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81°F
Sun and some clouds.

SUNRISE: 6:47 a.m.
SUNSET: 7:41 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 2:18 a.m. & 2:41 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 8:41 a.m. & 8:48 p.m.
WINDS: E 13 mph

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Parliamentary Dept. making preparations for Nomination Day

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Assistant Parliamentary Commissioner, Reno Smith, yesterday confirmed that nomination day for all candidates, party affiliated and independent, is set to take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Smith made the announcement Tuesday (April 18) morning, during a press conference at the Grand Bahama Administrator's Office.

According to Smith, nominations occur from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and

persons who intend to run in this year's General Election, must collect their nomination forms.

"Candidates must ensure that they are properly endorsed by five qualified persons, who reside in the constituency they wish to represent," he said.

Smith also announced that the advanced poll would take place on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 for law enforcement officers, persons who are traveling and hospitalized.

"Voting for the advance poll will be held at the Police Training College here on Grand Bahama," he revealed. "The various forms (for the advance poll)

could be collected at this time.

"We're inviting persons who wish to vote early to collect Form K from the Parliamentary Registration Department here in the National Insurance Building."

Smith noted that Form K is required for persons traveling prior to the election and wish for their vote to be counted, as well as persons with pre-arranged medical procedures.

He allowed parents to collect Form J for their children who are in college abroad and wish to vote in the upcoming election.

"Get those forms to various students

throughout the world. We now have centers in Haiti and Cuba for the first time," he added.

Smith said that there are also centers in the United States, including Houston Texas, Canada and Jamaica.

Smith also took the opportunity to introduce the sponsoring of Grand Bahama – Harvey Roberts, Administrator of East Grand Bahama and officer of the East Grand Bahama constituency; Brenda Bullard-Colebrooke, Administrator for West Grand Bahama, and officer for West Grand Bahama and Bimini; Preston Cunningham, Administrator for Freeport and officer for Marco City;

Chester Cooper, officer for Central Grand Bahama and Mary Cooper, Ministry of Education and Science and Technology for Pineridge – who will oversee the Election Day process in their respective constituencies.

Roberts said that all candidates for East Grand Bahama must come to the Administrator's Office in High Rock on the nomination day to nominate between the hours specified by the Assistant Parliamentary Commissioner.

Bullard-Colebrooke said that all candidates for West Grand and Bimini must

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FNM CHANGE TEAM UNITED



UNITED – The Free National Movement (FNM) Change Team for Grand Bahama presented a united front on Monday at the free concert hosted by the party's candidate for Marco City, Michael Pintard at his constituency headquarters in Joll Plaza, Pioneers Loop. Pictured from left are FNM Deputy Leader, Peter Turnquest, candidate for East GB; Pintard (at rear); Rev. Frederick McAlpine, candidate for Pineridge; Iram Lewis, candidate for Central GB and Pakeisa Parker-Edgecombe, candidate for West GB and Bimini. See additional photos on Page 12

FNM team hearing concerns of residents on the campaign trail

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Four of the five Free National Movement (FNM) candidates

for Grand Bahama and Bimini traveled with a contingent of supporters to East Grand Bahama for the Annual Easter Monday Coconut Festival in Pelican Point, where they not only shared in the economic

boost for vendors, but spoke to this daily about their visions for their prospective constituencies.

FNM Deputy Leader, K. Peter Turnquest, Member of Parliament for East Grand Bahama, stressed the importance of

showing support for local businesses and entrepreneurship.

"One of the things that we have to do, as we go forward and as the next government, is to promote what we have out here in East Grand Bahama.

Steve Laing and the entire Laing family, with their cottages here, we need to promote that and more like them, encourage them to develop because this is how you create

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Marijuana field discovered

Police in Grand Bahama uncovered a large marijuana field in the Chesapeake area.

Reports are that on Monday, April 17, 2017 shortly before 8:00 p.m., officers of the Fire Department were in the Chesapeake area extinguishing a large bush fire, when they discovered over 100 suspected marijuana plants.

The plants reportedly range between seedlings to four feet in height. No arrest was made; however, officers from the Drug Enforcement Unit are investigating this matter.

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