

FOOD PRODUCTION A PRIORITY

The 2017 edition of Tobago's World Food Day will focus on training and building awareness.

Secretary of Food Production, Forestry, and Fisheries Hayden Spencer said changes are coming to Tobago's celebration of World Food Day in line with the Division's thrust towards food production, and because of a smaller budget. This means there won't be a two-

day exhibition as in previous years.

The theme for World Food Day is "Climate is Changing, Food and Agriculture must too", and the occasion will be marked in Tobago by a series of activities throughout October.

"These efforts will be made to educate our stakeholders, farmers, students and the general public on agriculture," Spencer said at yesterday's (June 19) post

Executive Council media briefing.

"We will conduct workshops, seminars and open days at different agricultural stations that the Division has responsibility for throughout October, with [the aim of boosting] awareness [about the importance of] of farming."

The Division's is educating the public about the benefits of agriculture as it seeks to enhance the island's food production.

CALYPSO ROSE: 'TRAILBLAZER'

The undisputed title of calypso queen, international awards, and a hummingbird medal (gold) in a musical career spanning more than five years. Calypso Rose has it all.

And in her native Tobago, the artiste, Linda McArtha Sandy Lewis, is being hailed as a "trailblazer" for women, and Tobagonians on the whole by Secretary of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour Marslyn Melville-Jack.

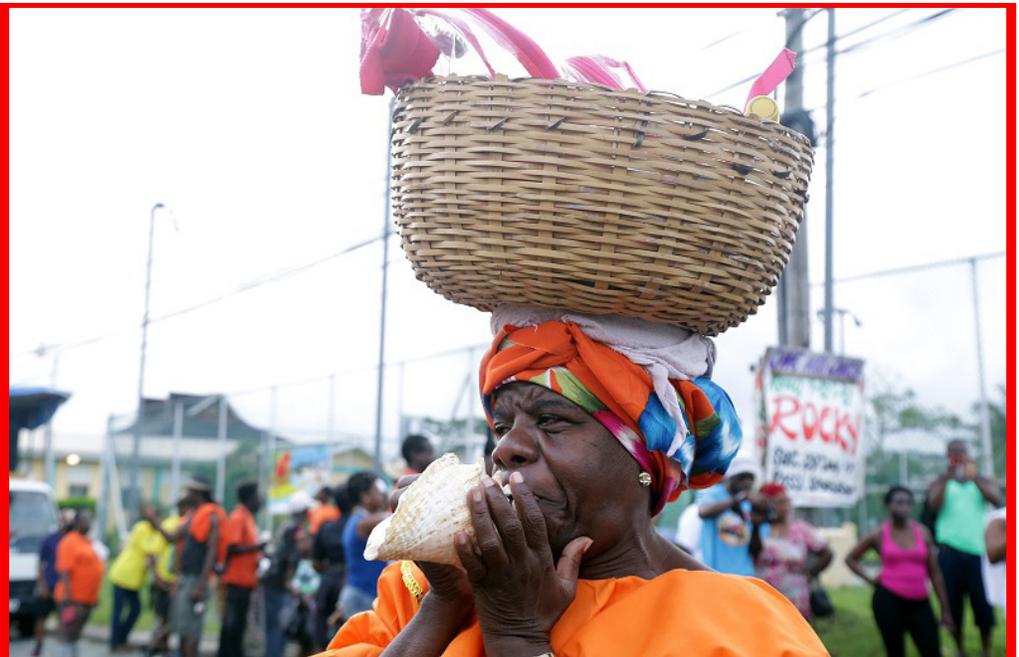
Last week (July 14), a Caribbean Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft was officially commissioned to honour Calypso Rose, now 77.

Melville-Jack said naming the aircraft after the veteran performer "is just like breaking the ceiling for all of Tobago, and all of the women in Tobago".

Minister of Tourism Shamfa Cudjoe said Government will be seeking to leverage the popularity of Calypso Rose for its tourism campaign.

"We are now in discussion with her management team to get on board for our overseas tourism campaign in France for the new fiscal year," Cudjoe said.

"So we're hoping that that comes to fruition and that we can maximise all that we can from this opportunity."



CALL OF THE SEA: This Black Rock resident, known as Petronella, as well as "Babes", blows the conch shell during the morning call to start the Black Rock Sea Festival, which is one of the events of the 2017 Tobago Heritage Festival.

BRINGING ANIMATION TO THE YOUTH

Participants of the "Oceans and Technology: A Sea of Learning" Camp are getting hands-on knowledge in non-traditional areas: robot programming, digital animation and computer coding.

In an interview at the camp earlier today (June 20), animation tutor Danielle Blaize said it's about helping children see the possibilities for their future careers.

"...This camp is different in that it's

bringing the animation to the kids instead of the kids having to come and then find their way to the school," Blaize noted. "It's bringing a little piece of that to them so they can start off their interest, their future career. Just [to] give them that opportunity."

The Oceans and Technology: A Sea of Learning Summer Camp runs until July 31 at the Cove Eco-Industrial Business Park.