Elections Set Local Govt. for Three Years
Only Six Communities Required Elections

By Jennifer Hudson
While voter turnout on June 27th for the Local Government elections in Green Turtle Cay, Grand Cay and Moore’s Island was good, people were less enthusiastic on the mainland where, in the polling divisions of Murphy Town and Casuarina-Bahama Palm Shores turnout was low. The candidates in the Murphy Town constituency remained hopeful throughout the day that voters would show up after work just before the polls closed. This seemed to be the case as by 5 p.m. a small crowd had gathered outside the Abaco Central High School polling division and it was felt that, as local government elections go, it was a reasonable turnout though it showed the usual lack of interest.

The day passed without incident except for a situation outside the Abaco Central High School where several of the candidates appeared to have formed a syndicate and were handing out flyers naming the five persons they wanted people to vote for. Twice some of the candidates had to be asked by the police to move away as they were too close to the polling station and were violating the rules set down by law. On the

Pathfinders Holds Reception

Twelve additional students were awarded scholarships by the Pathfinders Scholarship Fund. They were hosted at a reception held at Abaco Beach Resort on June 12. As long as the students maintain good grades, Pathfinders supports them throughout the course of their studies. Shown above are, front row, Joan Pinder, Malisa Singh, Raenell Lowe and Veronica Nairn. In the back are Delvano McIntosh, Felicity Simms and Jamie Benjamin. The one on the right Muqael Miller who received a scholarship last year. Those not present included Samantha Gaitor, Terrinique Pennerman, Raymone Santill, Jesse Tador and Christina Basden. See story on page 5.

Immigrants Complete Health Program

By Mirella Santillo
After three months of social and educational work sponsored by the European Commission on Humanitarian Aid, the team responsible for the project is going back to Nassau. The program was to educate the immigrant communities of Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay for them to have a healthier environment.

The project, headed by Dr. Zorene Curry, a lecturer at COB, consisted of two teams, ten people all together, divided between a health education team and a vector control team.

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Immigrant House Is Destroyed

The Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Housing, and the Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services, were present in the immigrant community of the Mud in Marsh Harbour on June 10 when an unoccupied house was knocked down. Residents of the area were hired to carry out the demolition. Government was wanting to send a message that expanding the community was not acceptable. While the Ministers were speaking, a truck from a local hardware store was delivering lumber to a nearby site where another house was under construction.
third occasion they were moved further away by Police Chief, ASP Wayne Miller, who told them, “I was being very lenient with them and they should have done their campaigning during the weeks prior to the election, not at the polling station.”

When the votes were tallied at 6 p.m. indications were that taxi driver, Mrs. Karen Antonio, had won the seventh seat. However, the following morning she heard that two spoiled ballots had been discovered. After a recount the situation changed and the seat went to builder Brent Brooks. Mrs. Antonio, along with many others, especially the ladies, were disappointed as it was felt that a woman on the team would have been good for the township. As Mrs. Antonio said, “The guys had been neglecting some of the problems, garbage being one of them, which I had intended to take care of.”

The successful candidates were sworn in by Island Administrator Revis Rolle at the courthouse at 10 a.m. two days later on June 29th. According to information, several persons were absent for the swearing in. All members of the Murphy Town Committee were present. Dundas Town had three members absent. Cay Mills was unable to attend; Faron Newbold was off the island; and George Cornish arrived late claiming he had not known about it and that his democratic rights had been denied him. Marsh Harbour had two members absent, Kandy Pinder and Chad Sawyer.

Following the brief ceremony the New Town Committee members gathered to elect their members going to Council. The open voting went very smoothly with everybody amicably expressing their opinions. Results for Central District were:

Murphy Town: Chairman, Cubell Davis, Jnr.; Deputy Chairman, Jexell Tinker
Dundas Town: Chairman, Augustine Williams; Deputy Chairman, Stephen Knowles; Council member Sonith Lockhart
Marsh Harbour: Chairman, Yonne Key; Deputy Chairman, Kimberley Roberts; Council members Dale Hill and Robert Claridge

In its first meeting of their term of office the Central Abaco District elected Cubell Davis, Jnr. as Chief Councillor and Yonne Key as Deputy Chief Councillor. At their next meeting they will appoint the various boards.

There was some dissent during the process from Glen McDonald who indicated publicly that he intended to resign as a result of some dissatisfaction about the appointments and left the courtroom. His resignation would only become official if a letter of resignation is received by the Administrator. In the case of a resignation, a decision will be made as to whether there will be an appointee or a by-election.

Following the naming of the Chief Councillor, Deputy Chief Councillor, chairmen and their deputies all of the new local government members gathered outside the courtroom discussing their feelings and I was able to garner some of their opinions.

Committee member for Spring City, Roger Delancy, remarked that he was disappointed that no one from Spring City would be going to Council, and he felt that it was not fair that his township had no representative on Council.

Augustine Williams, Chairman for Dundas Town, was enthusiastic. “The new group which has been elected has a different spirit and is now capable of moving to a new decision.”

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Health Concepts, Vector Control Were Emphasized

A four-month program to teach immigrants better health habits ended with a ceremony acknowledging those who had completed the course. The program stresses keeping a clean environment and vector control. Shown here is Ms. Philabertha Carter presenting a certificate to Mr. Andson Joseph. Mr. Joseph organized a major effort to remove derelict vehicles from the Mud and Pigeon Peas. He raised money and hired equipment to clean up debris which had been accumulating for many years.

Mrs. Charlene Bain was in charge of the health committee. She took time before leaving for New Providence to explain the project, its goals, how the teams went about achieving their goals and what remained to keep the health and well-being of persons living in at-risk communities. This was achieved by lectures and training to increase the knowledge and improve the skills of the residents of these three communities towards a healthier living environment. The health team comprised of Mrs. Bain, Ms. Pamela Boyle, senior health education officer, Dr. A. Bert Francois, medical consultant and adviser, also responsible for translation, and Ms. Annouch Armbrister, administrative support staff. The vector control team was headed by Mr. Andrew Thompson, Acting Director of the Department of Environmental Health in Nassau, Mr. Don Cornell and Mr. Charles Armbrister. Ms. Memose Daniels was a coordinator between the residents and the teams, helping to select participants for training in each community.

Before the program started, they invited 100 residents from the three communities to a meeting to inform them about the program. Factors contributing to vector as well as communicable diseases had to be taken into consideration. Open pits and wells were identified and the people responsible for them were asked to cover them with plywood and finish construction. Garbage receptacles were placed in each community, one dumpster in each Pigeon Peas and Sands Banks and two in The Mud. Forty-four persons participated. Seventeen completed the three-day health course and nine completed the vector course; five more people were trained in health education and vector control.

The project ended by leaving 17 people in charge of training more residents in each community, and two locals, one from the Health Department and one from the clinic, to monitor the continuation of the training on a weekly basis and to make sure that the teachings are being implemented.

Askin if she felt the goals had been met, Mrs. Bain answered, “Absolutely.” She thought the success of the operation was due to the fact that all the teaching material and most of the conversations were translated into Creole. The training was geared to develop self responsibility in keeping the environment clean, in seeking help when necessary and staying well.

The $200,000 funding provided by The European Commission was divided between Abaco and Grand Bahama. Ms. Philabertha Carter was the funding administrator for the project and the Ministry of Health provided technical support for the implementation of the program.
By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Committee hosted a reception at the Abaco Beach Resort on June 12 to honour this year’s scholarship recipients and the first graduating class.

The Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation was organized several years ago by a group of Hope Town residents and businessmen with the goal of providing funds to assist deserving students of Abaco to obtain a college education and this year marks the fifth year of scholarship awards.

New scholarship recipients were presented with certificates. They are Jamie Benjamin (Elementary Education); Malisa Singh (Accounting); Raenell Lowe (Nursing); Veronica Nairn (Psychology); Joan Pinder (Culinary Arts); Felicity Simms (Secondary Education); Samantha Gaitor (Secondary Education); Jesse Tador (Accounting); Delvano McIntosh (Secondary Education); Christina Basden (Medicine).

Mrs. Kathy Weldon, Administrator, spoke proudly of all the students who had been selected since 2001 when the first scholarships were awarded. “We are very pleased and gratified that not one has disappointed us and most have exceeded expectations and criteria and we know that this year’s group will not disappoint us either. We try to really get to know the students through their applications and interviews to ascertain their goals, desire for education and that they are truly motivated to meet the challenges of college,” she told the parents present. “The recipients are selected on the basis of ability, motivation, maturity and financial need. Once selected, committee members counsel the students to prepare them for college life away from home.”

“At the beginning of this year we were feeling gloomy as we were concerned about the ongoing support by businesses due to expenses from the hurricanes,” according to Chairman Mr. Jim Blumberg, who was especially concerned. “But the rest of the committee advised waiting to see if the result of the auction. The silent auction which was held at the Abaco Beach Hotel on March 19 far exceeded expectations through Mr. Blumberg’s exceptional powers of persuasion to get people to part with their money for this very worthy cause.” The amount raised enabled the committee to award 12 scholarships this year bringing the total awarded to date to 57.

This year for the first time as part of the application process an essay was required and Mrs. Weldon commented, “The power of faith and family values jumped out.” She thanked the parents for what they have done for their children and also acknowledged the teachers present for the part they had played. She then introduced Mrs. Cathy Myers, who has joined the team as her assistant since the work load has now become so great.

Students who have already begun their studies away or who have just graduated were invited to give a few words of advice to those who will be going away for the first time in September and Mrs. Weldon commented on how these young people had grown, not only physically, but in poise and confidence.

Tavia Cornish, who graduated from Abaco Central High School and now an accounting major at Florida M emorial University, said that while she took some time to adjust, she now loves it there. “What helped her to settle down and become comfortable was joining several clubs which is what she advises people going off to college to do. She also cautioned, “Be careful and wise about the friends you choose. There can be wolves in sheep’s clothing. Select friends with the same in-

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The Forming of Local Government

The elections are over and the next stage begins almost immediately for several districts persons remain to be appointed by the Minister as a result of insufficient persons nominating.

The three District II Councils must now meet and appoint their statutory boards. These are the Councils of North, Central and South Abaco. In these larger districts, the work load is broken down with Council and Town Committee members issuing contracts and spending the money for their area maintenance. The three main Statutory Boards, Town Planning, Licensing and Port, then have the burden for reviewing and approving building permit applications, reviewing and issuing occupational licenses for buildings, making recommendations on issues related to the shore line and sea bed. Many of the island communities outside of Port relate to the sea bed which is Crown Land and final decisions on Crown Land issues must come from Nassau.

The three District III Councils have their offices in each of the areas in the Abaco District and the Hope Town Districts.

These are the two most active districts in the Family Islands, yet they operate under their own rules with islands as less active. Nine years have passed with locally elected persons looking after many of their town’s chores. Various suggestions have been made to the Department of Local Government for perceived improvements to The Act or the accompanying Regulations to make the system function smoother.

The only change affecting A Baco has been the designation of Green Turtle Cay as a District III Council, pulling them out of the North Abaco District. That will make it easier for those elected on Green Turtle Cay as they now conduct their affairs while staying on home territory.

Of all the Family Islands, central Abaco including the nearby cays has the largest and most diverse economy with:

- a rapidly expanding and healthy economy;
- the fastest growing population;
- the second busiest airport in the country based on aircraft traffic;
- the largest freight port handling over 2000 tons weekly;
- the two largest public schools with over 500 students each;
- the largest dump and waste collection system;
- the two largest immigrant squatter settlements;
- a huge maritime tourism industry;
- a large and expanding base of support for the tourism product;
- the highest rate of return visitors;
- a high level of repeat real estate activity;
- a surging construction economy. All of this combines to make the governing process much more complex than for districts with a slower economy, a static population or a slower paced tourism product. Although the districts here have what looks to be substantial budgets, $1 million for Central Abaco, money is a major problem in attempting to provide the necessary services to a growing and dynamic area.

The addition of a professional management committee of Abaco district would make the governing process much smoother. This would not take away any of the authority or stature of the Chief Council of the area or the Town Committees. A manager would take orders from Council and free the Chief Councillor of many of the burdens of the position.

A knowledgeable manager in the Local Government Office for the Central Abaco District would bridge the gap between the laws and regulations that govern the process and the elected persons who have volunteered their services but are not necessarily conversant with the rules they must abide by or any pending issues to be resolved.

Save the Barbary Horses

To the Editor:

A letter of concern is being sent to the Board of Directors of wild horse organization in Marsh Harbour.

We have been reading about the Barbary Horse project for a few years and the news has not been very encouraging. As we recall there were about 40 of these magnificent animals. Over the years there have been a few deaths but reproduction has been very poor for many years. While the efforts to save these extremely endangered horses are very admirable, they have failed to produce new horses.

The suggestion we have is not at all as it has been discussed in years past. A small handful is a family with many experts in preserving breeds of special interest. There are several large organizations interested in the Barbary strain. It has been done where gene pools are limited with many species of animals. These horses are treasures of The Bahamas and the world and everyone hopes that they could be checked out in the immediate future before their numbers go from 40-11-8-0 to zero. We feel it is time to ask for expert help from specialists in the field of breeding who have the knowledge, interest and organizational strength with funding to save the few horses left.

Since,

Dan M McCully
Concerned About Our Environment

Dear Mr. Editor, We have a few concerns that we would like to share with you. One concern we have is land crabs seem to be disappearing. This year, very few land crabs were found in the Winding Bay area. After the last of rains, a few weeks ago; a few crabs were seen in the yellow Wood area as far up as the last salt water out flow. There was not a conch farm. He has had no reply. This would be a great thing to do for our sea life. Pollution from the dump is going where it is not wanted. Why? This would be a great thing to do to help save our conch. We are looking for a good site for our Public Dump. Our dump is in the wrong place. It needs to be moved from by the sea. Pollution from the dump is going where it is not wanted. Why? This must be done if we want to have conches in our future. This surely cannot be good for our sea life.

We all need to get together and come up with some solutions. We need to save our animals before they are adults and they are not having a chance to reproduce. We think that there should be more laws made to protect the conchs. Last year a man in the Abaco settlement sent in a proposal to start a conch farm. He has had no reply. Why? This would be a great thing to do to help save our conch.

Our last concern is the location of our Public Dump. Our dump is in the wrong place. It needs to be moved from by the sea. Pollution from the dump is going where it is not wanted. Why? This surely cannot be good for our sea life.

The boards have yet to be appointed and little is known about their work. While appointing members to these boards, the Council must look into their communities and select individuals with knowledge, understanding and vision. The decisions made by the boards can impact a town’s character in subtle but disturbing ways if not done carefully.
Methodist Youth Do Volunteer Work

By Jennifer Hudson.

Summer is here, U.S. schools are closed so now is the time when the best community-minded and hardworking students think about dedicating some of their time to serving others.

Sixteen students from Woodland University Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, led by six adult leaders, did just that when they completed a week of community service on Abaco, June 5-12. These young people, ranging in age from 13 to 19 years, used the fellowship hall of the Dundas Town Methodist Church as their base and painted the outside of the hall as part of their service.

Volunteer Methodist groups from the United States have worked on many projects on Abaco since Hurricane Floyd in 1999. This group of young people from South Carolina recently spent a week doing home repairs and painting. Here they are reshingling a roof.

Two other projects were the re-shingling of a Dundas Town resident’s roof and exterior repair work to a house at Casarina Point which had been badly damaged during the hurricanes last year. The venture was carried out through a Methodist Habitat which is a hurricane relief organization working through the Bahama Conference of the Methodist Church.

This is the Rock Hill Church’s third mission trip to Abaco so marks the third summer visit for some members of the group. Director of Youth Ministries, Karen Luever, team leader for the group, was initially planning for the students to visit Mexico this summer. But when discussing it with the young people she said that they felt very strongly that they should come here since they said, “You are always talking to us about relationships; these are our friends and if ever they need us, it’s now after the hurricanes.” So it was decided to return to Abaco once more.

The students worked hard all year to earn the money for the trip and fund raisers were held at the church. Team members paid for their airfare, lodging and supplies. They also hired two cooks to prepare meals for them and they declared, “The wonderful Bahamian food was a highlight of the trip.”

The teenagers were up early each morning to be on the job by 8 o’clock, and they returned weary but satisfied to their base at 4:30 each afternoon. The youngsters said that, while the work was challenging and was new to many of them, they gained much experience in skills such as how to put up a wall, shingle a roof and “hammer in all directions.”

After the work day was over, they enjoyed cooling off by swimming at Mermaid Beach. They also visited a Blue Hole and spent their last day in Hope Town. The young people were so impressed with the hospitality they had received from the people of Abaco. “The people were so incredibly gracious and friendly and took such good care of us, it makes you want to stay forever!”

The students were up early each morning to be on the job by 8 o’clock, and they returned weary but satisfied to their base at 4:30 each afternoon. The young people were effusive in their praise of the hospitality they had received from the people of Abaco. “The people were so incredibly gracious and friendly and took such good care of us, it makes you want to stay forever!”

On Sunday morning the students split into two groups. While half led worship at St. Andrews in Dundas Town, the remainder went over to Hope Town to lead the service at St. James.

When asked if they would come again, they chorused, “In a heartbeat!”

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Green Turtle Cay
By Annabelle Cross

It is hard to imagine any months busier than June and December and June 2005 has been no exception! There seems to be so much going on as the school year comes to a close and we prepare for local government elections.

The Island Roots Festival
The Second Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival was a huge success that brought many relatives and friends to Green Turtle Cay. After months of fund raising and planning, it was finally time to celebrate our heritage! Knowing that only a few months ago the festival site still showed signs of hurricane damage and only a week before there was no electricity or stage, it was quite a feeling of accomplishment as the committee gathered at the site on Friday morning! So many hours and so much work had gone into making the festival possible.

The construction of the stage, though very simple and temporary, was quite an achievement. One week before, the committee had a plan, but no building materials and not one stage builder among the group! A few telephone calls and on Saturday we had materials and a construction crew to build the stage. The committee was composed of a lot of energetic members who worked tirelessly to see that the festival could come off. At last, we had electricity, a stage and a place to celebrate our heritage.

A huge thank you to all those who contributed and supported the festival. Each and every one of you is a true asset to this community and we appreciate all your efforts.

Nine Tiny Turtles graduated from Pre-school on June 23 and will attend the Amy Roberts Primary School in Green Turtle Cay next school year. They are, back, Nathan Roberts, Dazel Johnson, Elias Cooper, William Phillips, Daniel Albury and in the front, Samantha Sawyer, Lea Lowe, Katelyn Curry and Darenique Ford.

Primary school students of the Amy Roberts All-age School of Green Turtle Cay recently paid a courtesy call on Her Excellency Dame Ivy Dumont, Governor-General, at Government House. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Maria Schrack, a teacher, Mrs. Mandy Roberts and Mrs. Trinia Cooper, parents. The Governor-General is seated with the children. Standing from left are Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Schrack and Mrs. Cooper.
The committee is grateful to everyone who helped in any way and especially to those persons who can be called on at the last minute and they give freely of their time. Even though the committee members were totally exhausted, they met the week after the festival to set the dates for the 2006 festival. So mark your calendar for May 5, 6 and 7, 2006. And comments and suggestions are welcome.

One of the highlights of this festival was having it filmed to be aired on the ZNS program Native Stew. Derek Catalano and Sean Johnson spent two days filming and interviewing not just at the festival site, but all over town. When it aired the following Thursday, we all sat glued to the television. They did an excellent job, and the entire show was an advertisement for our community. In less than 30 minutes they highlighted the two days of the festival and the community.

School News

The past weeks have been busy for students as they got closer to the long awaited summer break. It was also busy for the students of Tiny Turtle Preschool. Nine Tiny Turtles will be moving on to the Primary level of their education. They graduated in a ceremony on June 23rd.

The sixth grade students of Amy Roberts Primary raised money all year long for their field trip to Nassau. Accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Maria Schrack, the children visited Government House, met with Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia Pratt, as well as Governor General Dame Ivy Dumont, swam with dolphins, petted snakes and enjoyed Atlantis. A few weeks before the field trip, sixth grade students Symone Cooper and Felicia Survance were selected to travel to Nassau to take part in the Primary School Student of the Year Competition. Both girls were awarded medals for their participation.

The North Abaco Youth Council held a banquet to honour the top students in North Abaco. Amy Roberts Primary’ students who received the awards were Kai Survance (grade 1), Rebecca Roberts (grade 2), Kenneth Roberts (grade 3), Amanda McIntosh (grade 4), Blair Johnson and Quitel Charlton (grade 5) and Felicia Survance (grade 6). Congratulations and keep up the good work!

On June 24th the 12 students of 6th grade had their farewell ceremony at the Gospel Chapel. Graduating from primary school were Alicia Bodie, Fernando Curry, Symone Cooper, Rickie North, Tyece McInnis and Jermaine Rolle.

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About 3 a.m. on the morning of June 25 Tyler Roberts of Man-O-War Cay was going from Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War when his boat missed the channel, went over the sea wall and ended up smashing through the bedroom window of a rental cottage. The couple who were sleeping in the room were awakened covered with broken glass. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Green Turtle Cay residents held a walk-a-thon to raise money to benefit the clinic. They are shown here starting up the hill for the seven-mile walk.
ECC Students Enjoyed Day at Abaco Club

The second ECC fun day was held on June 13th. With the school closing for their summer vacation on June 17th, the timing was perfect for a beginning-of-summer party.

The organizer of this year’s event was Mr. Floyd Swain, the general manager at the club, assisted by his supporting staff. An added fun event for the happy troupe that was not available at the previous party was the putting range at the club’s golf course. The resident golf pro, Mr. Kenny Gargiulo, aided by his assistant Keno Lightbourn, gave the children putting lessons.

“Tennis anyone?” was the cry from the club’s tennis pro, Mr. Keith Greene, who has worked with the children on numerous occasions in the past. He invited all to the clay courts where many of the students participated.

In short, the event was a memorable one for students and teachers alike. If one asked anyone who attended what was the highlight of the day, including the superb lunch that was prepared by the club’s international chef, Mr. Samuel Favella and his competent staff, all would concur that it was Mr. Edward “Caligula” Richardson, the magician, who was flown in from Nassau to entertain Mr. de Savary’s guests.

Known on stage as Caligula, he is a Bahamian magician who is sometimes known as the Magic Man. Throughout his career he has performed in many European countries, in a number of the top hotels and casinos in the United States and in all of the casinos in The Bahamas. He is presently performing at Atlantis on Paradise Island.

The Magic Man mesmerized over 40 pairs of eyes with his slight-of-hand magic feats. His performance involved audience participation in most of his tricks and illusions. The children took turns being his assistant which brought smiles of glee to their astonished faces.

At the closing of one of the most exciting days in the school year for the students, Mr. de Savary said, “I missed the first party but made certain not to miss this one.” He went on to say, “All children are dear to me, but this special group is more endeared because they require much more love and attention.”

Mrs. Lyn Major, the school’s founder and principal said, “We cannot thank Mr. de Savary and all of his attentive staff enough for their generosity and hospitality. The children can now begin their summer vacations with happy memories that will enhance the anticipation of returning to school at the beginning of the new school year.”

An American Embassy Reminder

Starting December 31, 2005 it is expected that all US citizens returning to The Unites States will need to have a passport to reenter from The Bahamas. The US passport will be the primary travel document for all US citizens.

The US Embassy recommends that all foreign nationals get a visa. Even if Bahamians do not regularly travel to the U.S., they may need it for medical reasons or in case of an emergency. Making arrangements for someone to be admitted without a visa is difficult and time consuming. Family members will not, under any circumstances, be allowed to accompany a person with a medical emergency without proper documents.
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Bahamas Billfish Championship Is Over

By Jennifer Hudson

The Bahamas Billfish Championship has been held annually since 1973 and in this its 32nd year enjoyed record participation. This world class fishing tournament consisting of five legs spans the months of April through June and all legs except for the second, which was this year held in Harbour Island, are held on Abaco. The first leg was held in Marsh Harbour from April 17 - 22nd followed by tournaments in Harbour Island, Spanish Cay, Treasure Cay and ending with the Boat Harbour Tournament from June 19 - 24. Grand prize and title sponsor is Rolex with John Bull, A Baco Gold and the Abaco Club at Winding Bay among the many secondary sponsors. Seventy-nine boats participated in the final Boat Harbour Tournament with boats ranging in size from 42 feet to 80 feet. This number was up about 14 boats from last year. The increased participation, according to a press release, “is the result of enthusiasm for changes in the release categories and the increased minimum length for boated blue marlin.” Boats may enter any or all of the tournaments with cumulative points determining the champions.

The only fish which are allowed to be boated are blue marlin and in order to be boated must be longer than 105 inches. A 11 white marlin, sailfish and spearfish must be released. Each time there is a release the boat will call in to the recording team at Boat Harbour and the data is noted. They call in when they first have a fish on the line and then again when it is released. A photograph is taken of each catch and on arrival at Boat Harbour the memory chip from the camera is presented for recording and catches are verified using these time and date stamped digital images. Affidavits are also signed by all participants fishing on a team to further confirm that the fish was released in accordance with tournament rules. All lines are pulled in at four o’clock each day.

Winners in the 2005 Boat Harbour Tournament were Reelin and Dealin in first place, Uno Mas, second and Therapy, third. All released the same number of fish so the winner was based on time. Reelin and Dealin was also the top release team. Overall Championship winners were Perfect Parts, first place; Cervaza, second and Fa La Me third. Top release team was Perfect Parts.

The Bahamas Billfish Tournament provides a significant contribution to Abaco’s economy each year and the committee estimates that during this prestigious tournament approximately $20,000 per week per tourist is spent on accommodation, air fare, fuel, groceries, entertainment, travel, liquor and other supplies. The entry fee alone for each of the tournaments is $1,500. Normally, while the crew stays on the boat, the owner and his wife (and family if they come) will stay in the hotel providing half of the economic impact to the community represents about $.1 million dollars per tournament.

In addition to the championship prize of an expense paid trip to participate in the 2005 Riviera Lizard Island Black Marlin

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Tournaments Make Major Economic Impact

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Classic championship in Australia, the first place winner receives many other prizes including a Rolex watch from John Bull, and a specially designed tournament gold ring from Abaco Gold and Sand Dollar shop. The BBC committee instituted a scholarship programme in 2000 which is administered by the Lyford Cay Foundation in Nassau for Bahamian students who want to study abroad for degrees related to the marine industry. Between $75,000 and $100,000 per year is added to the endowed fund.

Brenda Fletcher, assistant organizer, stressed the way in which the wives of tournament participants try to immerse themselves in activities within the community to help make a strong economic impact. “They spend a lot of money,” she says. “They also bring their jewelry over to Abaco to be reconditioned each year as the quality of workmanship here far exceeds what they can obtain back home and the service is all personalized.” This year, for the first time, the ladies were invited to a simple Top To People lunch and organized specially for them by the Ministry of Tourism at which a silent auction raised funds for the humane societies of Abaco. The ladies said, “We were delighted to be able to assist this worthy cause.”

Much valuable exposure is gained for Abaco from these tournaments as they are widely advertised abroad in Billfishing Magazine and other major sporting publications.
Native Plants Were Featured at Fair

By Jennifer Hudson

The second native plant fair entitled Native and Exotic Plants in The Bahamas was held at the Friends of the Environment office on June 11 and was well attended by plant lovers from as far as Treasure Cay, Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay.

Presenter was Keith Bradley from the Institute of Regional Conservation, Miami, Florida, who has carried out studies in The Bahamas and is endeavouring to do even more work here. His aim was to increase the awareness of the differences between native and exotic species. “A native plant simply occurs in the right place within its original historic range. It grows naturally in its environment and has not been brought in by people,” said Mr. Bradley, while admitting how difficult it is to know what was here before Columbus as there are no historical records.

“On the reverse side are the exotics which are plants which have been brought from somewhere else, either by people on purpose or even unwittingly as seeds on people’s shoes. The exotics have been introduced as landscape plants. While diversity is good, it is unfortunate as some species do just what they want and spread too rapidly,” explained Mr. Bradley. “For instance, the poinciana which is a native of Madagascar is considered a pest in Florida. The non-native trees can start to invade natural areas or farms. The shefflera or Queensland umbrella tree, while producing a beautiful inflorescence, is an example of a tree which grows very aggressively. The lantana (sage) plant is great for attracting butterflies but is one of the world’s worst pest plants. Some exotic plants such as the Australian pines (casuarinas) cause coastal erosion so we start losing our beaches. Exotic plants are continuously brought into The Bahamas.”

Native plants have several advantages. Trees such as our national tree, the Lignum Vitae, are beautiful, slow growing and part of our national heritage. They are important to birds, butterflies and other natural wildlife. Cultivation is easier as they require less water and chemicals. The Bahamas has at least 120 plants that grow nowhere else in the world. Our unique plants include some species of orchids, Lucayan thoroughwort, wild pine and certain palms.

Mr. Bradley urged Bahamians not to follow the Florida example of clearing pines. Only 1.8 percent of the original pine forests are now left in Florida due to their removal for uncontrolled development. Though the pines in Florida are a different species from the pines in The Bahamas, the difference is really small. They are, in fact, very closely related and cross pollination may have taken place but the Caribbean pine is better suited to conditions in The Bahamas.

One of the questions asked at the end of the presentation was regarding plants being moved from island to island within The Bahamas. Mr. Bradley recommended that plants should remain on their specific islands where they will do best as there is a large climatic shift across The Bahamas.

Informative flyers, which had been prepared by the Friends of the Environment, were available at the end of the presentation. People who attended were invited to select a native Bahamian plant to take home to plant in their garden with the request that they remove an invasive and plant the native in its place.
Summer Means Fun Programs for Kids

By Portia Jonsson

Summer is here, school is out and the question at hand is: What are you going to do with your kids? The biggest question is how to keep them safe and happy while you work away the summer months. Fortunately, there are a slew of wonderful programs for children of all ages this summer.

The Assemblies of God will be staging its annual Bahamas Youth Camp at Camp Abaco. The Youth Camp is divided into three age groups: Junior Camp for ages 7-9 from July 4th-July 9th, the Intermediate Camp for ages 10-12 from July 11th-July 16th and the Teen Camp for ages 13 and up from July 18th-July 23rd. Special features will include quizzes, puppet shows, stories, inspiring services, camp choir, swimming, games, gospel films, skits, athletic events and great meals. For applications and more information call 366-3021 or 477-5144. Applications should be mailed to Camp Abaco, P.O. Box AB-20595, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

The Cyber Learning Center is hosting a summer program at the school offering reading, mathematics, Spanish, music, high school math, arts and crafts, games and much more. The camp hours are either two half days sessions 9 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. or a full day session 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There are six one-week sessions that run from June 20th - July 29th. For more information please call 367-5757.

Take a walk on the wild side with Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel’s Serengeti Trek during their one-week Vacation Bible School. The fun begins July 4th- July 8th from 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon. The Bible school will feature crafts, games, puppets, music, snacks and lots of fun. Call Rich or Tica at 365-6418 for more information.

For kids summertime is a time to relax, rest up and not worry about schoolwork. But that does not mean that reading cannot be a part of summertime fun. The Marsh Harbour Public Library will be open Mondays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. during the summer months.

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Summing up, the summer is packed with fun opportunities for children of all ages. It’s time to embrace the season and keep those kiddos entertained and engaged in activities that are both educational and enjoyable. Whether it’s a fun-filled week at camp, a series of programs at the Cyber Learning Center, or a day spent near the waters of Marsh Harbour, there is something for everyone this summer.

Missing Plane Was Not Found - Three Presumed Dead

A search for a missing plane was initiated when the plane did not arrive in Fort Pierce, Florida, on June 18. The Piper A 26C was en route from Treasure Cay to Fort Pierce when it was lost to the radar at about 11 a.m. about 25 miles southeast of Vero Beach, Florida. Three persons were aboard the plane, Joseph Helseth, Paulette Helseth and Scott Sheline, all from Vero Beach. It is believed that they were visiting friends in Treasure Cay.

The pilot of the plane radioed air traffic control in Miami that he would be flying low because of bad weather. The Coast Guard organized a search assisted by boats in the area looking for any sign of the missing plane. No debris or sign of life was found after a day of searching.
By Jennifer Hudson

The People to People program on Abaco hosted a luncheon and silent auction for spouses of participants in the Bahamas Billfish Championship Fishing Tournament. The Ministry of Tourism Abaco Office organized the event on June 23rd at Government House in Marsh Harbour. The aim of the event was to try to re-ignite the People to People programme, providing an opportunity for People to People volunteers and guests to mingle and at the same time raise funds for the humane societies of Abaco.

The People to People programme was begun many years ago in Nassau and has been very successful, providing tea parties once a month for visitors at Government House and other opportunities for tourists to link up with Bahamians of similar interests who host them and provide a unique Bahamian experience for them. The programme was started on Abaco in 1992 and has an enrollment of 100 volunteers though only 35 are active. Dave and Kathy Ralph of the Abaconian were two of the very first volunteers having been in the original 20 to sign up.

Ms. Jeritzan Outten, Director of the Ministry of Tourism’s Abaco office, was very pleased at the number of people who turned out for this first-time event on Abaco despite the inclement weather and looks forward to further such events. “We decided to hold this event at Government House,” said Ms. Outten, “since similar events are held at Government House in Nassau and this is a beautiful location with spectacular views.” Island Administrator Revis Rolle welcomed the guests and gave a short talk on Abaco.

After making their bids on items in the silent auction which were donated by local artists and craftsmen, guests enjoyed a buffet luncheon donated by several Marsh Harbour restaurants.

The visitors expressed their appreciation of the occasion saying how they enjoyed having the opportunity of meeting new people from the community while supporting a good cause.

All proceeds went to the humane societies of Abaco to support them in their work of spaying and neutering.

Humane society volunteers work on the mainland and the cays and encourage anyone who wants any animal spayed or neutered to contact either of the vets in Marsh Harbour. A person needs to do is get their animal to the vet’s office and the charge will be taken care of by the humane society. The Humane Societies are doing all they can to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals and appeal to owners to have their animals fixed; it is the kindest thing to do. They also implore owners to be responsible and realize that when they accept an animal it becomes their responsibility for life. One does not abandon an animal after it has left that cute puppy or kitten stage because it looks less adorable.

The Humane Societies wish to extend their thanks to the Ministry of Tourism, all who donated items for the auction, provided food or helped in any way.

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Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Progress Report

The young people continue to have their volleyball games and sell hamburgers on the weekends trying to raise money for their Recreation Center. Please continue to support them whenever and however you can.

Our “Long Dock”

It seems work has again halted on the repairs to the Long Dock. What must it take for a few strong men to give a little of their time to help finish it so we can all enjoy it? We know most of you are working at full-time jobs (and have been kept very busy since last year’s hurricanes), but even an hour during these long summer days or on a weekend would help immensely.

Aready there has been many hours of labour invested in its rebuilding and we wouldn’t want to lose it to another high water surge. The dock has been repaired with every one of the support pole being stabilized by cross pieces to insure added strength. It is felt that if it is not finished before rough seas occur with this present hurricane season that is already upon us, it will be weakened and possibly lost again.

Donors have been very generous and have come from all over including local merchants, second-home owners, our fishermen, local government and many friends and family who feel a nostalgic connection to “Little Cherokee.” We could not finish the job without them, but the necessary materials are there. What we need now are strong arms to do the work.

School News

Update on Rock-A-Thon

The student’s efforts at five hours of rockining realized $1,473 towards their planned trip to the Pineapple Festival, and we wish to thank all those who so generously sponsored the kids so that they could have this experience.

June 10th was Fun Day

The Stingerays won over the M arlins 206 points to 198 points. Competition included the egg and spoon race, three-legged race, sack race and wheelbarrow race as well as a watermelon-eating contest and a water balloon toss. Ribbons were awarded to the winners and refreshments were served afterwards. The rivalry was fierce, but win or lose, everyone had a good time.

Beach Party

The annual beach party and sand castle contest was held on June 17 at the Long Dock. First Place for the Sand Castle Competition was won by Laceton Glynton and visitors Michael and Jeffery Pinder, who all won a hamburger at M s. Diane’s Lunch-room. In Second Place were Cruz Turnquest and Tyler Albury and Third Place was won by Juliet Weatherford and Tyler Sawyer. Rules for building stipulated that they must use only things they find on the beach to enhance their sand castles.

This day at the beach is something the children all look forward to with great expectations of the last day of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation just around the corner.

New students next year will include Brandon Sands, Adrian Williams and Briana Sweeting. Older students leaving for M arsh Harbour schools include Chandi Lowe and Enisha Stubbs.

Pineapple Festival

A group of 28 persons had the opportunity to attend the annual Pineapple Festival in Eleuthera the first of this month. From all accounts everyone had a great time, but we thought you might like to hear about it from some of the students in their own words.

Our Flight Over

By 10-year-old Tyler Albury

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Governors Harbour

By 9-year-old Terence Albury

On Eleuthera we stayed in Governors Harbour at a hotel called Quality Inn Cigaitoo. The rooms were nice. They had air conditioners and television. The comforters on the bed had brightly colored flow- ers printed on them. On the side of the ho tel there was a pool and a large tennis court. There was also a restaurant. Their breakfast was good.

We had fun on the tennis court even though we only played once. I played with my friend William and Mr. Steven. William was getting all the balls that Mr. Steven was knocking off the court.

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**People in the News**

**New Agent Joins H.G. Christie**

Derek Lee, Abaco District Managing Broker for H.G. Christie, Ltd. Real Estate, proudly announces that Mr. Neil Aberle has joined the company’s team as Estate Agent for Central Abaco and the cays. He has recently moved from England to start a publishing company, Aberland Publications Ltd., which he ran as publisher for over ten years.

In 2004 Mr. Aberle spearheaded the launch of H.G. Christie’s Harbour Island office, bringing the complement of out-island offices at that time to 11. His recent move to Abaco coincides with the opening of the Hope Town and Green Turtle Cays offices in June 2005, joining what is the most extensive and professional real estate team on Abaco.

Mr. Aberle lives on Elbow Cay with his wife Rachael and their daughter Summer.

**Support Citizens Against Crime**

The editor regrets that the wrong picture of Amanda was in the June 15 issue. She was named a President’s Scholar at Florida Southern College for maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

George Damianos of Damianos Realty Company in Nassau has been named among the top luxury specialists in the country by Unique Homes, a magazine of luxury real estate. As a recipient of this honor he is featured in the Luxury Waterfront Specialist section of the June/July 2005 issue of Unique Homes.

**Honor Students Receives Scholarship**

Amanda Sawyer, a sophomore psychology major, was awarded a Reuther Scholarship at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She was one of four students to receive this scholarship. To earn this achievement Amanda had to maintain an outstanding academic record. She is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer of Cherokee Sound.

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- Sun 3rd Lay Day - Party at Blue Water Grill, Guana Cay
- Mon 4th Race 2 “Round-the-Islands” off Guana Cay; Evening party at Nipper’s, Live Music
- Tues 5th Lay Day - Optional tour to Pete’s Pub & Little Harbour, Party at Jib Room sponsored by Baker’s Bay Golf & Ocean Club
- Wed 6th Race 3 off Man-O-War Cay, Crossing Beach Street Party and awards for races 2 & 3
- Live music, RTIA benefit bar by Abaco Rotary Club, Food booths by Bahamian vendors, Junkanoo
- Thurs 7th Lay Day - Dinghy Hunt sponsored by Merlin’s Marine, Party at Conch Crawl Restaurant
- Fri 8th Race 4 “Round-the-Islands” to Hope Town, Party at Hope Town Harbour Lodge
- Sat 9th Race 5 off Marsh Harbour; Party, Awards for races 4 & 5 and Overall Final Awards at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour

The funeral of Cifton Rolle, 67, of Moore's Island was held on June 25 in Nassau. Pastor Nixon Simms and Bishop Samuel Green officiated assisted by other ministers. Interment was in Nassau. He is survived by sons Israel, Arvangel, Jarv, Mark and Ross Rolle and Pastor Nixon Simms; daughter Vivian Swain; grandchil- dren Ashley, Israanhone and Isra Rolle; Angelique, Devon and D. J., Ferguson; Vivianna, Wendale, Alexis, Kenya, Keva, Kendrick, Kentallion, Kamillah and Kaylor Simms, Shelton and Shanton Rolle; great-grandchild Joshia Simms; sister Henrietta Rolle; brothers Udjie and Josiah Baby Rolle and Wilmore "Slater" Rolle; aunt Dorothy Miller; nieces Carolyn, Patricia, Andrea, Fontella, Angelia, Etherea, Patronsi, Gigi, Patrica, Lenora, Margaret and Michelle Rolle, Kenny Robinson, Dorra Dianne and Anastacia Hanna, Phillippa Finder, Carolyn Moxey, Deirdre and Elizabeth Taylor; Linda Hepburn, Jacqueline Milchiel, Cheryl Lightbourne, Patricia Riley, Yolanda Hilton, Petrona Campbell, Shantel Dames, Pamela Jones, Shaneta Greaves, Deborah Richardson; nephews Rev. Paul Rolle, John, Henry, Charles, Curtis, Steven, Richard, Troy, Udje Jr., Stanford, Emerson, Milton, Willard Jr., Darcie, Michael, Keith and Craig Rolle and Philipp Taylor; son-in-law Alexander Swain; daughters-in-law Jennifer Simms, Angelie and Sherique Rolle; sisters-in-law Irene, Sheilla and Marjorie Rolle; brother-in-law Wilfred Taylor; grand-children Basil Stuart and Annie Darville and many other relatives and friends. The funeral for Ena Mae Parker, 54, of Murphy Town was held on June 10th at the Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town. Pastor John M Cintosh officiated assisted by Bishop Neil C. Ellis. Internment was in the Murphy Town Cemetery. She is survived by her husband Jonathan Parker; children Kenneth Cornish, Sandline and Jonnette Parker; mother Christine Simms; grand-children Kennisha, Sheoka, Raheem, Rivannah and Ken-Carnitro Cornish; daugh- ter-in-law Juliette Cornish; sisters Eulamae Gomez, Christine Dean, Susan Knowles, Jacqueline John, Gaflia Lewis, Yvonne Rolle, Edith, Florina and Marilyn Simms; brothers Donald, Sherwood, John, Cyril and Jonathan Simms; aunts Marilyn Ingraham, Vernell Davis, Marjorie M Donald, A raminta and Barriene-Simms; mother-in-law Inez Gaitor; sisters-in-law Genarie, Letta, Agatha and Linda Simms, Dorothy Rolle, Patricia Rutherford, Maria Strachan, Carol and Sonia Parker; brokers-in-law Yvette Gomez, Rev. Christopher Dean, Joseph Knowles, Franklin Johnson, Alphonso Lewis, Timothy Rolle and Kennedy Parker; adopted children Dorothy Jones, Donna Pete, Dorothy Newbold, Delene Wilmott, Teshon Lockhart, Cornell Rolle and Chistopher Wallace; nieces; nephews; grandniches; nephews; cousins and many other rela- tives and friends.

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Cubell Davis, Jr., Chief Councillor, when asked how he felt about his new position remarked, “It has been a long time coming. I have waited patiently and worked my way up through the ranks first as Committee member, then Deputy Chairman and Chairman, then Deputy Chief Councillor and now this time as Chief Councillor. I have finally reached and felt that I should have been that person.”

Regarding his goals, he stated that he would like to see better communication between government heads of department, Council and Administrator. “Also as Chief Councillor I will try my best before any decision is made to contact all or at least the majority of Councillors so that we can make the best decision for the Central District.”

When asked about areas he intends to work on, he mentioned firstly, the airport situation saying that he intends to work with government to better the airport situation. Secondly, he will tackle the problem of the Marsh Harbour garbage dump which is now used also by Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay and Guana Cay. He will work with government to see how best to correct the problem. Regarding the question put to him regarding the problem of garbage in Murphy Town, he will sit with the contractor to work out a deal for twice-a-week garbage collection instead of just once-a-week. He will also try to educate people how to manage their garbage and will work along with the Ministry of Health on this problem. He will try to put more money into the garbage contract so that garbage can be collected from Great Cistern now that the road has been paved.

The statement by Yvonne Key, Deputy Chief Councillor, when asked her opinion on the outcome of the morning was, “Absolutely wonderful.” She is looking forward to working with Cubell “Star” Davis and feels that they will work well together. In fact, she is of the opinion that the 23 people elected to the three Town Committees “will all work together well and make an excellent team.”

Leonard Knowles, one of the unsuccessful candidates in the Murphy Town constituency, was nevertheless at the courthouse for the swearing in ceremony and expressed his hope, “Now that the people have spoken, those who have been elected will have the ability and wherewithal to work for the benefit of their townships.” He said that it was unfortunate that people like himself and Joe Hudson did not get the opportunity to serve because they felt, he felt, more qualified than any of the persons elected. “However, the people have spoken and we have to go along with that and hope that the people elected will work for the benefit of the townships. Abaco is one of the leading islands and so has to be an example to the rest. I hope they will keep that focus in their minds.”

Minister of Local Government will be appointing two additional members from Man-O-War and two more members from Hope Town to make up a Town Committee of seven members. The South Abaco District had only one areas which held elections. Casuarina Point/Bahama Palm Shores had three nominate for two seats. The winners were Rex Albury and Anseln Williams. The Moore’s Island District elected five members of their Council. The winners were Tommy Dames, Patricia Rebecca Knowles, Lillian Laing, Sherman Derick Stuart and Esther Williams.
**More South Abaco News**

**South**

From Page 1

ings built from limestone.

**Gregory Town**

By 11-year-old William Pinder

We arrived in Gregory Town on Friday evening for the Pineapple Festival. It was lots of bright lights and people talking and laughing. A dance group danced to Caribbean, African and modern music. I could smell spicy shish kebabs and barbequed chicken. They were selling pineapple cake and pineapple ice cream. People barbequed chicken. They were selling pine-

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**Dunmore School**

We saw horses on the way to the pink sand beaches. The beaches were very beautiful but not what I expected. I thought the sand would be pink, but it just looked like our sand back home in Abaco. But when I picked up a handful and looked at it, I could see there were many little pink grains of sand in it. There were lay-er chairs and places where you could go out of the rain or sun. There were people swimming and laying places in the sun. We had a wonderful time on Harbour Island. We want to go back again.

**Preacher’s Cave**

By 11-year-old Chandi Lowe

We came back from Harbour Island and drove away from Three Islands Dock where we caught the ferry. We were going to Preacher’s Cave. It was a long drive before we got there.

The road to Preacher’s Cave was rocky. Eleuthera has hills all over and this road went up and down. When we reached Preacher’s Cave, there were sort of hills inside the cave. You could climb the hills in the cave. If you stand under a place in the cave where there were two holes at the top of the cave and you look up, it looks like binoculars. They named it binoculars view.

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Local Fishermen Land a Big One

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June Was a Time for Graduations

Pre-schools Through High Schools Held Ceremonies

Many graduations were held on Abaco during June. Pre-schools, primary school and high schools all honoured the students who will be going on to higher level schools next September. Some of the schools acquired caps and gowns for the graduates, making the ceremonies more meaningful.

A variety of speakers urged students to develop their capabilities to the best of their abilities and to aim high with attainable goals. For many this graduation means attending school far from home, traveling by boat and bus. For all it marks new beginnings and broader friendships.

See more about graduations beginning on page 4.

The graduating class of Abaco Central High School sang "I Believe I Can" at their graduation which was held at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour on June 21.

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Students Awarded for Winning Essays

By Mirella Santillo

In a ceremony attended by the Minister of Health, the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, and by several officials from Abaco and New Providence, students from three high schools were awarded for the best essays written on the theme Green Cities. The competition was sponsored by the Department of Environmental Health in an effort to involve the younger generation in caring for the environment. Ms. Dolores Stubbs, an officer with the local office of Environmental Health, was the Master of Ceremony who first introduced Ms. Melany McKenzie, the first woman to join the Department of Environmental Health.

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By Portia Jonsson

On June 10th 16 very happy and grateful residents from Snake Cay, South and North Abaco received the keys to their new homes built by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) during a Key Presentation Ceremony in Spring City. Mr. Neil Campbell, Coordinator of

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NEMA on Abaco, was proud to report that after Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne his agency assisted over 400 persons with the issuance of assistance vouchers and there was not a case of settlement that was not visited. NEMA has employed 19 persons and another 300 persons by extension. M r. Campbell told of the criticism his department received at times along with the praise.

A companioning the Hon. D. Shane Gibson, M inster of Housing and National Insurance, was the M inster of Social Services and Community Development, the Hon. Melanie Griffin. M in. Griffin re-marked that whenever there is an opportu-nity to see good out of misfortune, then it is a time to be joyful. She joined in com-mending the organization that put its shoul-der to the wheel and brought this day to fruition. God is good, she said and thanked all the various agencies that took part. She advised that her government will not stop until all the work is done and no stone will be left unturned.

Pleased to be in Spring City on this won-derful occasion M.in. Gibson was truly ele-ated to share in that special moment in time with the residents who received keys to their newly built houses. He said NEMA and his M inistry has been busy on Abaco presenting keys to residents in Moore’s Is-land, Cooper’s T own, M urphy T own, Green Turtle Cay and now they were con-tinuing to keep their word and present 15 additional families who in the months since the hurricanes have been living with friends and relatives because their homes were destroyed, said, “Today, their help has come.” He stated that government’s response has been swift and relentless, its resolve remains unchanged and what we are witnessing was evidence of a government determined to bring relief to hurting Bahama-nians, regardless of race, class or political persuasion.

Seven of the residents who received keys were those who had to be relocated from Snake Cay following the hurricanes. They have been moved to Spring City where they are nearer to schools for their children and shopping areas for their basic living. M.in. Gibson advised that in Spring City, the Snake Cay residents are away from the coastline that lent itself to easy destruction. Therese Huyler-Dean, David Smith, Don and Annie Mills, Scott and Theresa Moss, Brenda Gideon and Alfred Watkins. In his brief remarks M.r. Gary Sawyer said he was truly touched by Snake Cay residents of Snake Cay have endured much hardship. They lived in cir-cumstances without electricity and running water. Today they are enjoying the bene-fits of new roads, electricity and clean run-ning water. They have a new place to call home.

These residents of Snake Cay have endured much hardship. They lived in circumstances without electricity and running water. Today they are enjoying the benefits of new roads, electricity and clean running water. They have a new place to call their own in Spring City and M in. Gibson is sure they can now proclaim, “It’s different now.”

This housing program in Spring City has been developed at a cost of $393,000 to provide ownership and rental facilities on the following terms. Persons will be re-quired to apply for a mortgage. Those who do not qualify will have to rent at a monthly cost of $200 for a two-bedroom house and $300 for a three-bedroom home. For dis-abled and/or needy persons, the cost will be $100 per month.

In closing the M inister emphasized that the M inistry of Housing fully realizes the importance of a home as a basic necessity and so, in conjunction with NEMA, whose role in this venture is not to be underscored, he rejoiced with Abaco in this better way of life that was being restored. Their hurricane recovery efforts have been successful because they worked harmoniously together.

Those persons who received keys to new homes were Sanday Dames, Rebecca M clintosh, A nnie M clintosh, Carl M ilis, Hermis N ewbold, A nn M arshall, Beatrice R oberts, V errita R olle, L isa R olle, R oberta R ussell, T herese Huyler-Dean, D avid S mith, D on and A nnie M ills, S cott and T heresa M oss, B renda Gideon and A lfred W atkins. In brief remarks M.r. Gary Sawyer said he was truly touched by Snake Cay residents after the hurricanes. He clarified that his only interest and involvement in Snake Cay is to enhance the lives of persons who re-sided there. He advised that persons have tried to smear his character and names and stressed that he has no interest in the prop-erty at Snake Cay. He thanked the M inister and government for bringing help and hope to the needy and not the greedy. M r. Saw-yer donated native plants to the residents to beautify their surroundings and a computer system for the new Urban Renewal Office to be opened shortly.

Also in attendance was the M ember of Parliament for South Abaco, M r. Robert Sweeting, who remarked that he failed in his attempts to have persons moved from Snake Cay but congratulated everyone who played a part in this effort and accomplished this goal.

As a token of appreciation the new homeowners presented the M inister with a cooler filled with fish and wild boar meat.
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Abaco Central High School
Our Time to Shine

By Portia Jonsson

Under the theme Our Time To Shine, 63 graduates of Abaco Central High School held their heads high with pride as they received their diplomas on June 21st at New Vision Ministries.

Guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Terez Davis, who studied to be a teacher at the College of The Bahamas but said teaching was not for her and instead went into studying theatre. She is an actress, comedian and director playwright for Conch Salad.

Ms. Davis spoke to the graduating class about “their light” and compared it to lighting a candle and then blowing it out, ending life. She went on to tell them that if they lit a lantern and put God in it, then the light of life cannot be blown out. She told them that violence, sex before marriage and drugs are three things that will put out the light of life. She went on to tell them that if they were a candle and then blowing it out, ending life. She went on to tell them that if they lit a lantern and put God in it, then the light of life cannot be blown out. She told them that violence, sex before marriage and drugs are three things that will put out the light of life. She went on to tell them that if they lit a lantern and put God in it, then the light of life cannot be blown out.

Ms. Davis urged the Class of 2005 not to be involved in those activities. Also bringing remarks was school principal, Mr. Euthal Green who gave a report for the school year and spoke about principal, Mr. Euthal Green who gave a report for the school year and spoke about the school year. He invited these persons to come to the source and ask about the good things happening at the school. He invited these persons to come to the source and ask about the good things happening at the school.

A group of 5th and 6th grade students from Fox Town Primary School took an educational field trip to New Providence during the month of March. Among the places of interest visited on the five-day trip were the House of Assembly and the Senate where they were given a lecture and tour by Mr. Maurice Tynes, Government House where they were addressed by the Governor General, Dame Ivy Dumont, Atlantis on Paradise Island, Ardastra Gardens, Adventure Learning Center and the Straw Market. The students were fortunate to meet the Minister of Education, the Hon. Alfred Sears who took time to speak with the group of 18 students and three chaper ones.

On June 19 the winners of the Environmental Essay Competition were honored by the Minister of Health and Environment, the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel. Seventh graders Julianne Sands and A very Thompson were given prizes for Second and Third Places respectively for their essays on Green Cit-
This lot is located in beautiful Leisure Lee, just 15 minutes north of Marsh Harbour. It is situated on a protected canal waterfront, great for boating enthusiasts & nature lovers. It is approx. 9000 sq. ft. & is the perfect place to perch your dream home. This lot is in a great neighborhood that is fast growing, so don’t miss your opportunity to own your own little piece of paradise.

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ies. It is also important to announce the Students of the Month for April and May. These were: Lower School, Julianna Sands and Kristen Hoard; and Upper School, Shantia Sands and Donna Albury. Congratulations to all in their fine efforts!

Of course, as always, it was time to bid farewell to a wonderful group of students as graduation took place on June 15 at New Vision Ministries. The group was honoured with the presence of the Attorney General and Minister of Education, the Hon. Alfred Sears, as the keynote speaker. Salutatorian Charlotte Collins, welcomed the group of nearly 500 friends and family and Valedictorian Raenell Lowe addressed the students, reminding them to leave their “thumbprints” as they continue on through life. Principal Paul Vernal spoke of how important all of their skills are as they become the “emerging majority of our community.” Finally, the farewell speech from their Home Room Teacher, Ms. Renee Hoard, was an emotional one as she advised them to “enjoy the journey” on which they were about to embark.

The much coveted yearly subject awards were presented at the Awards Ceremony on June 16 as students were praised for their accomplishments. Principal Vernal congratulated all for their efforts and sent them off to a safe and happy summer. Vice-Principal Joy Chaplin served as Mistress of Ceremony at both events injecting words of wisdom throughout the ceremonies. Ms. Chaplin, a consummate educator, has been at Forest Heights since its inception and has been a driving force through the years. This was to be her last graduation and awards ceremonies here at Forest Heights as staff, which added a bittersweet tone to both evenings. On Thursday evening Grade 11 made

More School News

The two hurricanes last September had a very negative impact on schools. Much of the damage has still not been repaired. This is the roof of one of the buildings of the Eastern Campus of Abaco Central High School where technical and vocational classes are taught. Besides damage to the buildings, much equipment and many tools were destroyed.

The graduating ceremony for the students of Forest Heights Academy took place at New Vision Ministries. Here the graduates are listening to the keynote speaker, the Hon. Alfred Sears, Minister of Education, who bragged on the fact that the school is second in achievement nationally on examination results.

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a very touching presentation as the entire
class swarmed the stage to engulf the over-
whelmed M. S. Chaplin. Earlier, Joy quipped
that she has been either a student or teacher
all her life, and in some respects this year’s
graduation would be hers as well as she goes
on to try her hand at other things in life.

For the rest of you, have a great sum-
mer and recharge those batteries. We shall
see you on September 5th when we will
join our new academic year!

Forest Heights Graduation
By Portia J Jonsson

June 15th will forever be memorable for
24 young graduates who made up the gradu-
ating Class of 2005 at Forest Heights Acad-
emy. It was a night filled with excitement,
anticipation, nervousness, expectations and
tears as they left their “home away from
home” to venture out into uncharted wa-
ters.

In his principal’s address to the gradu-
ates, Mr. Paul Verrall told them that al-
though their formal education ended that
night, he urged them to continue their edu-
cation, continue to read and experience what
music teaches through the language of
sound. Mr. Verrall emphasized that to be
truly educated one must be interested in
others as well as oneself and the value of
their education is still yet to be proved.

Lastly, he told them that the day has ar-
rived for them to use everything they have
been taught.

Home room teacher, Mrs. Renee Hord,
bad a inspiring, encouraging and heart-
felt goodbye to her class of four years tell-
ing them that as they stand at a crossroad
that night, they would be able to see an end-
less opportunity life has to offer. She chal-
 lenged the graduates to aim high and shoot
far and not to let fear cripple them and cause
them to take the easy path. Finally, Mr. Hord
told them to somehow learn to enjoy


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关键发言人是当晚的教育部长阿尔弗雷德·西尔斯，他很荣幸能参加，因为森林高中在17年中已经发展成为学习的灯塔。森林高中在全国高考中的成绩是第二名，55%的学生在五门或以上科目上取得了C或更好的成绩；70%的学生在两门或以上科目上取得了C或更好的成绩。西尔斯部长告诉毕业生，他期待他们在推动我们国家在社会、经济、文化和精神方面前进时发挥重要作用。他继续说，教师们创造了一个避难所，现在毕业生们进入了一个充满挑战的世界，需要负责任的决策。他补充说，学者们离开森林高中，进入一个充满毒品和武器的世界。他来呼应他们必须有勇气和胆量去梦想这个世界可以成为什么。他提醒他们，坚持是成功的关键，欣赏多元文化的强大，尊重构成巴哈马家庭的每个人。

毕业班的荣誉生拉恩奈尔·洛维感谢了上帝和她父母的爱和鼓励。她感谢了老师、朋友和2005届毕业生，说：“我们是未来，可以改变这个世界。”她鼓励他们从他人的成功和经验中学习，展示个性。
S.C. Bootle High School Graduation

By Mirilla Santillo

The graduation ceremony for S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town took place on June 22nd in the Church of God Cathedral in front of a packed audience. Ms. Terrece Bethel directed the ceremony and Head Boy and recipient of the Principal's Award, Alexander Rolle, pronounced the welcome address. Head Girl and Salutatorian, Joan Pinder, elaborated on the theme of this year's graduation.

Ms. Laura Davis introduced the Valedictorian, Devano McIntosh, who was voted the most outstanding student in government schools for 2003 and 2005 and received a partial scholarship from Abaco Government schools. He congratulated two students, Endrico Armbrister, who came second in the national spelling bee, and Alexander Rolle, who deserved academic and athletic recognition. He announced that next year S.C. Bootle will be part of a pilot project for porting students skills related to the tourism industry.

Mr. Longley, Deputy Director with the Ministry of Education, attended the graduation unexpectedly and addressed the parents reminding them to support their children's education. He said, "You have to support the education of your children, make sure they go to school with all the tools they need." He congratulated the teachers for working all year in adverse conditions because of the damages caused by the hurricanes and assured them that he would contact the Ministry of Education to make changes in the system to improve their education.

Mr. Les Rolle addressed the audience, going over the last school year's challenges from hurricane damage to discipline problems. He explained that since the school had put in place the policy to require a minimum of 2.8 GPA average to receive a diploma, the percentage of passing students increased substantially. This year, out of a class 48, 42 students graduated. He congratulated two students, Endrico Armbrister, who came second in the national spelling bee, and Alexander Rolle, who deserved academic and athletic recognition.

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Central Abaco Primary
Fifty-nine Students Graduate
By Portia Jonsson

“One of my greatest moments is seeing a group of students reach this moment in time,” said Ms. Eunice Mills, principal of Central Abaco Primary during the school’s graduation ceremony held June 21st. This school year was met by many setbacks including the untimely death of a fellow teacher, Doris Hall and Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, which caused lost time. Overall, she believes the school year was a good one. She encouraged the students to seek out new friends and remember the friends they have already made.

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Sixteen students graduated from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School on June 15th. They received their diplomas at a ceremony that took place at St. Francis de Sales Church. Valedictorian Ashlea Archer gave a speech. “Graduation is not the end,” she said. “It is only a beginning. Life is a canvas with many pictures on it. Graduation is only one of them.” She thanked her teachers, especially Ms. Samantha Duveney and Mr. Simon, Mrs. Giraud-Kumar, Principal, her parents and friends, “You were always here for us. Thank you.” Salutatorian Shagerra Edgecombe introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Neil Campbell, Assistant Administrator for Central Abaco, who elaborated on the theme of this year graduation which was Victory is achievable once you believe. He said, “On the day you were born, you became the gift of God to your parents.” He encouraged the parents to be loving, stating that “A child can be lost if he has not found a loving parent and a dedicated teacher.” He continued, “A teacher is a surrogate parent, who should never be afraid to approach the parents about their child.” He added that parents must take an active role in the education of their children. Administrator Campbell, who was once a teacher, compared “parent, teacher and a child” to a triangle with equal sides and equal angles. “The two sides of parents and teacher are equal into supporting each other, they must work in harmony. The third side is the child. He advised the graduates to “remember the person you are today. The place you occupy today will not determine your destiny. You will change. But you must endure and identify your work in life. Set your plans and put them in action. You must believe in them. Graduates, you must live what you believe and live it each day.”

Mr. Simon, 12th grade teacher, presented the students to Mrs. Giraud-Kumar, who gave the students their awards. Profile of a 2005 Graduate: Ashlea Archer

By Mirella Santillo

Sixteen students graduated this year from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. So apart from being the Valedictorian with a GPA average of 4.0 points, what makes Ashlea Archer different from the other stu-
The Abaco Club Offers a Very Special Lifestyle

By Jennifer Hudson

“A piece of paradise” would aptly describe the stunning Abaco Club on Winding Bay. On a secluded area of 550 acres and two miles of powder-white sand beach on the edge of a breathtaking bay, this exclusive tropical golf and sporting retreat has been developed, offering a one-of-a-kind vacation of peace and tranquility.

From the moment guests are greeted on arrival via private jet or the club’s luxurious 12-seat turbo-prop aircraft, by PR representative, Stone McEwan, in the Abaco Club lounge at the club’s modern private terminal, service is second to none.

The marketing staff including Kristen Cartwright pays close attention to every detail. Once at the club guests are greeted at the Welcome Centre with a “guest bag” which gives them all the information they need to help make their stay as active or leisurely as desired.

I was recently invited to spend a day at the Abaco Club to experience its unique lifestyle and speak with all the people who work together to produce a seamless and enriching experience for its members and guests.

On the beach I met with three first-time guests from Alabama who were almost at the end of a week’s stay and were glowing in their praise of the Abaco Club. They had all left behind very stressful jobs and said that the Abaco Club had provided a great hideaway and place to unwind. “The beach is without a doubt one of the prettiest we have ever seen and one of the beauties of the place is that it is so remote,” they enthused. They liked the fact that there are activities for all and while the men play golf the ladies can relax at the spa. These well-travelled ladies said, “Of all the places we have ever been, these are the friendliest people we have ever seen.”

If a lazy day at the beach is what is desired the courteous and friendly staff at the Beach Bar are always ready to serve a cool drink to guests relaxing on their loungers under a shady umbrella and light lunch is available. For those guests who, after enjoying a leisurely swim in the incredibly beautiful water of the sheltered bay, may want to try something a little more adventurous, the beach staff is well qualified to take guests scuba diving, sailing, kayaking, deep sea or bone fishing or snorkeling off a nearby reef to observe the myriad of fish and corals. All of the “beach boys” are trained life guards and offer sailing and surfing lessons. They will also organize an energetic game of beach volleyball or nerf football if desired. Their aim is “to introduce the guests to the full Bahamian flavour.” So in addition to taking them around to see the native Bahamian trees, learn their names and sample their fruits, they show them how to shuck a coconut and crack a conch. Family-oriented activities are highlighted and children’s programmes are also offered.

All water sports activities are coordinated by Keith Greene, who is the club’s tennis pro. Mr. Greene assists the guests in warming up on the two all weather courts before a game with a “hitting lesson and drill of the day” which allows the guests to work on their shots. If anyone needs a playing partner, he obligingly pairs up guests.

A short distance along the road in Yellow Wood is the club’s bonefishing and kayaking dock. While the bonefishermen go out with their guides and kayakers learn to paddle, the guests are given a chance to try their hand at bonefishing and kayaking.

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Charles Smith (Pat)
development is well on schedule

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surely paddle around amongst the mangroves, landlubbers can enjoy the ambiance of this peaceful little haven which is a favourite among many of the guests. here is an old fisherman's cottage that has been restored to look just as it would in days gone by and the rustic chair's placed around the cottage provide a relaxing spot for one to enjoy the peace and quiet and either gaze on the water or watch the butterflies flitting amongst the colourful flowers.

pro golfer at the abaco club, kenny gargiulo, has high praise indeed for its scottish-style links championship golf course, first of its kind. "it is marvelous not just for abaco and the caribbean but for the world," he says. "it is a spectacular world class course, blending aesthetics with playability and is unique in its blending of beautiful abaco weather with a scottish links style setting. the course is very diverse, the wind changes frequently so that one can be playing a different type of golf course every day.

whilst very challenging, the course is accessible to all levels of players, which is a characteristic of a great golf course and there is also a marvellous practice facility." although m.r. gargiulo says he has played in some very nice places, he admits, "i have never seen better than at the abaco club." he also enjoys teaching and is always available for lessons.

a leisurely ride on horseback along the beach and back across the golf course is a wonderful relaxing way to spend a couple of hours. the five texas quarter horses, cupied, simi, valley, skip and his big brother zack, were hand chosen by an equestrian expert in south carolina to make sure that they are all sure footed and safe steeds for the guests to ride. "children particularly enjoy going into the water on horseback where the horses swim with them on their backs," says a baco club secreaty tanya duncombe, who is experienced in the care and management of horses and oversees the equestrian programme. all of these horses stay on property in an attractive barn just inside the club where a mosquito misting system continually takes care of the stalls and surrounding area.

the fitness studio, with its state-of-the-art equipment including exercise bikes, full body stretching machine, leg and chest presses, provides plenty of opportunity for guests wishing to keep in shape during their vacation. the fantastic views of the beach and bay through its windows help to take one's mind off the rigours of the exercise and there is always the exquisite pool right outside to dive into afterwards.

just upstairs from the fitness studio is the tranquil elims european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis european style spa run by karen rolle assisted by sherry andrews where a relaxing massage, steam sauna or any one of the treatments with such exotic names as lime and ginger salt glow and exotic frangipani body nourish wrap or float are always a welcome treat. all one's cares melt away in this calm retreat with its tranquil elemis europe...
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in the boat, a round of golf or their plane ride home.

Mr. Peter de Savary is justifiably proud of the lifestyle he has created for his guests at the Abaco Club which has come up to every one of his expectations and he is pleased with the way in which everyone has interpreted the local character, embracing it in a subtle way. "The club delivers a five star environment while keeping a simple and rustic blend with an Abaco Island feel," he says. Always on the lookout for that special extra touch, his latest innovation is for a little Bahamian thatched market stall to be placed near the Welcome Centre where guests can come each day to purchase fresh Abaco grown fruits and vegetables. Presently, 12 of the proposed 75 ocean front cottages have been completed and two of the 60 estate homes with full completion expected within five to six years.

Mr. de Savary is an environmentalist who ensures that everything he does is compatible with the environment and community. No herbicides or fungicides are used on the golf course; it is watered with a mixture of sea water and fresh well water and this brackishness helps reduce disease and weeds. He is also a philanthropist "with a long term view of engendering community spirit and a vision for the club as a catalyst for the good of Abaco." The nearby village of Cherokee has been a beneficiary in several ways. The line which brings water from 30 wells three and a half miles away has been extended to Cherokee and is available for residents to tap into, their ball park has been repaired, washrooms have been built at their beach access site and Cherokee residents were offered first opportunities for employment at the club.

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The Bahamas has the greatest frequency of tropical storm activity in the entire Caribbean Basin, according to the Department of Meteorology in Nassau which has studied the history of hurricanes in the Bahamas over the past 150 years. Mr. Trevor Basden, Deputy Director of Meteorology, revealed that for the entire Caribbean Basin, which stretches from the Lesser Antilles to the eastern coast of the United States, there are an average of one hurricane every eight to nine years. Grand Bahama has seen the most hurricanes, 40, which averages one every four years.

This means that this country should always be on the alert for storms. It was no surprise to weathermen as to what happened during last year’s hurricane season in the Northern Bahamas as the greatest probability of the Bahamas being hit are those islands in the northwestern sector of the Bahamas.

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In the past the country has responded to hurricanes after they have taken place but the Department of Meteorology stresses that we must focus on risk management, preparation and disaster planning in place beforehand. The country needs to look at building codes and enforce them better. Individual industries need to prepare.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has predicted 12 to 15 named storms, six to nine of which are expected to become hurricanes; three to nine major storms, meaning wind speeds of at least 111 mph or greater. However, noted professor Dr. William Gray has predicted 15 named storms, eight of which are expected to become hurricanes. Both predictions indicate a 39 percent increase in the possibility of hurricanes making landfall in the southeastern United States. This obviously means that the experts are expecting an increase in hurricane activities throughout the Bahamas.

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- #329 Situated in a beautiful Black Sound. 1.5 acre lot with a 125' dock, near beach and settlement. Under Contract.

- #333 1.5 acre lot located near the Abaco Yacht Club, 100' of deep water frontage, fully landscaped on site, circular driveway and fully private area, fully furnished, centrally located, exceptional value for ocean view property $455,000.

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BBC Donates to Volunteer Services

The Boat Harbour Billfish Blast and HMY along with individuals made generous donations to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and Crash and Rescue. Shown above is Mr. J. John Neophytou on the right making the presentation to Colin Albury of Crash and Rescue and Michelle Key of the Marsh Harbour Fire Department. Each organization received $4195.

Kiwanis Club Skips A Meal for Children

By Anita Rolle

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Great Abaco will skip a meal each day until June 30th and donate the cost to the Kiwanis International Foundation’s Children’s Fund. This is an annual international effort and funds raised by Kiwanis Clubs around the world will be dedicated to meeting the special needs of young children and promoting leadership development among youth. Kiwanis’ service slogan is Serving the Children of the World. Club President Anastacia Seymour said that they raise funds and sponsor projects to benefit the local children throughout the year, but the Kiwanis’ Skip-A-Meal Program is a special opportunity to join with thousands of Kiwanis Clubs and do something for children around the world. They, are working with UNICEF to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders, the world’s leading cause of mental retardation. Several businesses including several commercial banks have agreed to join with Kiwanis in this effort by allowing the club to place collection boxes in their establishment. The general public is invited to contribute by skipping a meal and leaving your contribution at the designated places. The Kiwanis Club of Great Abaco is one of over 8,000 Kiwanis Clubs in 94 countries.

ON GREEN TURTLE CAY:

New! 90’ beach front on gorgeous Bight O Bay on the Atlantic Ocean. 4 acres, $350,000 plus 7% to close. ONO New! Furnished one bedroom one bath cottage located high on a ridge overlooking Ocean Beach where the reef is close enough to swim to. Spacious screened living porch. Outstanding views of the ocean, 30’ x 30’ garage and small shed on 18,800 sq. ft. of land. $380,000 (All closing costs included.) New! Two inland lots 6,500 sq. ft. and 9,000 sq. ft. respectively. Located near Green Turtle Club and a public dock. A short walk to Coco Bay and ocean beaches. $346,000 (All closing costs included.) New! Family estate consisting of a two story furnished house on 1.67 acres with 120’ dock on Black Sound with 3’ draft at low tide. 2 vehicles. 9.9 acres on Gilliam Bay beach with over 300’ of beach front and Gilliam Bay House with four bedrooms; four baths and pool on 3/4 acre with 140’ of water front. Gilliam Bay House has repairable hurricane damage. Details available to serious inquirers. $34 million (All closing costs included.) New! 90 feet of white sandy beach front on Coco Bay with elevations throughout of approximately thirty feet. 360 feet in depth running towards the Atlantic Ocean. Residential, 3/4 acre, located at north end of island near Coco Bay Cottages. Great for viewing the sunset and watching small boats sail by towards South Abaco. US $595,000 plus 7% to close.

New! 1854 sq. ft. lot with wood building located in the heart of New Plymouth. Just a short walk to Sea of Abaco & public dock. $72,000 plus 6% to close. A jewel of a home with pool set high on a bluff overlooking the Sea of Abaco. One acre. Stunningly landscaped with wooden decks and walkways. Six buildings set in “pod” arrangement. 3 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths. Wicker and rattan furniture. A/C throughout. Satellite TV. 1.98 million plus 7% to close.

Motivated Seller! Brand new two bedroom two full bath home located within five minutes walk of Coco Bay Beach and Ocean Beach. Central A/C. 40 x 32. Tile floors; porch and deck. Fully landscaped with white picket fence. 9 ft. high ceilings throughout. Centrally located near public dock; beaches and a major resort. Perfect for first time buyers or retirees! $235,000 gross.

NEW! Well Spacious two bedroom two bath furnished home on the beach at beautiful Gilliam Bay. Excellent rental history. Within one mile from historic New Plymouth and two miles from two major resorts. A/C in bedrooms. Fully kitchen with separate dining room. Laundry room, 135’ on beach. 19,735 sq. ft. of property. $775,000 gross

New! Prime waterfront commercial / residential location in the town of New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. Site of take-away restaurant plus two bedrooms and two baths; kitchenette and great room. Private dock. Furnished two story building. Near public dock. Views of water from both floors. $350,000 plus 2% to close.

A perfect site on White Sound. 2 bedroom 2 bath main house with deck and porch. Boat house and 2 Whalers. Guest cottage with one bedroom and one bath. Waterfront on the Sea of Abaco. Only accessible by boat. $660,000 ONO

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Two inland lots 1/3 acre each located within walking distance of Coco Bay Beach and Ocean Beach. Good elevation. $590,000 each firm

New! 112’ x 200’ ocean front lot on north end of island. Outstanding ocean views. Reef is close enough to swim to. $495,000 plus 7% to close.

MUNJACK CAY:

1/4 acre on Atlantic Ocean. 125’ frontage. $183,000 gross

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Lot 12 & 14 Coco Bay Tract

Coody Point

Lot 8 A Coco Bay

UNDER CONTRACT

Treehouse No. 2

Seabreeze Cottage

Lot 9 Coco Bay Tract

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Youth in Action Finishes Season

By Mirella Santillio

The Youth in Action young people have done very well in their sports this year. Although they got a late start due to the hurricanes last September, they have shown great improvement and have done well in competitions.

On June 2-4 four basketball teams competed in the Hoytes tournament in Freeport. All teams did exceptionally well. The boys 14 and under, sponsored by Albury’s Ferry, won in their division by beating the Temple Christian’s team. This is the second year that they have won this tournament. They are sponsored by Albury’s Ferry.

They were voted the best team of the Nassau by an astounding 36 to 13! They were finally defeated by the St. John’s team from Grand Bahama. They came back with impressive trophies.

On June 18th the Youth in Action basketball team played three inter-team games here in town to show their sponsors how well they could play and that they have shown great improvement and have done well in competitions.

Four teams of Youth in Action young people traveled to Freeport on a chartered Bahamasair flight to compete in the annual Hoytes Tournament. All teams did very well. The girls shown here are the under-12 basketball team which won their division. They are sponsored by Subway. They are proud to show off their trophies.

The Youth in Action boys under-14 basketball team also did well, coming first in their division by defeating the Temple Christian’s team. This is the second year that they have won this tournament. They are sponsored by Albury’s Ferry.

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NEW EXCLUSIVE

Island style 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the quiet residential neighborhood of Leisure Lee. Boasts of 1,600 sq. ft. of living space. Extensive wrap around screened in porch, open floor plan, and central A/C, are some of it’s features. Has some views of the Sea and all lots have beach access. $347,000

UNDER CONTRACT

Great Harbour Cay-#2096- Charming 1B/1B house on elevated lot in the beautiful Barry Islands. This island home also features a 1B/1B guest cottage, and looks over the golf course and Ocean. $230,000

UNDER CONTRACT

Marsh Harbour-#5222- Property situated in prime location running 135’ on the waterfront. Fixer upper situated on property. Views of the harbour and Sea of Abaco. $125,000

UNDER CONTRACT

Dundas Town-#5226- Incoming producing property, unfinished duplex on elevated lot. Can be finished to ones own taste. Situated on lot 100x128-$92,000. Call for more details.

SOLD

Treasure Cay- 4 Canal lots on Galleon Bay featuring lovely views of the pretty Sea of Abaco.

Yellowwood-#5263- 2B/2B cottage newly built on large lot -100’ x 100’. Features a laundry room, outside patio, and a hobby room central A/C, and all appliances are included. MUST SEE! $219,000

Dundas Town-#5276- Incoming producing property, unfinished duplex on elevated lot. Can be finished to ones own taste. Situated on lot 100x128-$92,000. Call for more details.

Marsh Harbour-#5220- Large Parcel of property 100’ X 270’ with two concrete warehouses, would be ideal for certain commercial venture. Property fenced in. Call today for more details.

Sandy Point-#5072- This 1.1 story home is located on a pretty powder white beach. This home consists of 3bed/2bath, utility garage and boat house.

SOLD

Marsh Harbour-#5106. Great Opportunity. Established commercial complex. features several retail stores and two rental apartments. All currently rented. Ideally situated on main tourist strip. GREAT INVESTMENT.

UNDER CONTRACT

Green Turtle Cay- #5347 This Island Paradise is a rare find for the discerning yachtsman that is looking for privacy and all the amenities the island has to offer. 2 bed/2bath home also has a private dock and dredged channel. Offered at $2,300,000.00

Green Turtle Cay-#5077 Historic 10 room Inn located in “Story Book” pretty New Plymouth. Consisting of 10 guest rooms, 40 seat restaurant and bar, patio and swimming pool. Painstakingly restored to it’s original Colonial condition. Offered at $1,780,000.

Green Turtle Cay- #5282 Luxury Waterfront Estate with over 100’ of frontage. Swimming pool, dock and guest cottage. Property is 1.7 acres of elevated land with panoramic views. Offered at $3,500,000

Green Turtle Cay- #5191 Luxurious home located on a 2.5 mile sandy beach. Consisting of five bedrooms, four bathrooms with wrap around verandas. Careful craftsmanship and attention to detail describes this villa. Offered at $2,300,000

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Youth in Action Compete

Lyndon Davis, Jr. was honoured as the Most Valuable Player in the under 14 category at the Hoyte Basketball Tournament held in Freeport. He is being given a trophy by Mr. Doug Collins, a Hoytes Tournament Executive.

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their victory in Grand Bahama was well deserved. After these friendly games each winning team received a trophy handed out by their respective sponsor.

Youth in Action is a sport program for children 4 and over coached by Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Davis and Mr. Ismael “Stretch” Morley, who started the program two years ago. Geared to develop sporting skills in children and keep them occupied during the weekends, it has been very successful with impressive enrollment and displaying enthusiasm from the participating children. The meets took place every Saturday mornings at Murphy Town Park from October to June. Teams were formed and participated in several youth in action Competitions in soccer as well as basketball, most of them held in Freeport. This year the basketball program was dropped because of damage to the field caused by the hurricanes, but Mrs. Davis said that they will definitely have it next season.

The coaches were very proud of the results that their sustained efforts produced. Mrs. Davis said, “It was an excellent year, thanks to the parents allowing their kids to participate. I am proud of the kids being so well disciplined and look forward to the next year.”

Bodybuilding

The Grand Bahama Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship was held on June 5 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. The competition included Master and Open Divisions in Bodybuilding and Height Divisions in Fitness. Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden competed in the Masters over 60 and in the Open Division Middleweight. Arthur placed first in the Masters and second in the Middleweight Division.

Arthur’s next competition will be the Bahamas National Championship in Nassau on July 30 and the Southern Sales Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on August 4.

Treasure Cay Holds Its 22nd Annual Billfish Tournament

June 18th was the last day of the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament. That evening the festivities included the awarding of trophies to the winning teams. They were not the only one on the receiving end as the Treasure Cay Primary School was also on the list. The Principal, Mrs. Myrtis Russell, accepted a generous check of $4060 and cash donated by Mr. Robert Meister and the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament. Mrs. Russell was very grateful since this year the school did not hold its usual fund raising fair because of the hurricanes. The money will go towards the purchase of workbooks and textbooks.

For the lay day activities on Wednesday Treasure Cay organized golfing activities and for the first time had a champagne brunch and property tour. The boaters were shown the new developments now underway. This proved to be popular and productive.

The awards night was June 17 which included a dinner and party under a big tent. The evening included a presentation to the Treasure Cay Primary School.

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Kazia Etienne spoke, “I came to Long Bay in 2002, not by choice, but I stand here tonight at my very best, enriched by years of knowledge and training. Congratulations also to my fellow classmates. Secondary schooling might be over, but education continues. Fellow graduates, we are the elite of the next generation. You’ll pass this way but once, do it right.”

Mrs. Collie gave each of the graduates a present and trophies were awarded by Vic Principal M. R. Ednal Collie, Pastor Rahming and Mr. Isaac Collie, Chairman of the School Board. Master of Ceremony for the evening was Mr. G. R.th Russell.

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By Mirella Santillo

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The public is hereby notified that Passerine at Abaco Holdings, Bakers Bay Golf and Ocean Club is desirous of carrying out commercial development on Crown, Treasury and private land in Great Guana Cay.

Towards this end application has been tendered for approval of land use to the Department of Physical Planning, Ministry of Public Works, Nassau, on 8th June, 2005.

Sr. Administrator
Marsh Harbour

Artists Are Forming Art Guild

By Jennifer Hudson

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Goals of the Guild will be to:
• Advance art awareness throughout Abaco using local advertising in newspaper and radio, internet posting and word of mouth and use available media to bridge communications between members and interested persons.
• Welcome membership from other clubs existing on Abaco whether active or not.
• Develop purchasing power as a large group for supplies through local retailers.
• Narrow the gap between professional and aspiring artists through mentoring or apprenticing and offering a scholarship to qualified art students.
• Request active participation from art teachers and request established artists to volunteer to demonstrate their art at Central Abaco Primary School.
• Develop a student chapter of the Art Guild in the future.

At the next meeting a decision will be made to establish the amount of annual dues which will be required to cover administrative expenses and other costs such as workshops and sponsorship of local art shows and exhibitions.

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Information about the Art Guild and minutes of its meetings will be posted on the website abacoexpressions.com which will be its regular vessel of communication.

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First Graders Travel to Man-O-War

On June 16th the first grade class at Agape Christian School went on a field trip to Man-O-War Cay. They were accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Sarah Ann Weatherford, who resides there, and parents. While on Man-O-War, the children visited Albury’s Sail Shop, Ms. Sarah Ann’s home and the ice cream parlour. They enjoyed lunch at Hibiscus Cafe. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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