

## EDITORIAL

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# Oban Energies under siege

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## YOUR WEATHER

**80°F**  
Partly sunny with a shower

SUNRISE: 7:01 a.m.  
SUNSET: 7:34 p.m.  
HIGH TIDE: 6:59 a.m. - 7:01 p.m.  
LOW TIDE: 12:39 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.  
WINDS: E at 9 mph

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## THE FIRST FUTURISTIC CAR SHOW.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH  
5:00PM - 7:00PM  
LOCATION: SEA BREEZE VACATION VILLAS PORT OF CALL DRIVE



# MP makes monetary donation to GBCH and encourages others to follow suit

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Member of Parliament (MP) for the Pineridge, Rev. Frederick McAlpine and his wife Tracey, made a special visit to the Grand Bahama Children's Home (GBCH) on Wednesday, April 4

delivering a much-needed gift. The couple presented Home officials with a monetary donation to assist in the facility's daily upkeep.

The GBCH, which is located in McAlpine's constituency, serves as a haven for many children who are in need of appropriate shelter.

Prior to the handover,

McAlpine said, "This morning I am here as the MP for the Pineridge Constituency, along with my wife, to make a donation on behalf of the good and gracious people of the Pineridge."

"We are aware that the GBCH, which is in the Pineridge Constituency, has been going through a hard time. It is the reality that all of Grand Bahama

have been going through at this time. We wanted to make sure that those that are less fortunate are considered and remembered.

"I also want to make an appeal to the constituents of Pineridge and corporate Bahamas, to consider contributing to the GBCH at this time, as they are trying to do all that they can to remain open and to help with the chil-

dren that are here at the Home. Bringing some groceries ... if you are shopping and want to bring a bag of rice, sugar or cream; every little counts. We ask you in this community, particularly here in Pineridge, to do what you can, to help the Children's Home and to look out for them," McAlpine said.

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REV. FREDERICK MCALPINE  
Pineridge, MP

## Expo 2018 to expose opportunities in farming and fishing

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Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, Renward Wells said the goal of the 'Bahamas National Agricultural, Agri-Business and Marine Resources Expo for 2018' is to expose the nation's farmers, processors, agribusiness people, craftsmen, artisans and marine business people to the same time educating our population on the opportunities that exist in farming and fishing in the country.

The Bahamas spends more than \$1 billion annually on food imports, and Bahamians produce too little of what they consume to be comfortable, Minister Wells said, at a press conference announcing plans for Expo 2018 at the Ministry, Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

"The mandate of this Ministry and the mission given to me by the Manifesto of my government is to change that balance to the positive, in favour of the Bahamian people."

He said the expo will connect farmers, fishermen and processors to educators, to market and to each other.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to take place Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:00 am on the grounds of the Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre (GRAC). The theme for Expo 2018 is "Together, We Grow" and it will continue until Sunday, April 15.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## STILL A BUZZWORD FOR MANY BAHAMIANS, SAYS DPM



ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE - The Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference hosted by the University of The Bahamas got under on Thursday, April 5 at the Grand Lucayan Resort.

## GBPC committed to sustainable energy generation

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University of The Bahamas president Dr. Rodney Smith and UB North vice president Dr. Ian Strachan were elated to witness the two-day Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference being held under the theme, "Breaking Down Barriers Shaping the Future" on Thursday, April 5 at the Grand Lucayan Resort garner phenomenal support from the community.

Grand Bahama Power Company (GBPC) president and Chief Operating Officer David McGregor partnered with UB North, along with numerous corporate entities to engage in a robust dialogue about the way forward for Grand Bahama with the guiding concept being sustainability.

Discussing the GBPC's role in sustainable energy generation, McGregor, who addressed conference attendees stated, "The GBPC is delighted to join UB-North as a Gold Sponsor of the Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference."

"Introducing renewable energy sources onto the island's grid has long been a goal of the GBPC, as several years ago following EM-ERA Caribbean's initial investment in the company, we made a three-point plan to improve ourselves and services to Grand Bahama from west to east.

"The GBPC planned to improve reliability, reduce and stabilize energy costs and transform to cleaner energy generation sources; we hope all can see as it regards the first two-points of the plan that significant progress has been made, as improving reliability as well as reducing and stabilizing energy costs through a combination of investments and renewable energy.

"The third point, which involves the transformation to renewable energy sources, we have made some progress however not on the same scale, but now is the time to do so but first we had to engage in conducting a bit of homework."

He added, "While we have made some very interesting progress, the innovative solar energy solution recently installed

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance K. Peter Turnquest delivered the keynote address at the University of The Bahamas Northern Campus Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference on Thursday, April 5 at the Grand Lucayan Resort.

Engaging in a robust conversation surrounding the conference theme, "Breaking Down Barriers Shaping the Future," DPM Turnquest noted that despite its importance as a development concept as well as its galvanizing power globally, sustainable development is still a buzzword for many Bahamians, considering the fact

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Deputy Prime Minister K. Peter Turnquest was the keynote presenter, during the University of The Bahamas Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference that officially opened on Thursday, April 5 at the Grand Lucayan Resort. (PHOTOS: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

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