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**YOUR WEATHER**

**83°F**

Periods of sun and clouds with a shower

SUNRISE: 6:37 a.m.  
SUNSET: 8:04 p.m.  
HIGH TIDE: 8:53 a.m. - 9:22 p.m.  
LOW TIDE: 3:01 a.m. - 2:57 p.m.  
WINDS: SE at 8 mph

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Whatever you're looking for, these local businesses ask you to consider them first.

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# PM tours Skyline's

## \$2 BILLION PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICIAL TOUR – Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis toured the proposed Skyline Development Project in West End on Friday, July 27, where he got an update on the development from Derek Gate, Skyline Investment's Project Manager. The Prime Minister was accompanied by government officials, including the Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Sen. J. Kwasi Thompson and Member of Parliament for West GB and Bimini, Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis traveled to Grand Bahama on Friday, July 27 and toured the former Ginn sur Mer Development in West End, which will be purchased by international developer Skyline Investments.

Negotiations between the government and Skyline Investments are nearing their final stage and the \$2 billion development, which is located on 2,012 acres of real estate is expected to transform the West Grand Bahama District as well as boost, bolster, revitalize and grow the economy of Grand Bahama.

According to Prime Minister Dr. Minnis, "Today, we toured the old Ginn property, which will be bought by Skyline Investments that has an excellent program/project to proceed with."

"Initially, Skyline Investments plans to move/relocate the existing structure at Old Bahama Bay and complete hotel design for 120 rooms, the airport providing a new FPO terminal and accommodations in the canal sector for 24 mega yachts; over 300-odd feet each, these yachts will have 25-30 staff members and that in itself will be tremendous for the community.

"Besides there is a lot of work to do in terms of proper land- (Continued on Page 2)

### Pat's Uniform Annual Giveaway continues to make a difference

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Pat's Uniform Store conducted its Seventh Annual Uniform Giveaway benefiting Falcon Boys' Club members on Thursday, July 26.

Michael Sweeting, Pat's Uniform Manager believes in making a difference in the lives of the youth and appreciates the hard work and dedication of Falcon Boys' Club Director Darrin Rolle, who along with his team of mentors invest their time, talent and expertise to steer boys along a positive pathway to success.

Grateful for the support of Pat's Uniform, Rolle said, "For the past seven years the Sweeting Family, owners of Pat's Uniform Store have donated brand-new school uniforms to five parents whose boys are members of the Falcon Boys' Club.

"Indeed, as a club, we are appreciative of the continuous support of businesses like Pat's Uniform that come on-board partnering with us to help parents and encourage young men in pursuit of their education.

"Certainly, I believe that this gesture is going to go a long way to not only encourage these young boys as the upcoming school year approaches but their parents as well.

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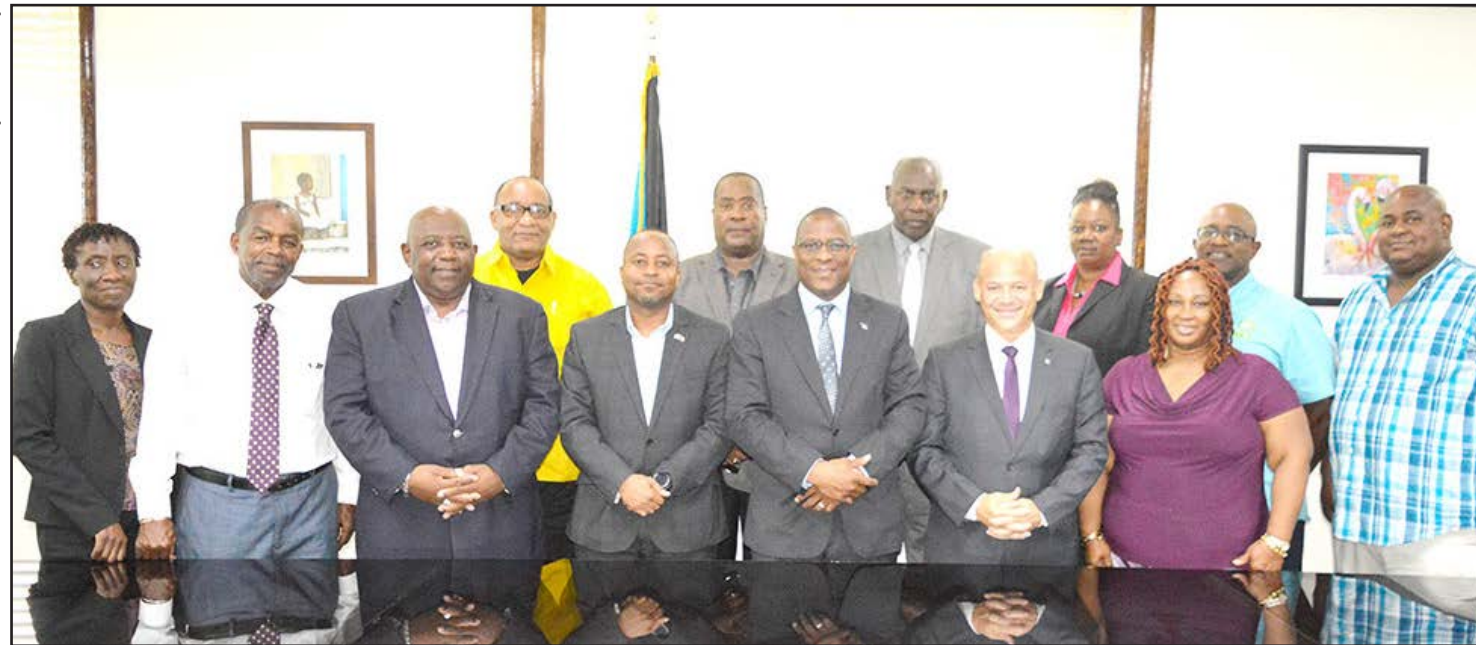
Encouraging other corporate citizens to follow the example set by the Sweeting Family and Pat's Uniform, Rolle introduced Stephanie Jones, who appreciates the fact that her son was one of the recipients of the giveaway.

Cognizant of the challenging economic condition faced by many, Jones noted, "For the past (Continued on Page 2)

# Pintard hopes to expand ministry's presence in GB

## BAIC POP-UP FARMERS MARKET SET FOR TODAY

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COURTESY CALL – Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources Michael Pintard, along with members of his ministry, including BAIC executive chairman and Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Sen. J. Kwasi Thompson during their visit to a courtesy call on Minister of State for Grand Bahama yesterday - Friday, July 27. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources Michael Pintard along with Undersecretary Alpheus Forbes and Bahamas Agriculture Industrial Corporation (BAIC) Chairman Michael Foulkes traveled to Grand Bahama yesterday - Friday, July 27 - to pay a courtesy call on Minister for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister Senator J. Kwasi Thompson.

Outlining plans moving forward to assist the growth and development of the Agriculture and Marine Resources sector on Grand Bahama, Minister Pintard revealed, "Today, the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources senior executive team is visiting the island to do several things beginning with touring all of the facilities that this ministry is responsible for, as well as meet with staff members and jumpstart discussions regarding various challenges and opportunities that this sector has.

"Additionally, continuing the work that is being done by BAIC executive chairman and Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Sen. J. Kwasi Thompson and Member of Parliament for West GB and Bimini, Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe.

"On the agenda for today are stops to the Farmers' Market and

the adjacent building as we are looking to expand the presence of the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources in Grand Bahama; meetings will be held with representatives from the Humane Society, as there are a

number of pressing matters that need to be addressed and a general staff meeting will be held with employees of BAIC and tours of a couple of local farms will take place as well." Appreciative of the visit and

updates provided by both Minister Pintard and BAIC Executive Chairman Foulkes, Senator Thompson graciously welcomed all, noting that his office is keenly focused on revitalizing the (Continued on Page 2)