had him hold her side, as she did not want anything to hap- pen to him. Until a few months ago I would have thought that a child learning about not wandering away is excellent, really was no need for it because this was The Bahamas. However, all who have young children, school age children and even teenagers need to warn their children about wandering away. Why? The tragedy in Freepool of three miss- ing boys is a wake up call that our Bahamian children should not be as safe in their own coun- try as we thought. So we need to caution our children to be very careful where we live as well when we travel. A sad indictment of what is happening in the world today.

Road Finally Fixed

Finding myself in a teacher’s residences’ teachers’ residences and the principal’s home near Abaco Central has been graded and repaired... For years the potholes kept getting larger in the road. The principal’s home was quite far from the road, he did not believe it. He had to leave school and check it out for himself. All who live in that little compound are happy that the condition of the road has been greatly improved.
Letters to the Editor

Comments on Visitor Survey

Dear Sirs:

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The Regatta brings hundreds of people to Abaco both as participants in the race series and as spectators. It is an event anticipated by visitors as well as Bahamians because it brings much revenue to the area to marinas, restaurants, hotels and shops.

The event began on July 3 with the Cheeseburgers in Paradise party on Fiddle Cay just north of Green Turtle Cay. The traditional Fourth of July off Green Turtle Cay began the series with the other races off Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay, Hope Town and culminating in Marsh Harbour.

The weather was perfect for the entire time, a good breeze, no rain or squalls, no

The use of spinnakers and other large sails is allowed for only two classes of sail boats. The other classes are allowed only main and jib sails. This boat is taking advantage of the great winds that the Regatta enjoyed for the entire event. Most of the entrants are in the Mother Tub classes which are designed for cruising boats.

Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Fiddle Cay swang again to the recorded music of Jimmy Buffet on July 3 with Cheeseburgers in Paradise in Margaritaville as Bobb Henderson hosted his annual party to launch Regatta Time in Abaco. Over two hundred boats were on the beach or anchored nearby.

On the logistical side, the following was consumed:

• 800 hamburgers
• 300 hot dogs
• 120 pounds of French fries
• 100 gallons of rum punch
• 100 gallons of Margarita mix

The hamburger and hot dog count would suggest over 1000 persons may have gone through the food line. However, food and drink ran out after only one and a half hours so there were more who either brought their own food and drink or enjoyed the party on an empty stomach. This annual event is anticipated and begins the RTIA festivities with great style.

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Dead times and everyone had a great time. The award nights are particularly anticipated as the trophies are keenly sought after. Awards are given out three times during the races with the final awards night at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour. Two overall prizes were awarded which were framed original water colors by Anne Ray.

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Bahamasair Has Quit Treasure Cay

In a cost saving measure, Bahamasair is terminating service to Treasure Cay as well as all of Andros and north Eleuthera. Commuter airlines are being offered the option of servicing some of these destinations with a tie-in to Bahamasair ticketing and reservations.

This is in keeping with the declared intentions published in the PLP Manifesto issued prior to the 1992 general elections. Payroll savings of $1.4 million will be realized by staff restructuring of 67 persons through several options including early retirement or redeployment.

Passenger loads to some of the close destinations to Nassau, Andros in particular, have been severely affected by the introduction of the Bahamas Ferries service.

Information indicates that town meetings will be held at each destination affected to explain the situation and the available options.

Bahamasair has lost $86 million over the past three years and has an accumulated deficit of $300 million according to Mr. Bradley, Minister of Works and Public Utilities.

It is ironic that with less traffic, the Treasure Cay airport has a 7,000 foot runway and the country’s second busiest airport in central Abaco makes do with 5,000 feet.

Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament

Attracts Anglers

Spectacular fireworks and a magnificent 15-foot high sandcastle provided a festive 20th anniversary celebration for the Treasure Cay International Billfish Tournament. Held on June 22-27 at the Treasure Cay Hotel Resort and Marina, the tournament offered world-class billfish competition as well as fabulous social events. In four fishing days, a total of 18 billfish were released, 17 blue marlin and one sailfish. Three blue marlin were weighed.

Leading the 30 competing boats was Ernest Stallings and the Aqua Mist fishing team from Orlando, Florida. The first place team released two blue marlin and weighed a 403-pound blue for a total of 1003 points.

War Eagle of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, finished second with three blue marlin releases for a total of 900 points. Taking third place and the Top Angler award was Art Rhomberg and the Art Attack team from Islamorada, Florida, who weighed one blue marlin at 382 pound and released another for a total of 862 points.

The tournament is a modified release tournament which offered four days of fishing, parties, diners, fun competitions, a golf tournament, a volleyball tournament and a Bahamian Arts and Crafts Fair on the Lay Day. Victor Leong amazed the crowds with an intricate sand castle he crafted on Treasure Cay’s powdery white sand beach. Almost 200 anglers and guests attended. Renowned for its great food, camaraderie and events families can enjoy, the this tournament raised funds for the Treasure Cay Primary School, IGFA Junior Angler Program, The Billfish Foundation and “Ladies, Let’s Go Fishing!” educational programs for women.

This tournament is a qualifier for IGFA’s International Tournament of Champions and the World Sailfish Championship. Major sponsors included Texaco-Bahamas, Abaco Markets and Continental/Gulfstream International Airlines, the official airline of the tournament. Photo Caption: Sammy Gardiner, Chief of Staff, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism presents the First Place award to the Aqua Mist fishing team.

Show Featured Local Artists

By Jennifer Hudson

On June 25th an Art and Craft Show was held at the Cocoa Beach Bar as part of the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament. This is traditionally held each year during the lay day of the tournament and includes plenty of fun activities on the beach including a volleysball contest and digging for bricks in the sand. The lucky diggers who found blocks with the winning numbers received some excellent prizes.

Persons exhibiting in the show were: Julie Sawyer, Androsian prints; Jeep Byers, watercolours; Kim Rodly, marine art in acrylic; Kim Sturrup, quilts and pillows; Tuppy Weatherford, photography; Barbara Sinclair, lamps and vases and Ashton with metal sculptures and jewelry.

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Boating Fee Is Increased

Beginning July 1 visiting boaters entering the Bahamas discovered that the $100 cruising permit fee had been increased to $150 for boats under 35 feet and to $300 for 35-foot and longer vessels. This followed a one-day hike approximately a month ago of $300 for all boats entering the Bahamas. This first change was quickly withdrawn after government received many complaints originating from the boating visitors and various Bahamian businesses dependent on the boating traffic.

Marine visitors are an important factor in the Abaco tourism economy. Abaco has more marinas and possibly more docks than any other Bahamian island, which indicates the importance boats have here.

Some Canadian boaters are now considering visiting Cuba next winter as their Canadian dollar gives much more value there. The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism maintains a web site at bahamas.com with a bulletin board for comments, questions and replies. Comments on this increase in the boating fee are beginning to appear on Tourism’s bulletin board.

It is too early to speculate what this increased boating tax will do to this segment of Abaco’s economy. Having withdrawn the flat $300 fee imposed June 18, government must now feel that the two-tiered fee beginning at $150 for smaller boats will be more easily accepted by the boating visitors.

Abaco Sound and the Little Bahama Bank gives boaters over 100 miles of protected cruising, extending from West End on Grand Bahama all the way to Little Harbour, about 20 miles south of Marsh Harbour. This waterway offers a wide variety of experiences from complete isolation to all the modern conveniences which are available in Marsh Harbour in a protected environment. There is no comparable cruising area to compete with Abaco Sound and its island settlements - all within protected waters. As an added bonus, it is within a day’s cruise from South Florida, acknowledged to be the boating capital of the United States.

Tree Planting Celebrates Independence

A tree planting ceremony took place at the round-about at Forest Drive and Crockett Drive in Marsh Harbour on July 8 as the culmination of a flag raising ceremony. A flag was taken to all the major islands in the country to be raised in Nassau on July 10. Shown from left to right, Sen. Edison Key, Senior Administrator Alexander Williams, Mr. Don Corish, Independence Committee Chairman, and Mr. Percy Archer.

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News of the Youth

Scouting Program Is Again Underway

The Bahamas High Adventure Sailing Program began its 12th year in early June. The program is also running trips in February and April as well as June, July and August. During August Abaco Scouts will sail on Abaco’s tall ship, the Bahamian-built schooner William H. Albury, owned by the program’s marine superintendent, Capt. Joe Maggio, for 29 years. Program Director Joseph Brownly has sent The Abaconian teh following report from the Venture Scout Troop from Palmer, Alaska.

We are ten Alaska Venture Scouts who took the challenge of coming from the far North to the Bahamas sailing program. Our goal was to learn to sail. Our sailing skills did improve but more than that we got to see and meet some of the most beautiful places and interesting people. Our captain was Jean Claude of the sail boat Kiskadee. He has sailed all over the world. His wife and son made up the crew. His son assisted us in communicating as the captain does not speak English. They shared their knowledge and home with us for our six day sail on the Sea of Abaco.

Snorkeling was a new experience for us. In Alaska fish are food. The beautiful fish we saw on the many reefs we visited was a highlight of our trip. We would never want to eat the lovely fish we saw. We were very glad we had our underwater cameras to capture such beauty.

We stood anchor watch from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. to protect the boat. Not everyone enjoyed that part of the trip but those of us who did enjoyed the quietness and stars and peaceful aura of our time on watch. The real trick at night was getting used to the way things are on the water, but mostly staying awake.

All of us will bring home something different from our visit to this wonderful place. We did get pretty good tans, some of us got our hair braided and we all appreciated the kindness of all the locals we met, both in the

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Family Out Islands as well as Marsh Harbour. We all hope to return to Abaco.

Tessa Norezienski, Venture Troop 366, Palmer, Alaska

Students Win in Poster Contest

Hundreds of students throughout the Bahamas shared their concerns for marine mammals by participating in the Third Annual Marine Education Poster Contest, hosted by Dolphin Encounters - Project BEACH.

With the theme Treasures of the Sea: Maine Mammals of The Bahamas, students were invited to research the marine mammals that live in our Bahamian waters and to express their concerns about their protection through poster art.

Also sponsored by Treasure Cay Hotel and marina, the contest was open to all students throughout The Bahamas from kindergarten through twelfth grade and the winners were recently chosen from over 600 entries.

The Third Place winner in the grade 6-8 category was Meredith Albury from the Man-O-War school. Second Place winner in the grade 9-12 category was Latario Moss, a grade 10 student at Abaco Central High School. Each year the student’s artwork is supplied and this year was no exception. The students clearly had researched the marine mammals that make a home in our Bahamian waters and they illustrated them beautifully,” said Annette Dempsey, Director of Education at Dolphin Encounters. “For thousands of years people have hunted and killed these animals and especially during the 19th and 20th centuries have exploited them for commercial gain. This contest was an opportunity for Bahamian school children to show us all how important it is to preserve and protect our native marine mammals. The messages the students send are inspiring and important.”

Tenth grade Latario Moss hopes everyone will heed his message. “I learned that people are affecting the dolphins that live in our waters. I chose to make my poster about the dolphins and I hope people learn that they can’t hurt them or any animal that makes a home in our waters,”

Third place winner Meredith Albury was glad she entered the contest. “I am so happy I won a prize. My mummy said you can do anything if you set your mind to it. I learned a lot about marine mammals.”

Awards for the competition were generously donated by marine-related vendors that depend on the health of the beautiful marine environment for The Bahamas. The winning posters will be laminated and posted throughout the community in recognition of the students’ efforts to help preserve the oceans and its creatures.

Camp Abaco is Active

By Jennifer Hudson

Staff at Camp Abaco is busy again this summer providing quality activities for young people and giving them the direction and guidance so essential for a healthy way of life. Summer camps are in progress throughout the month of July for young people aged seven through nineteen. There will be Junior, Intermediate and Teen Camps, each running for a period of one week with accommodation for up to 125 campers at each camp. Camp Abaco, which is sponsored by the Assemblies of God Church, is open to everyone regardless of race, colour or creed and all are made to feel welcome. As well as girls’ and boys’ dormitories, the camp includes a chapel, kitchen, cafeteria, lighted basketball and volleyball courts and softball playing field.

The campers are treated to a multitude of exciting and inspirational activities geared to their age group such as sports, fishing, crabbing, hiking, fun games and chapel services. Some of the highlights most popular with the campers are the painting and sculpture classes, horseback riding, and the camp tours to various points of interest.

Two Abaco students won awards in the country-wide Marine Education Poster Contest. Shown above are Meredith Albury from the Man-O-War School, who came in third in her category and Latario Moss, a 10th grade student at Abaco Central High School, who came in second in her category.

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Youth in Action News

By Isobel Sherman

Two All Star Teams from the Abaco Youth in Action Basketball League traveled to Freeport recently to compete in the HOYTES Basketball Tournament with Freeport teams. Coached by Elva Davis and Jude Hart, the teams did very well. According to Mrs. Davis, the main problem was getting used to playing in a gymnasium on a real wood floor. Once they adjusted, the under-14 team went to the Championship where they lost by only one point.

The team of under 12-year olds played three games on Friday, winning one game but lost the playoff game on Saturday. They did not make it to the championship game. That team was lead by Arlington Wells, Orlando Stuart and Sheldon Martin.

The team of under 14 year olds did very well. Although they lost two games on Friday, on Saturday the All Star team defeated the HOYTES team and was able to advance to the championship game. They lost that game by just one point, 22 to 21. The top scoring boys were George Martin, Lyndon Davis, Donald Simms, Sidney Archer and Stanley McIntosh. They appreciated all the support they received from the community.

Recently the young people have been playing soccer. They held their final soccer games on June 14 at Murphy Town park. There were four junior soccer teams and two pee wee teams. Each Saturday from 10-12 the youth would meet to learn the game of soccer and to compete among themselves. Many Saturdays they brought lawn mowers to mow the field so they could play. The program was funded by the kind donations of community-minded businesses along with Terry Goldsmith of the Grand Bahama YMCA and their Outreach Program. They provided T-shirts and equipment for the teams. Some of the other business sponsors were A&K Liquors, Commonwealth Bank and Myers Rum. Spearheading the program was Lynden Davis, Ismael “Stretch” Morley, Jude Hart, Elva Davis and Jonathan Laverick. Interest was keen. The youth were treated to a barbeque after the games on the last day.

Abaco Youth In Action will now take the summer off but will reorganize when school resumes in September.

Brownies Enrolled

By Portia Jonsson

The first enrolment ceremony for the Brownies was held at Central Abaco Pri-

These girls are part of the first group of Brownies on Abaco and are students at Central Abaco Primary. The Brownie organization is part of Girl Guides and stresses service to the family and community.
The young people of the three churches on Man-O-War are raising money to attend a Gospel Concert in Orlando in September. Here they are selling hamburgers and sweets as one of their fundraising efforts. The girls in the foreground are Grabrielle Munnie, center, and Heather Weatherford, right.

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mary on June 2nd. Although students have been a part of the Brownies for four years, they were never officially enrolled. During the ceremony 23 Brownies were initiated out of a total of 40. This is the time they are pinned with the Promise Pin and pledge to do a good turn everyday.

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Community Loses Two
Louis Joseph Des Parois III was born on December 1, 1915 in Kansas City, Missouri, and passed away on May 30, 2003. Louis married his wife Jeanne on June 4, 1942. They had two sons, Mark and Joseph (deceased).

Louis was active in the Boy Scouts as a young man and attained the rank of Golden Eagle Scout. He was also a member of the Sea Scouts and started the Sea Scout Ship Eagle Scout. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts as a young man and attained the rank of Golden Eagle Scout. He was also a member of the Sea Scouts and started the Sea Scout Ship Eagle Scout.

Louis always loved the water and sailing. In 1967 he took Jeanne to Nassau for their 25th wedding anniversary trip. In 1967 he took Jeanne to Nassau for their 25th wedding anniversary trip.

Joseph Floyd “Uncle Joe” Shirley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on January 28th, 1932. He passed away on June 13, 2003 in Boynton Beach, Florida, following a brief illness.

Joe earned his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Arizona. He was subsequently awarded his Doctorate in Metallurgical Engineering from the same institution. He was self-employed as well as working for Mountain State Research and Development for a number of years. He developed new and innovative processes in the field of copper and zinc mining and traveled the world sharing his ideas.

Joe and Bea came to Man-O-War from Tucson, Arizona, eight years ago. Their large beachfront house is always open to the children and is always full of the sounds of their voices. Uncle Joe took particular delight in entertaining the children when special days rolled around. Halloween would find him in his wicker rocking chair waiting for the kids to emerge from Aunt Bea’s Hall of Terror. He always had special treats for them. One year it was American Sacagawea golden dollar coins. But it was Christmas that was closest to Uncle Joe’s heart. His yard was turned into a winter wonderland of elves and lollipops. Santas of all shapes and sizes and of course, the nativity scenes. After all the lights were set to his specifications he was ready. His golf cart was transformed into a red and white sleigh, and Uncle Joe played Santa for all the island children.

Uncle Joe was a giving man who enjoyed sharing his time with others, helping a friend who needed a hand, giving advice as a good uncle should and granting us all with his incredibly dry sense of humour. He was always ready with a story or two for those who had a moment to sit and visit. It is often said that a man’s worth can be measured by the love of children and his dog. Joe was never seen driving the streets of Man-O-War without his Mowcay. Joe is survived by his wife of 17 years, Bernardine; two sons, Joseph Theodore and William Floyd; stepson, Curtis Wayne Miller; brother Edward (Terry) Miller; brother-in-law (Trish); grandchildren Courtney, Ashley and Matt Miller.

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Ground Breaking

By Isobel Sherman

On June 8 New Rehoboth Ministries International broke ground for their church building on a three-acre site on S.C. Bootle Highway west of the BEC generating plant. Crown Land was granted to New Rehoboth Ministries International which was incorporated in January 2003. The goal of New Rehoboth Ministries International is to equip all persons to discover their kingdom assignment.

New Rehoboth Ministries International began in a storefront in the B & B Plaza in Marsh Harbour in August 2001 as New Birth Ministries and held its first service in August 2001. In October 2001 the church moved to the old Western Auto building on Don MacKay Boulevard.

A brief service was held at the groundbreaking site. Pastor A. Louis, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town, and Bertram Mills, Jr., took part in the service.

Different shaped shovels were used to turn the soil, symbolizing the individuality of each person. Pastor Earlyn Baillou, Sister Joan Baillou and all of the founding members of New Birth Ministries, now New Rehoboth, turned the soil.

Several persons present gave remarks including Pastor Stephen Knowles of Strong Tower Ministry and Pastor Keith Russell of Faith Chapel. The ceremony concluded with the bulldozer being revved up for clearing the land for the new building, which will be able to be expanded.

Church Holds Cook Out

By Portia Jonsson

Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay held its annual church cook-out at the Treasure Cay Primary School grounds on June 14th. Three nights of revival service were held at the church during the weekend. Bishop Washington William from the New Canaan Church in Freeport, Grand Bahama, was the guest speaker for the first two nights. The last night “wrapped up” with a rap session lead by Pastor Earlyn Baillou from New Rehoboth International Ministries. The night of the cook-out ended with a pre-Father’s Day gospel concert at the Treasure Cay Primary School featuring the Cooling Waters from Freeport.

Archbishop Lawrence Burke Visits

By Jennifer Hudson

On June 13th the Most Rev. Lawrence Burke, Archbishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nassau and the Bahamas, spent the day on Abaco to get a first hand view of the situation of the Haitian residents since the devastating fire, to assess their needs and to see how the Roman Catholic Church community can help. Firstly, he inspected the site of the fire, then spent time in meetings with Ms. Charlaarme Fernander and her assistant, Ms. Zenovia Mills, and was most impressed with the professional way in which they are handling the situation.

Bishop Burke wanted to find out from Social Services how the church can help so that he can coordinate the church’s efforts.

Ground breaking for a building for the New Rehoboth Ministries International took place on June 8. The site is on the S.C. Bootle Highway. The church, organized by Rev. Earlyn Baillou, has been meeting in the old Western Auto building.
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Police Report

A woman from the Mud reported on June 1 that someone she knew damaged her bedroom window. He was arrested but was later released when the accused family agreed to pay for damages.

A second home owner reported on June 1 that a bicycle was stolen from the back of a pick-up truck while he was at a local club.

A resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested on June 2 for attempting to steal a dinghy he bought with a small engine from the Conch Inn and Marina.

The Coco Bar in Treasure Cay was broken into on June 1. Three American young men admitted to the offence but were released because the complainant requested no police action. A woman from Hope Town reported that she was beaten up by her boyfriend on June 2. He was arrested and charged.

A woman in the Mud was beaten by her husband on June 2. When a bystander tried to intervene, the man started fighting with him. He was arrested and charged with causing harm.

A man was charged on June 3 with disorderly behavior in the Police Station and with stealing gas.

A Moore’s Island man was arrested on June 3 of unlawful sexual intercourse. He was released pending a decision from the Attorney General’s office.

A Snake Cay woman accused her husband on June 4 of threatening to kill her and burn her house down.

Charles Roberts, 43, was arraigned in Magistrate’s Court on June 4. He was charged with breaking and entering the residence of an elderly woman in Marsh Harbour on April 27 with intent to commit a felony. His second charge was that he intentionally and unlawfully caused grievous harm to the woman. He was taken to Nassau and remanded at Fox Hill.

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A man was arrested on June 6 of breaking and entering a home and stealing gas.

On June 6 several fights broke out at Sandy Point. One Crossing Rocks man was injured by a group of Haitians and had to be air lifted to Nassau for treatment. Later Constable Forbes was stabbed while trying to stop another fight. He was also flown to Nassau for treatment. A third fight resulted when a police officer tried to break up a fight. He attempted to arrest one man when a group of men pulled the young man away from the officer and began throwing rocks and bottles at him. The officer drew his revolver and fired a shot in the air that dispersed the group. The men had said that there was a bounty on the officer’s head.

Two man from Crossing Rocks, three men from the Mud and two men from Dundas Town were arrested.

The police arrested Mr. Charles Roberts at his home in Marsh Harbour on June 4. He is shown on the left being escorted to a police vehicle. He is being charged with intentionally and unlawfully causing grievous harm to a Marsh Harbour resident.

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Friends Will Have International Support

The Nature Conservancy has recently committed to providing technical and financial support to Friends of the Environment. The Nature Conservancy is a large international conservation group which is recognized worldwide for its efforts in preserving the environment. The organization works with local groups covering a wide variety of conservation areas. This support will provide a great boost to the Friends organization on Abaco which is dedicated to conservation. According to Ms. Eleanor Phillips, the Conservancy’s new Bahamas’ Director, “The Nature Conservancy recognizes that the activities of grassroots groups such as Friends are essential to conserving bio-diversity throughout The Bahamas. The Nature Conservancy is interested in strengthening the technical and administrative capabilities of such groups.”

The Conservancy chooses groups very carefully and has several criteria which the group must meet. The first criteria is leadership - committed, skilled diverse and active. “The Conservancy looks for groups which are community based. Friends has recently moved their office to Marsh Harbour which allows it to interact with a larger constituency than it could while based on Elbow Cay. The third criteria is a record of achievement. Friends qualified in that area with their installation of mooring buoys, the facilitating parrot research, their assisting the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey and their educational efforts.”

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Diane Claridge Receives Award
By Jennifer Hudson
Diane Claridge, Director of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey, was recently honored by the Zonta Club of New Providence at the Living Legends Ball held in Nassau.

Diane, a Bahamian Research Biologist and Naturalist Guide, was recognized in the Environmental category for her work in the protection and preservation of the environment. Having gained a BS degree in Environmental Science from Florida International University, she is now pursuing a MS degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, through overseas research. In 1992 Diane submitted a grant proposal to Earthwatch for the Marine Mammal Survey for which she is a volunteer director. She is concerned with the very grave problem of pollution, whether it is marine debris or ship noise, and values her academic background which enables her to teach Bahamian students the importance of proper waste management.

A patient, sensitive and dedicated person, Diane says she “is inspired and motivated by learning about and contributing to greater understanding of the natural world” and feels very honoured to have been selected for this award which was presented by the Governor General of the Bahamas, Her Excellency, Dame Ivy Demourot.

In 1999 Diane received the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism’s Cacique Award for Ecotourism.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. In 1997 the Zonta Club of New Providence was officially chartered and has since assisted with several major community projects and successful fund-raising efforts. The Living Legends Ball is held to honour “phenomenal women of the Bahamas.”

This year’s ball is the fourth of its kind and Diane was one of nineteen women selected to reflect the many facets of society.

Artists to Show at Central Bank
By Jennifer Hudson

Seven artists are presently very busy preparing their work and putting the final touches on plans for their upcoming exhibition at the Art Gallery of the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

The exhibition, under the heading Artists of the Abaco Islands, will take place from September 19th to October 3rd. On opening night there will be a catered cocktail reception with wine donated by Bristol Wines and Spirits of Nassau and an invitation has been extended to the Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, to open the exhibition.

The work of each of the artists first had to be approved by Mr. Antonius Roberts, Curator of the Central Bank Art Gallery, who is very enthusiastic at having this group of artists from one of the Family Islands presenting their work.

The artists who will be showing are Vince McWeeny, acrylic on canvas and ceramics; Collette Rolle-Bootle, oil on canvas, acrylic on canvas and mixed media; Harriet Thompson, pine needle weaving with ceramics; Lori Higgins-Thompson, oil on canvas; Jeppy Byers, black printing – story boards incorporating print and paint, Beth Sweeting, acrylic on canvas and watercolours; and Marjolein Scott, watercolours on silk. All of the artists’ work will have an island flavour, depicting both the fantasy and the reality of Abaco.

A group of seven Abaco artists will be displaying their art work in the Art Gallery of the Central Bank in Nassau this fall. They are shown above discussing their plans. They are, left to right, Vince McWeeny, Jeppy Byers, Collette Rolle-Bootle, Marjolein Scott, Lori Higgins-Thompson, Harriet Thompson and Beth Sweeting.

The artists will travel to Nassau along with the Bahamas Fast Ferry. The exhibition will be open the exhibition a few days before the show on the Bahamas Fast Ferry. The exhibition will be an excellent opportunity for this group of artists to present their work further afield and to acquaint a wider audience with the beauty of this island and the talents of the people here as it is expected that between 350 and 400 invitations will be extended.

All the artists are very excited to have this opportunity and hope on their return to invite others to join them to form an Abaco Artists Guild.

National Arts Festival Winners
By Isobel Sherman
Traveling to Nassau on June 16 were a liturgical dancer, a modern dance trio and the Zion Baptist Church choir to compete in the National Arts Festival finals. When the scores were tallied, Sherrill Roker, a grade 11 student of Abaco Central High, placed first in liturgical dance. Leon Carroll, Patrick Albury and Deon Smith placed first in modern dance and the Zion Baptist Church Choir placed first in the church choir division. Congratulations to all.
Hope Town
New Museum Building Progresses
By Tony Bennett

The second phase museum building in Hope Town, The Balcony House, is progressing at a great pace. Started only two months ago, the building framework is constructed from polystyrene blocks from Reward Wall Systems. The inside of the blocks is filled with concrete, six inches for the ground floor and four inches for the upper storey. The remaining wooden framework is all heavy lumber, resulting in a building that will not only provide safe storage for our museum artefacts but also a safe haven for Hope Town residents in the event of an emergency.

It is planned to have the outside of the building including the balconies, siding and colonial wooden shutters completed and closed in by the end of July. Work on the inside will commence again in October providing that funding is available. Donations for this project may be made to the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Society, Hope Town, Abaco.

New Welcome Sign
Hurricane Floyd destroyed a “Welcome to Hope Town” sign that had a lot of sentiment. Second home owner Mr. Bill Reskauf, now deceased, and several local young men had spent many hours making this sign. It was planned to have the outside of the building including the balconies, siding and colonial wooden shutters completed and closed in by the end of July. Work on the inside will commence again in October providing that funding is available. Donations for this project may be made to the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Society, Hope Town, Abaco.

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was a design of a sailboat made of small puzzle pieces and laminated. It has been missed by the residents of Hope Town. The Hope Town Association fulfilled a request from Hope Town Coman to replace the old sign. Joette McCully designed, carved and painted the new three-foot by six-foot welcome sign with the candy cane lighthouse and the Abaco Rake sailboat. Lantana flowers are planted at the base of the sign and native sea grape and tabebuia trees are planted in the background. The sign was erected on June 14 at the Upper Public Dock. We hope all our residents and visitors will enjoy our new welcome sign when arriving in Hope Town on the ferry.

Green Turtle Cay
 Fund Raising for Fire Truck

On May 31 Green Turtle Cay hosted a fair to raise funds for a fire truck and fire fighting equipment. Fair goers were treated to a wide variety of food, barbecued and fried, sweet and spicy, cold and hot. Hoopla, dart, sponge throw and soldier crab races were some of the games played that day. The high light of the fair, though, was the beauty pageant. Six lovely contestant strutted their stuff as they competed for the sash and tiara. Olga Svenson-Cash, Carly Schrek, Fortian Johnson and Little Miss Jewel Roberts, Wadanela Cash and Wilhema Levariity danced, pranced and showed their womanly guile as they delighted the crowd and impressed the judges. All six were worthy of the title, with their (un)questionable beauty and seductive stage presence. In the end even the judges couldn’t decide. Turning to the crowd for help, the judges determined that Wilhema Levariity would wear the sash and be crowned Miss Green Turtle Cay Fire Department 2003.

The fire organizers said it was a successful fund raiser. They were able to raise $22,500 between the fair and independent donations for this very worthy cause. Work still needs to be done and money still needs to be raised but this is a good start for realizing our goal of developing a volunteer fire department and making Green Turtle Cay an even safer place to live.

Man-O-War
 School News

By Margo Albury

On June 18th the Man-O-War Cay All Age Public School held its annual awards ceremony. This ceremony is a great way to end the year; the students are awarded for their hard work as well as the teachers. There were many awards from dubious achievement to academic awards. A new award introduced this year, the Judith Helen Read- ing Award. This award was given to Amelia, Shauna, and Adrianna. For several years Amber Bethel Memorial Living Award has been given to the student who shows great character in their church and community. This year the award was given to Adrianna Phlipot.

The highest award that the school offers is the Arthur Hanson Award given to the student with the highest Grade Point Average. There are two of these. The Junior was given to Alley Philpot and the Senior to Adrianna Philpot.

Three students will be leaving the school this year to continue their education in Marsh Harbour. All in all it was a great ceremony honoring all the students in some way.

In other school news Joshua Malone graduated from Forest Heights Academy on June 12th with an award for citizenship.

New Baby

Man-O-War’s newest resident is Micah Samuel Albury, who was born on June 5. He is the son of Dave and Madeline Albury.

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Dear Editor:

Sixty pigs are left in the pig barn.

The farm has had no feed for three weeks.

The one worker remaining has done so out of consideration for the welfare of the animals at the site. He shows up to work every day to do what he can for the animals, including cutting jumbey. He has not been paid for five weeks and deserves to be highly commended. His name is Boris Delancey.

I urge that this situation becomes public knowledge so that the appropriate agencies may take the appropriate action.

Sincerely,

J.F. Hedden, Secretary
Bahamas Farmers’ Association

Appeal to Hope Town District

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am finally forced to express my thoughts to you in an officially recognized manner. I am concerned about several things that your Council has control of that affect the lives of your constituents.

The first thing for me to touch on is communications. From the start I have felt that the communication between your Council and the residents of Elbow Cay is unacceptably low. It seems to be limited to one-on-one conversations in passing, or simple answers given to whomever calls you on the phone. Yes, we do have the public notice board on the Post Office wall, but it seems to be used for more mundane things and less for current issues that are before the Council. It is only fair that the public be well informed of the things that will affect the majority of us before they are voted on or implemented. I ask that you please make an effort to communi- cate with the people who elected you. We WANT to hear from you. My second concern is the condition of our roads, primarily south of the Post Office. There has been a dangerous pothole problem for several years now. Of course, this problem continues to get bigger and bigger. There can be no denying this. Why has this condition been allowed to fester? The verges on most sections of road are overgrown and in some instances are growing over the “pave- ment” itself. I can show you places where two to three feet of pavement are covered with vegetation. Dangerous conditions exist at some intersections of the main road and side roads. This is because of the overgrown verges. With the condition of the road it is surprising to me that we do not have frequent accidents. We do, however, have many near misses, and that should be a wake up call. Vehicles on this island can be seen swerving madly back and forth and sometimes rounding corners on the wrong side, while simultaneously being slapped by vegetation. They look like they’re involved in some form of a pinball game.

Lastly, I do need to mention the recent installation of speed bumps. This really falls under both topics I have already touched on. First, there were precious few of your constituents who knew of this before it happened and there are many of us who feel that the haphazard and blatantly biased placement of these speed bumps has actually made the poor condition of our road even worse. In my opinion, you would make a lot of people happy by calling a Town Meeting in the very near future so this topic can be openly discussed and debated in a democratic way.

Sincerely,
Scott Patterson
To the Editor
always do, they rolled up their sleeves and the ocean.
days before many knew we didn’t slip into
still it was a very difficult time and it was
of our main forms of employment. We love
to remember the local fishermen, still one
years back our citizens erected a memorial
their necessities in the food line, a basic se-
There is a food store, second to none in all of
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We have two very active churches, a gas station, boat haven and laundromat. There is
a school, a post office and an extremely well
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accomplished. We are a clean, neat, peaceful
and an attractive little community, something to be proud of.

Haven’t we proved ourselves to be good stewards of what has been graciously given in
times past and would in this instance make the best use of this money for the betterment
of our community. I’m not saying give us more, but at least be fair and give us the
same. In other words, why are we being penalized for helping ourselves.
Yes, I understand compassion and the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves, and I
agree we should not expect too much from government. I believe in volunteerism, in pull-
ing ourselves up by our bootstraps and the saying “God helps them that help themselves,”
and just because in the past we have asked for private donation, had numerous cake sales, cookouts and various other fund raisers to accomplish
what needed to be done, then why are we penalized now, when there seems to be a little
extra money for the public’s use.

I’m speaking about Cherokee and the other community is Casuarina Point.

In fact, I have been fighting for our right to

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Farm Show  From Page 2

The processing of food was another topic covered at the recent Farmers’ Exhibition. Several people had examples of locally produced food. Mrs. Brenda had mango juice, mango bread, mango preserves and pepper jelly. Lovely Beckley offered samples of her delicious jams and preserves. Her selection included mango chutney and various jams. Mr. Keith Bailey demonstrated several processes. He made delicious HOT goat pepper sauce using green papaya, mustard and other ingredients. The attractive rich yellow color and the aroma were enticing even before anyone tasted the sauce. In the afternoon he demonstrated the making of guava preserves. Mr. Bailey, Senior Food Technician with the Department of Fisheries, came to Abaco to encourage Bahamians to go into food production. He was assisted by Osia Nixon, a farmer from Central Abaco.

Many people enjoyed the show and felt that the Farmers’ Association had done a great job. It was organized by many people including John Heiden and Pat Betthe.
The funeral service for Bernard “Bern” Reckley, 82, formerly from Black Wood, was held in Nassau. He is survived by sisters Susannie Lengley, Mary Whitty, Rosemary, Ruthanne and Jessemie Reckley; brothers Alexander, Samuel, Emmanuel and Daniel Reckley; nieces Rosetta Rose; Estyn Simmons, Pamela Seavaya Fowler, Valerie Johnson, Pastor Miriam Emmanuel, Patricia Knowles, Geeta, Neta, Marguerite and Aida; nephews Miguel Cornish, Charles Adderley, Sidney Cornish, Ivan Bonathy, Sylvan McIntosh, Daniel, Brian and Tyrone Bootle, Nelson Reckley, Samuel, John, Lavern, Leo, Mervin, Ansel, L.G., Felix and Ronald Reckley; and many other relatives and friends include Euclid Baillou and family and the Cornishes and Reckleys of Blackwood.

Samuel, son of Hope Town passed away on July 8. His funeral was held on July 8 at St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town. Rev. Carla Culmer officiated assisted by Rev. Kenneth Knowles. Interment was in the cemetery in Hope Town.

The funeral for Herbert Milton “Joe” Calma, 75, of Murphy Town was held in Nassau on July 11. He is survived by his wife Doris; daughters Thelma Calma, Sheila, Temeka and Nichole Fon; sons Herbert, Jr., Charles and Andrew; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brother Henry Killman; sister Murial Edwards; daughter-in-law Joyce Calma; nephew Nat Adams; nieces Paulaete and Lorie Adderley; great-grandnephews Nit, Jr., and Nathan; great-nieces Leatha and Lilliana; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Rev. Godfrey Cooper, 98, was on July 13 at Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town. Rev. Wilbert Outen officiated assisted by Rev. Kenneth Knowles. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughters Wilderene Cooper and Carmeta Bishop Kinley-Side; son Elders Cornelius; granddaughters Eliza- beth Ferguson, Monique Stuart, Terry Armstrong, Tamara Jones, Maria Damas, Michelle and Meredith Thompson, Virginia Allen, Freda Storr, Eleanor Hield, Margaret Everette, Rina Higgs, Romona Moncur, Kimberly Stubbs, and Margaret Gibson; grandchildren Stevan, Daniel, and Nathan; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Evelyn Candyce Sands, 77, of Gauna Cay was in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau on July 11. She is survived by her husband, Donald Sands, sons Andrew and Paul Sands, daughter Mellony Hart; brothers Thomas, Char- ley and Wendall Sands; sister Elva Gates; grandchildren Jeyssca and Cara Hart, Kemmie, Adam, Jordan and Justin Sands; nieces and nephews including Timothy Sands, Bek Sands and James Sands, Louise Thompson, Dave Collins, Linda Bethel, Norman Collins, Myrar Weatherford, Jeff Collins, Renee Higgs, Cara Albury, Deborah and lan Sands and many other relatives and friends.
The PLP Party held a service commemorating the 30th Independence anniversary on June 29 at the Trumpet Assembly of God in Dundas Town. Shown above are, left to right, Mr. Reynald Rigby, National Chairman of the PLP party sitting in front row with his wife, Mr. Fritz, Boothe from Cooper’s Town and Sen. and Mrs. Edison Key. Sen. Key spoke of the accomplishments of the PLP party since its founding in 1953.

Central

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and shelter. They also provide medical care and education assistance for the poor in the Caribbean and Latin American. Last year their donations totaled over $4 million. The organization is based in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and Mr. Price, an attorney from Deerfield Beach, is the Secretary of the organization.

PLP Held 30

Anniversary Service

Nearly 60 persons turned out for a PLP church service celebrating 30 years of independence. The service was held in the Trumpet Assembly of God Church. Mr. Reynald Rigby, National Chairman of the People’s Labour Party, spoke on behalf of the PLP with Pastor Carlton Dorsett giving the main message.

Sen. Edison Key gave a short history of the PLP achievements during their years in government. He was pleased that people are showing pride in their country by flying flags everywhere. They may not be PLP but are still proud to be Bahamian.

Mr. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, said, “It was the foresight of the founding fathers in 1953 that led to Independence in 1973. They formed the foundation which others have built on, creating the PLP that we see today. We must not rest on our past efforts but continue to build and go forward.”

Rev. Carlton Dorsett gave the sermon which stressed the underprivileged who live in this country. He said that The Bahamas has shared its blessings with many less fortunate persons and has been a host to many in the international community. He felt that God restored the PLP to power. There are too many people hurting, too many are marginalized. “Decisions must be made and those in power are in a position to do this.” He added, “It is the young who are marginalized.”

Housing for Fire Victims

By Isobel Sherman

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Guana Beach House - 2/1 home close to town, fantastic ridge, spacious patio overlooking beach, $375,000

Man-O-War Cay - 3/4 elegant home with 2/1 guest cottage, fantastic views, beautifully landscaped, steps to sandy beach, loaded with extra special features, $1,610,000

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Royal Harbour - Harbour front lot with 70 x 23 dock slip, ready for building. $239,000

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News
Mr. Gentry Morris of the Rotary Club of Abaco presented Junata Anne of Long Bay School the trophy for being the overall winner in a Speech Competition sponsored by the Rotary Club. The trophy was presented at the Awards Presentation honoring academic excellence shown by students throughout Abaco.

These first grade students of Abaco Christian School earned the Golden Eagle Award with perfect GPA’s. They are, left to right, Barry Bostwick, Jamell Collins and Danielle Wells.

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Mr. & Mrs. Mills have decided to resign from the School Board. According to Mr. Mills, his position was taken when the board was being dissolved.

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A Man-O-War woman reported on June 25 that someone smashed a window and mirror of her truck while it was parked at Abaco Outboards in Marsh Harbour. Nothing was taken.

An employee of Lowe’s Pharmacy in Marsh Harbour reported on June 25 that someone stole $576 from her handbag which was behind the counter.

A Man-O-War resident reported on June 25 that someone smashed a window on a rental van.

On June 23 a resident of Dundas Town was charged with causing bodily harm to her niece. She was remanded to Sandilands in a rental van.

A Grand Cay resident reported on June 23 that someone stole an air compressor valued at $576 from her handbag which was near Sandilands in Nassau.

A Sandy Point resident reported that he was stabbed on June 24 and his assailant took his mobile phone valued at $47.

During the night of June 23 someone stole the cash register from Abaco Pizza in Marsh Harbour. Three dollars in coins was in the register.

During the night of June 23 someone broke into Classic Coin Launderromat in Marsh Harbour.

During the night of June 23 someone broke into Bay View Restaurant in Dundas Town. A Dundas Town man was arrested for vagrancy and lighting a fire in bushes nearby. A Sandy Point man was questioned concerning the theft of a GPS radio valued at $150 and $20.25 in cash from a home in Sandy Point.

During the night of June 26 someone broke into Bay View Restaurant.

Police are investigating a vehicle fire on Great Abaco Highway. Two officers and the Fire Chief discovered a jug of gasoline in a vehicle near Sandy Point. During the night of June 27 someone broke into a house in Fire Road and stole a hand bag with $1000 cash.

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As a result of information received, ASP Russell, O/C Abaco, went to Snake Cay on June 30 where the Police recovered 10 pote with suspected marijuana plants growing. They are making further investigations. Police officers are pictured above with the plants. They are, left to right, Insp. Cleophas Cooper, Res. Cpl. Beatrice Moxey, Res. Const. Reckley, PC Higgins and ASP Clarence Russell.
Oil Exploration Licenses Are Granted

Nine oil exploration licenses were recently granted by the Bahamas government to the Kerr-McGee company of Oklahoma City. Initial reports indicate nine licenses were given for exploration on 6.5 million acres in water ranging from 650 feet to 7,000 feet deep. Fees of $900,000 were paid for the licenses with exploration expenses expected to be $25 million or more. It was stated that the government will receive $4 million during the exploration phase and stands to receive 18 percent of any revenue if oil is found. Several drilling platforms have been operating off the Walkers Cay area but it is not known if these are associated with the Kerr-McGee company.

The Blake Plateau is an extensive underwater shelf north of Grand Bahama extending off the U.S. coastline to the Georgia area.

Boaters’ Paradise still available on the pristine Sea of Abaco. All ocean front lots are under contract, however the Sea of Abaco still awaits with its perfect deep water dock on parcel 4. Parcel 4 is a magnificent lot, deep water for a dock, as well as beautiful property for a custom home or cottage. The best beach on Elbow Cay with its long winding white sand shores is just a short walk away. Beach access is provided to the north of parcel 3. Call today to schedule an appointment to view this one-of-a-kind property on Elbow Cay.
When Prime Minister Perry Christie visited Pigeon Point after the fire, he said that all Haitians would be treated fairly and that the Haitian government would repatriate all Haitians who fail to produce proof of residency in the Bahamas before January 12, 1985.

Min. Gibson announced that food, clothing and bedding had been shipped to Abaco for the fire victims through the Urban Renewal Project headed by Director Dr. David Allen.
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