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Hobe Sound Beach Shop's Turtle Times

Our History is a Treasure: Chapter Eight *By Jan Otten*

One cannot talk about the African American Banner Lake community located in the heart of Hobe Sound, without also talking about Jupiter Island, a barrier island on the eastern edge of Hobe Sound. There is a strong connection between the two communities dating back as far as the early 1890s.

The African American and Caribbean descendants residing in Hobe Sound were originally settled near the Intracoastal in the Gomez Avenue area and eked out a living on small farm properties near the intracoastal waterway. Many worked on the Pineapple and Coconut plantations on Jupiter Island while still others worked on the flower farms along the Gomez corridor.

Nestled along the river, near the area that today is known as Loblolly, was a small hamlet with about 5 or 6 homes and was called "Fruita." During the years of prohibition, the rum runners were using the river as a means of transporting their wares. If they spotted the law, they would dump overboard the bottles they were carrying. The cork stoppers in the bottles would eventually make them float and so those living along the river would retrieve them.

As Jupiter Island developed in the early 1920s and became a winter home for many wealthy families from the north, the African American residents were employed to be housekeepers, nannies, gardeners, and cooks. By the early 1930s the wealthy Jupiter Island families realized that those workers should have nice homes and a community to live in and helped to establish the first homes on Florida Avenue in what was then called The Banner Lake Village, Inc.

William S. Barstow, a wealthy Jupiter Island resident from New York, originally platted the land in the Banner Lake area and was instrumental in the community's initial development. He wanted his workers to have property on which to build homes.

As the years went by and more homes were added, the community became self-sufficient and developed a strong camaraderie among the residents. There were within the Banner Lake boundaries, cafes, grocers, restaurants, dry cleaners, contractors, tree service, a gas station, barber and beauty shops, teen clubs and "juke joints." (According to Wikipedia a "juke joint" offered food, drink, dancing and gambling for weary workers. Owners made extra money selling groceries or



Welcome sign to the Banner Lake Community

moonshine to patrons or providing cheap room and board.) To name two in Banner Lake were "Dew Drop Inn" and "Little Pearl." The community had its own dump located on Neptune Avenue. And there was a book mobile that visited the community regularly. There were and still exist, at least 4 churches, a cemetery and a Masonic Lodge.

Sports activities were always prevalent in the community, most particularly baseball. With a great field for playing the sport it was a perfect Sunday afternoon outing for all to gather for picnics, watch the game and enjoy the company of neighbors. There was much rivalry between teams from other parts of the state.

The Banner Lake itself, located within the community boundaries, initially was a source of drinking water and was used for swimming, fishing and baptisms.

Because of segregation, the Banner Lake community had its own elementary school located on the spot where today's Dunbar Early Learning Center stands. Builders of the school would have been the Rosenwald's who, because of segregation, opened nearly 4,500 schools throughout the country for African American students. The Dunbar Elementary School opened its doors to students in the mid 1940s with grades 1 through 6. Principal of the school was Gilbert Miller. Mr. Miller was the

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Sea Turtle Journey of Transformation in the Marine Environment

Now that early summer is upon us, the annual arrival of the sea turtles has begun. Leatherbacks have been busy since early March and are showing impressive numbers so far, and the loggerheads are just getting started. As usual, we'll have to wait a few more weeks for the green turtles to get going, but we know they will! In previous issues of the *Turtle Times*, I've discussed the amazing journeys both the adults and hatchlings undertake to negotiate the challenges of living in the marine environment. There is, however, another pretty amazing journey of transformation going on inside millions of little round packets, literally, right under our noses (or more accurately, our feet).

Let's face it, shelled eggs are nothing new. At around 325 million years old, they have proven themselves so amazing that they remain nature's dominant terrestrial reproductive tool even after the seemingly more "advanced" mammalian switch to bearing live young occurred around 200 million years later. Among other things, shelled eggs were one of the major contributions that reptiles made to life's evolutionary trajectory. The big advantage: by avoiding the need to lay your eggs in water, you can get away from those pesky fish and amphibians and reproduce in a much wider variety of habitats.



A thin leathery barrier is all that separates sea turtle embryos from the surrounding environment.

Sea turtles are among the few existing types of marine reptiles left in the world today, and due to their terrestrial ancestry, haven't been able to overcome the burdensome requirement of painstakingly burying their eggs within the confines of narrow, thermally-appropriate strips of land. Either way, they've honed the technique brilliantly, and managed to make the best of a rather inconvenient situation. First, they are free to mate pretty much anywhere out in the water, making them considerably less vulnerable to terrestrial predators. Once that's out of the way, the female turtles avoid the hassles of repeated courtship by retaining live sperm over long periods of time, providing a constant supply throughout multiple ovulations for the whole

nesting season, and even beyond. Each ovulation, for a sea turtle, includes about 100 eggs. Once fertilized, they begin their journey down an internal assembly line that literally adds each component of the egg to the embryos, starting with the yolk and culminating in the leathery-soft shell that surrounds the whole package. Because there is a delay between the time the eggs are actually fertilized and the time they will enter an oxygen-rich environment (the beach), the embryos go into a phase of arrested development (yes, it's more than the title of a tv show), and 'wait' to continue growing until conditions permit.

Scientists have carefully mapped the development of sea turtle embryos and managed to divide the process into 32 distinct 'stages' (Miller et al 2017). The resumption of development at oviposition (laying) happens at stage 6 when the embryo is still microscopic, and by stage 23 the embryo is about an inch long and just becoming recognizable as a turtle. Around 55 days after oviposition, though still hunched over its large yolk, the hatchling uses its temporary egg-tooth to slice open the shell at stage 30, then gradually straightens up its spine and absorbs the rest of the yolk in preparation for departing the nest at stage 31b.

However nurturing the eggs are at facilitating the growth of the embryo inside, they still seem pretty fragile in the face of all the challenges the beach environment throws at them. From saltwater inundation to destruction by predators, it's a wonder any make it at all. Even the slightest rotation of an egg can disrupt embryonic development. Without the dotting protection of a 300 lb. parent, the embryos must quietly rely on the amazing capabilities of a thin leathery barrier between themselves and the surrounding environment to survive, and even more importantly, a fair helping of good fortune to get a shot at the next part of their amazing journey.

Miller JD, Mortimer JA, and Limpus CJ. 2017. A Field Key to the Developmental Stages of Marine Turtles (Cheloniidae) with Notes on the Development of Dermochelys. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 16(2):111-122. 16(1); 11pp.

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Boardwalk to the Beach On May 1st the Hobe Sound Beach Shop (HSBS), along with Island Beverage and Landmark Arts, celebrated the spectacular new mural, "Boardwalk to the Beach" on the front of 9128 SE Bridge Road, home of the Hobe Sound Beach Shop/Tees Please and Island Beverage.



Left to Right joining in the celebration are: Barry McLaughlin, HSBS "Everything Guy;" Jesse Gonzalez, helped with refreshing the background and trim painting; Nundhini Bhattar, HSBS occasional sales help employee; Nurul Chowdhury, owner Island Beverage; Barbara McLaughlin, owner of HSBS and building; Jan Otten, HSBS general manager and Turtle Times Editor; Nicole Galluccio; artist, added artful touches to the "Board Walk;" Nadia Utto, artist and designer of the mural adorning the front as well as the east and west walls of the building; Frankie Sanders, HSBS sales employee; Frank Martinez, HSBS sales and production trainee; Priya Bhattar, HSBS sales and production; George Kleine, HSBS owner and production manager; Francisco Diaz, representative of Cool Jewels

Financial Corner Sudden Wealth – Part 1

What would you do with an extra \$10,000? Maybe you'd pay off some debt, get rid of some college loans, or take a much-needed vacation. What if you suddenly had an extra million or 10 million or more? Now that you've come into a windfall, you have some issues to deal with. You'll need to evaluate your new financial position and consider how your sudden wealth will affect your financial goals.

Evaluate your new financial position

Just how wealthy are you? You'll want to figure that out before you make any major life decisions. Your first impulse may be to go out and buy things, but that may not be in your best interest. Even if you're used to handling your own finances, now's the time to watch your spending habits carefully. Sudden wealth can turn even the most cautious person into an impulse buyer. Of course, you'll want your current wealth to last, so you'll need to consider your future needs, not just your current desires.

Answering these questions may help you evaluate your short- and long-term needs and goals:

- Do you have outstanding debt that you'd like to pay off?
- Do you need more current income?
- Do you plan to pay for your children's education?
- Do you need to bolster your retirement savings?
- Are you planning to buy a first or second home?
- Are you considering giving to loved ones or a favorite charity?
- Are there ways to minimize any upcoming income and estate taxes?

The answers to these questions may help you begin to formulate a plan. Remember, though, there's no rush. You can put your funds in an accessible interest-bearing account such as a savings account, money market account, or short-term certificate of deposit until you have time to plan and think things through.

Once you've taken care of these basics, set aside some money to treat yourself to something you wouldn't have bought or done before, It's OK to have fun with some of your new money!

Note: Experts are available to help you with all of your planning needs, and guide you through this new experience.

In the next issue we will address some of the Impacts that "Sudden Wealth" can have and what you will need to consider when planning the best course to take.

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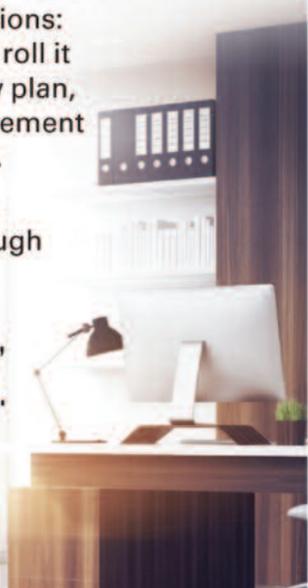
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Real Estate Corner

Needless to say, the Real Estate Market is HOT right now! With Mortgage Rates still low and demand for housing in our once sleepy town sky high, it proves to be a busy time for Realtors, Financial Institutions, Appraisers and Home Inspectors.

Single-Family home prices in Hobe sound have risen an average of 11.6% from March 2020 to March 2021, bringing the average price from \$409,000 last year, to \$456,500 this year, says the data from the Realtors Association of Broward/Palm Beaches/St. Lucie, in its latest report!

The supply and demand rule says when demand is high, and supply is low the prices will go up!

How long will this continue? I for one, have no idea, but according to Realtor.com one in four homeowners plan to sell within three years, and one in ten will sell this year!

As my wife and I get older and no longer have children living with us, we often talk about downsizing. We know we can turn a

profit on our home, but where do we go for that smaller more affordable home and still provide the secure comfortable lifestyle we now share in Hobe Sound? That is a major concern for many older folks and newly married people who want to stay in Hobe Sound with independent living that is affordable. Good affordable housing is becoming more and more of a problem in our growing community as well as our nation!

Anyone have a crystal ball I can borrow?

Just Saying!

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"everything guy." He could be counted on to do anything and everything that needed doing. He eventually was head of the Martin County School Board. The school derived its name from the African American Poet Laureate, Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Once the students left the 6th grade at the Dunbar Elementary School, they attended 7th and 8th grade at Stuart Middle, and then Murray Middle for 9th grade. They attended Martin County High School once integration of schools was implemented.

Caring and sharing was how the residents lived their daily lives. If a mother had to leave her children behind to go to work on "the Island" a few homes were designated as "day care" and the working mother could safely leave her children there. When a family fell on hard times others would willingly share what they had so that **no one** was hungry. In illness or on the death of a family member the community organized to help the grieving family with food and moral support. Whoever owned an automobile would offer rides to those without so they could get to work on the Island.

In present day Banner Lake, the community spirit is still evident. Particularly through The Banner Lake Club. In 1939 the doors opened to The Banner Lake Club on Lantana Avenue. The building sits at the highest point

of any property within the community and

rests a short distance from the shoreline of the Banner Lake. It was established with a vision of William Barstow

to be a place for the local residents to meet

for social functions, as a youth

recreational facility and as a hurricane shelter. Within a short time, the Banner Lake Club would impact the community immeasurably, actually exceeding its initial purpose and meeting the needs of the community. Over 80 years later this vision is still

apparent. It has been a springboard to the aspirations of students and young adults from the community. Many went on to achieve remarkable careers as teachers, lawyers, doctors, government employees and in the military. In 2019 a new 9,000 square foot building was constructed next door to the original.

This larger facility has enabled the expansion of educational programs and services and to achieve an even greater impact.

The new Center includes the Banner Lake Academy as a private school,



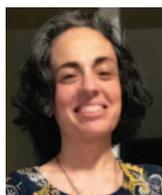
Banner Lake Club Bus

a free after school and summer program known as B.L.A.S.T. (Banner Lake After School Time) for children ages 5-18 as well as an academy for kindergarten through 3rd grade. It houses the BLAST teen program, a food pantry, community café, and a senior meals program. The original building has been completely refurbished, and recently designated a Historic Site in Martin County, and the new building is already experiencing construction to enlarge the facility.

Banner Lake and the Village were named for Newton Banner, a prominent real estate owner and Jupiter Island resident who helped develop mainland Hobe Sound.

Another major contribution from William Barstow occurred when there was an accident on the Barstow estate where one of the yard staff, Banner Lake resident, Rufus Bartlett, lost his eye. Mr. Bartlett was denied treatment at the existing hospital due to his race. Referred to in the book, *History of Martin County*, the accident motivated William Barstow to build the Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart. The hospital was built on the condition that no one would be denied services at the hospital, based on race or the ability to pay. In addition, the furnishings for the hospital were supplied by the Reed family of Jupiter Island. Prior to the accident, attempts to have Mr. Barstow build a hospital had not been successful. This unfortunate accident will forever intertwine the history of Banner Lake to the Martin Memorial Hospital, today known as Cleveland Clinic Martin Health.

Many of today's residents are descended from those original settlers of the Banner Lake Community and the values and community spirit are still unmistakable. This author had the privilege to sit down with Alfred Miller, Gayle Miller and Geraldine Harriel to learn about the history of the area. They were very generous with their time and shared many stories of their years growing up in Banner Lake. I am grateful for their kindness in helping me to add another chapter in the Treasure that is the History of Hobe Sound.



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Hobe Sound Beach Shop in the News

Recently HSBS has had some exceptionally newsworthy accomplishments.

Saturday, May 1, 2021, the Shop held a ribbon cutting to honor the building ownership by Barbara McLaughlin, and located on the front of the building, the 25th Hobe Sound mural by Nadia Utto. Attended by many from the community it was a very successful and fun filled event.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, Shop owner Barbara McLaughlin was interviewed on local Channel 5 WPTV regarding wearing masks in the store.

Friday, May 14, 2021, Shop owner Barbara McLaughlin was interviewed on national TV, CBS This Morning, regarding vaccinations and wearing masks in the store.

Kane Center

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At a brunch held on May 19, 2021 two local and HSBS connected gentlemen were among those nominated for the prestigious Sage Awards "Honoring the Wisdom and Worth of Seniors" presented through the Kane Center and Council on Aging of Martin County:

In the category of Arts and Culture, was Dan Mackin, Hobe Sound resident and renowned artist known internationally for his bright tropical scenes. "His work and success have enriched the cultural fabric of our community and beyond. His charitable work shows his true commitment to making our slice of the world a better place. His artwork has raised over \$2 million for various charities." Dan took home a beautiful clock for winning in his category.

In the category of Community Service, Realtor Rich Otten, for establishing and bringing the Toastmasters program, known as "Gavel Clubs" to prisons in South Florida. The Gavel Club program has proven to significantly reduce the rate of recidivism for inmates who participate while in prison. Though he did not win the category he was honored to have been nominated.





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