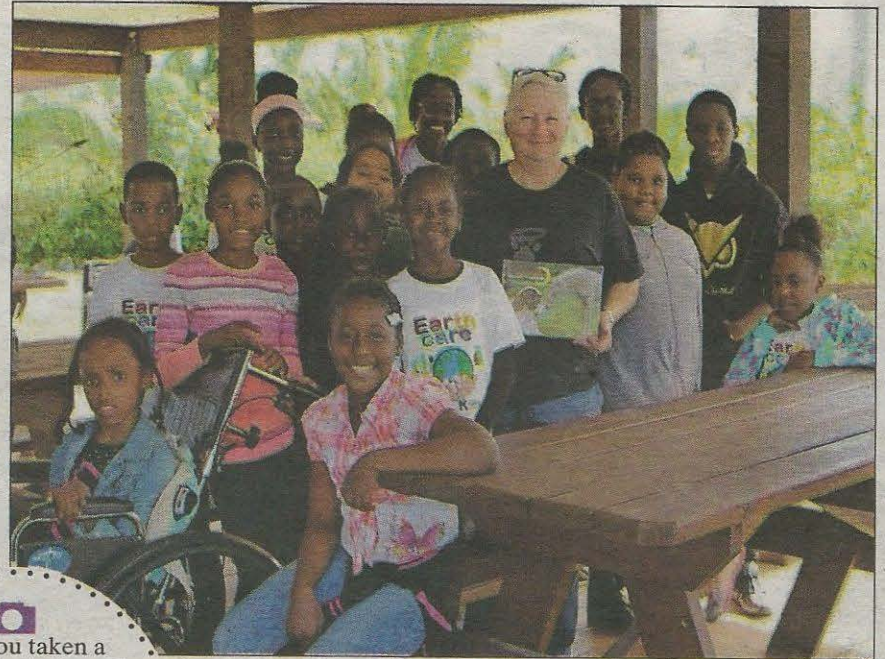
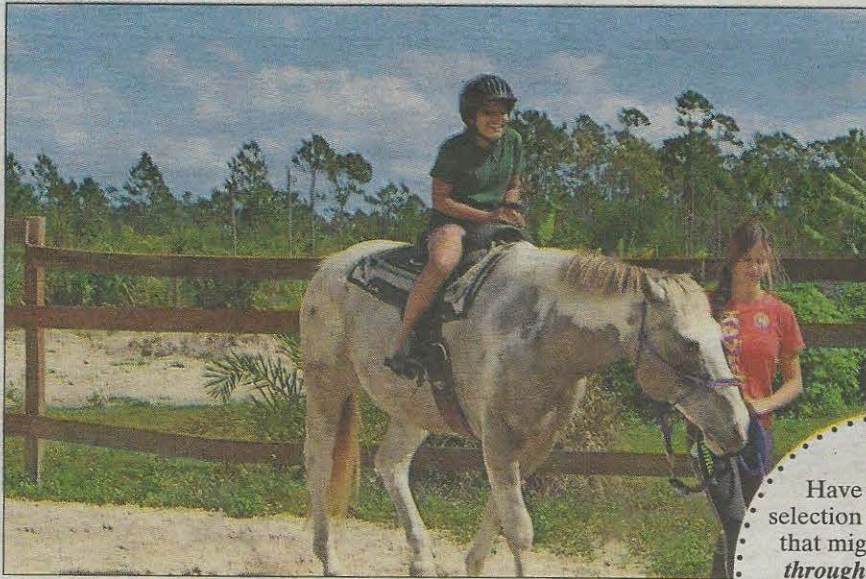
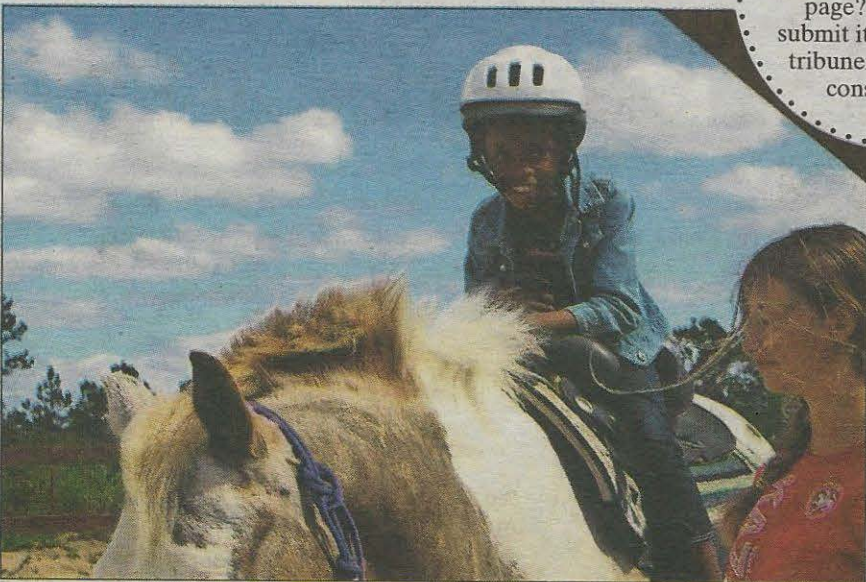


life through a lens

The farm life



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The humane treatment of animals and the Ol' Freetown Farm were the topic for the EARTHCARE Eco Kids' Saturday environmental education programme last weekend.

Gail Woon, founder of EARTHCARE and a director of Save The Bays, said: "Our guest speaker was Tip Burrows of the Humane Society of Grand Bahama.

"The interaction between animals and humans is at the heart of humane education. It is all part of our concern for the well-being of our planet; over

the use and often, abuse, of the animals, plants and natural resources we share the Earth with.

"Why is the humane treatment of animals important? Because they are also intelligent, sentient beings – just like us. They feel happiness, sadness, pain, hunger, thirst – just like us. They have hearts, brains, lungs, etcetera – just like us. Because it's morally and ethically wrong to mistreat, neglect, abuse, torture, tease or otherwise harm another living creature."

The children were taught the humane way to treat animals and how to take care of pets.

Students will also learn about mangroves, pollution, habitat destruction, sustainable fisheries, climate change, invasive species.

Eco Kid Rachelle Manchester said: "I have visited the farm several times before so I expected the same routine, and only went because I love seeing the animals, but I was surprised at how much more I learned."

At the Ol' Freetown Farm, the students learned about the many animals there. Owner George Johnson, a veteran farmer, gave them an educational tour, during which the kids saw the Inagua donkeys and many types

of chickens, turkeys, peacocks, rabbits and guinea pigs.

The students were amazed by the many animals on the farm, including a pot-bellied pig named Patches who was hand-raised as a family pet, and even Abaco boars.

Horseback riding lessons are also available at the farm.

The programme started in October 2016 and runs through April 2017, with the sessions being followed by a related field trip. Students will receive certificates at the completion of the programme.