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## Santa makes his annual trip to Cherokee Sound Children are delighted with their special gifts

*By Lee Pinder*

It's Christmas Eve. The children are not snuggled in their beds, but sitting wide-eyed with hopeful anticipation in a semi-circle on the grass waiting for Santa to arrive in Cherokee Sound. We are always the first stop on his list, every 24th of December, and the children cannot wait for him to arrive.

The community Christmas tree is exceptionally beautiful this year, decorated with old familiar ornaments, some handmade, lights and lots of tinsel. It is a native pine cut down earlier in the day by a group of Cherokee men and women who were once themselves gathered on the same grass waiting for Santa when they were small children. This same group has made the trek into the pine forest to get a tree year after year, like their fathers before them. This is a Cherokee tradition that has gone on unbroken since the early 1940s, except for one year during WWII, just before the war ended. Our little settlement of Cherokee, off the beaten track, at the end of a peninsular down a long and winding road (accessible only by boat until 1986) and many times excluded from local maps, has many traditions like this one, traditions we



*This year Santa was accompanied by Mrs. Claus in his stop in Cherokee Sound. Arriving in a sleigh, he made more than children happy as he gave out special gifts for some adults as well. Cherokee has kept this Christmas tradition for many years as this is the 65th year that Santa has made his visit to this small settlement. Helping him by reading out names was Hartis Pinder.*

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## South Abaco opens its PLP headquarters



*The Progressive Liberal Party named its candidate for South Abaco at the opening of its constituency office in Marsh Harbour on December 10. Gary Sawyer will carry the banner for the party during the next election to be held in 2012. On Abaco for the occasion were several party leaders shown here. They included Obie Wilchcombe, PLP candidate for West End and Bimini; Bedell Russell, PLP candidate for Central Grand Bahama; Mr. Sawyer; the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, PLP leader; Philip "Brave" Davis, Deputy Leader of the PLP; and Renardo Curry, PLP candidate for North Abaco. See story on page 5.*

## Miss Abaco is a beauty from Moore's Island

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The Miss Abaco Pageant was held at Abaco Beach Resort on December 18, the first such pageant held in many years on Abaco. Amid much anticipation and excitement the winner of the Miss Abaco Pageant was announced - NeVandria Rolle from Moore's Island. The first runner up was Vanessa Cornish while the second runner up was Shandi Lowe.

Other winners were announced. The Miss Fitness Award was presented to Nyisha Tilus, the Best Body Award also went to Nyisha Tilus, Spokes Model Award went to NeVandria Rolle, Miss Popularity Award went to Shandi Lowe, Miss Photogenic Award went to Junata Ance, Miss Congeniality Award went to Shandi Lowe and the Evening Gown Award went to NeVandria Rolle.

Miss Abaco will receive a multitude of prizes. She will travel to China for one month to represent the Ministry of



*NeVandria Rolle was crowned the new Miss Abaco in a ceremony on December 18. She will represent Abaco at a number of national and international events including being the first Bahamian to compete in the Miss Tourism International Pageant.*

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# Santa's visit maintains Cherokee's long tradition



Santa and Mrs. Claus received many hugs from appreciative children who received gifts from them during their visit to Cherokee Sound on Christmas Eve.

so that he could be in the perfect position to capture a photo of the children as they come to collect their gifts. The name of the child is called out by Santa's helper, Hartis Pinder, and his helper, Timothy Pinder. As a native son, Hartis comes back every year to help Santa to keep this tradition alive. One-by-one the gifts disappear from under the tree and cries are heard, "Mommy, can I open my gift?"

Friends are catching up with friends, and everyone is enjoying themselves. With a light breeze, the weather is balmy and pleasant. I mention

our lovely weather just to make our second-home residents sick with envy, letting them know that we are thinking of them and know they will be coming from up North as soon as they can. As I walk through the crowd, I see so many familiar faces and many new ones. I see people from Marsh Harbour, Yellow Wood, Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point, Little Harbour, Bookies Bay, Treasure Cay, Man-O-War, Hope Town, Guana Cay, the U.S., Canada and parts unknown.

After the last gift is given out, a big "Hip, hip, hurrah" is raised for Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they climb onto their sleigh and are whisked away. We get the feeling they do not want to leave us, but they are anxious to begin a very important journey on this very important night of the year.

However, the line has already formed and a lot of people are waiting patient-

ly outside the W.W. Sands Community Center across the street for the doors to open. Dinner is served. There is chicken souse, turkey, ham, stuffing and gravy, potato salad, baked macaroni n' cheese (done only the way Bahamian cooks can do it), cabbage casserole, baked beans, cranberry jelly and a whole table of delicious desserts, sodas and waters. We estimate that well over 200 persons were served that night and I'm sure no one went away hungry.

Cherokee wants to thank Santa for continuing to make Cherokee "First" on his list. We also thank all those who worked so hard to make this event happen. But most of all we want to thank our loyal friends who make each year more memorable than the last. We are so glad you came, and we hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

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are working hard to hold onto. This is one of the reasons people come back here every year because it reminds them of their childhood.

Santa arrives with pomp and circumstance on a motorized and lighted sleigh. This year he brought Mrs. Claus along with him as well as a jolly green Elf to escort him. The children are all agog, children that range in age from six months to 60 years or more. Whispers abound and everyone cheers, "Santa has arrived." He and Mrs. Claus climb down from their gaily decorated sleigh and quickly take their appointed seats at the side of the tree. Around the foot of the tree are hundreds of brightly-wrapped gifts which obviously Santa delivered earlier in the day anticipating his visit to Cherokee.

Sitting in the midst of all the bright-eyed and excited children, is our friend, Dave Ralph. He has secured this prize location

up with friends, and everyone is enjoying themselves. With a light breeze, the weather is balmy and pleasant. I mention

## Progress continues on the new terminal



The construction of the new terminal building at the Marsh Harbour airport continues. Along with the terminal building, the FES Construction company is building a control tower and fire service building on the south side of the runway. The company has improved the road and parking areas so our visitors and residents are not in a constant quagmire. The road leading to Abaco Air and Cherokee Air is now being re-routed and paved. The new terminal is due to be completed late in 2012.

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# Gary Sawyer highlights plans for Abaco

By Timothy Roberts

Despite intentions to close the chapter of his life in front-line politics, Gary Sawyer reconsidered when he was encouraged to run as Progressive Liberal Party candidate for Central and South Abaco by persons of all political persuasions and because of his concern with the direction the country is headed in.

During the official opening of the PLP's Central and South Abaco constituency headquarters on December 10, Mr. Sawyer was joined by fellow party members who addressed the crowd of about 400.

Mr. Sawyer vowed to bring "true representation" to Central and South Abaco, outlining a plan to move the constituency into the 21st Century and ensure that Abaconians get "what is ours." He said that Abaco needs strategic planning for the organized development of our island communities. Additionally, Abaco needs to

review how "we do business with local and foreign entrepreneurs to ensure that Bahamians play a meaningful role."

Mr. Sawyer said that the tax structure relating to imports, exports, second homeowners, utilities and airlift to and from Abaco need to be reviewed and analyzed. And finally Abaco needs the creation and support of education and training initiatives "to address the ability of our youth and adults to fully participate in our economy as well as to



Long time supporter of the PLP, Virginia Russell was chosen to cut the ribbon to officially open the PLP South Abaco office in Marsh Harbour. Behind her is the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie and shown beyond her is Gary Sawyer.

spoke about the downgrades to The Bahamas economic ratings by international groups, adding that the present government's fiscal policies have negatively impacted families across the country.

Party Leader, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, speaking to the excited crowd, said that Bahamians are looking for a party that believes in them, and that the PLP is that party. He told the crowd confidently that the PLP will form the next government of The Bahamas and encouraged Abaconians to be a part of that change. Mr. Christie's echoed the sentiments of Mr. Sawyer, saying that the youth of the country are the future of our nation and they will be encouraged to succeed under a PLP lead government.

Deputy Leader of the PLP, Philip "Brave" Davis, said that the PLP will introduce an aggressive policy to develop the

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Gary Sawyer, PLP candidate for the South Abaco Constituency, is surrounded by supporters.

prevent the increase of unemployment and crime" in the communities. "We must ensure an even playing field for Bahamians in the local workplace," he said.

Mr. Sawyer will bring a plan to the people that will include their ideas and their input that will help move Abaco toward the 21st century as he promised that he will be a voice in Parliament for Central and South Abaco.

Mr. Sawyer remind-

ed the audience that during the PLP's last administration, it was responsible for the creation of over 500 jobs on Abaco through the signing of deals with Baker's Bay and Wind-ing Bay (The Abaco Club). Mr. Sawyer said the PLP has a proven track record. He added that he knows the people of Abaco will make the right choice and "every little thing will be alright!"

Mr. Sawyer, as well as other speakers,



Gary Sawyer and Party Leader Perry Christie assured the crowd at the opening of the party headquarters in Marsh Harbour that they will bring changes if they win the election later this year.

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# Moore's Island beauty wins Miss Abaco Beauty Pageant

## Pageant

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Tourism to compete in Miss Tourism International. Miss Abaco will be the first female from The Bahamas to take part in this pageant. Additionally, she will compete in the Miss Bahamas Pageant 2012. Some of her prizes include a \$4000 scholarship to The College of the Bahamas, \$1000 cash prize, make-up packet, luggage set, one year gym membership, laptop, digital camera, Blackberry, one year nail care, \$5000 photo shoot and a travel wardrobe. NeVandria is a 17-year-old freshman at the College of the Bahamas and the daughter of Ruthamae Rolle of Moore's Island.

Shandi Lowe will travel to Asia next year to compete in the Queen International Pageant and Vanessa Cornish will compete in Miss Earth Bahamas 2012.



Beautiful NeVandria Rolle from Moore's Island is the new Miss Abaco.

The theme for the pageant was *Island Gems* and the young ladies were adorned in colors that depicted their various stones. Ju-

nata Ance, Miss Tanzanite, was sponsored by Abaco Shopping Center. Rayvonne Campbell, Miss Topaz, was sponsored by Mi Bonita Familia. Vanessa Cornish, Miss Sapphire, was sponsored by North Abaco Power Boat Race. Mary-Anda Fenelon, Miss Pearl, was sponsored by Faces by Empress. Chandi Lowe, Miss Emerald, was sponsored by Snappas. NeVandria Rolle, Miss Turquoise, was sponsored by CelePay. And finally, Nyisha Tilus, Miss Opal, was sponsored by Infinity No Limit. The ladies dazzled the audience with their display of beauty and talent in the poise and on stage interview events, evening gown competition and swimsuit parade.

In preparation for this event, the seven contestants took part in the swimsuit competition on December 11 when Miss Pearl, 16-year-old Mary Anda Fenelon, was

named Miss Top Model. She won this title and sash because she had the best walk at the swimsuit competition. She will travel to Germany next year to compete to become the top model. She received her sash and trophy final pageant event on December 18.

On December 16 a float parade was held at which time the contestants paraded through the streets of Central Abaco in an effort to let the Abaco community know who they were with hopes of seeking their votes and support at the pageant on the following night.

The hostess for the event was Shelly Austin and the MC was Perez Clarke from Nassau. The audience was entertained by the dance group Snap Back and well as music and interludes by Mr. Clarke and Ms. Austin. The main sponsor of this event was U Dazzle Me Boutique of Nassau. The judges were Shannals Johnson, Shantel Sands, Cecil Simon, Lisa Scott and Dominique Rolle

Tjay Stubbs, President of Abaco Pageantry Systems, announced that the pageant organizers have adopted Central Abaco Primary School and they plan to build a computer lab for the school over the next three years. Mr. Stubbs presented Neulesa Major with the Guardian Angel Award stating that she made sure that all the pageant events ran smoothly. He named her the Director of Pageantry Affairs. He presented Rayvonne Campbell with the Director's Award which was won by the girl who had the greatest transformation from start to finish.

A reception was held after the pageant for the VIP ticket holders and contestants at Pelican Beach Villas.



Seven beautiful girls competed in the Miss Abaco Pageant. A series of events and competitions led up the culminating Pageant held at Abaco Beach Resort on December 18. They are Junata Ance, Vanessa Cornish, Mary-Anda Fenelus, Chandi Lowe, Rayvonne Campbell, NeVandria Rolle and Nyisha Tilus.




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# BTC hosts Appreciation Party for corporate customers

By Timothy Roberts

Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) held a cocktail party for its corporate clients on December 14 to show appreciation of its customers and thank them for their patience.

The event was attended by Geoff Houston, Chief Executive Officer of BTC, along with other executive members of the company who mingled and conversed with local business men and women.

Responding to being asked when 4G will be available on Abaco, Mr. Houston said that we can look forward to the next generation cellular service to be ready by June 2012 at the latest. He indicated that an announcement with a clearer time frame will be made in January. Abaco

can look forward to an upgrade in the internet speed and other services.

Mr. Houston said the evening's event was to show the company's thanks to its customers for doing business with BTC.

As persons arrived they were asked to write their name on a piece of paper and place it in a basket in order for them to draw names for prizes. Prizes awarded included Nokia and Blackberry Cell Phones and two round-trip tickets on Bahamas Air.

Customers were treated to an open bar and finger foods while Brown Tip provided the night's entertainment. The customers enjoyed the evening mingling and engaging in casual talk with BTC executives and friends.



Geoff Houston, center, CEO of the Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation, hosted an appreciation party for corporate customers at Abaco Beach Resort on December 14. He is shown here speaking with Terah Swain, Area Vice President of BCPOU, and Tellis Symonette, BTC Senior Vice President, Commercial and Family Islands.



A number of top executives of BTC were present at the appreciation party. Shown are Arlene Clarke, Senior Manager on Abaco, Tellis Symonette, and Antonio Stubbs, Senior Vice President of Technical Services. Mr. Symonette is well known on Abaco as he is a past senior manager for Abaco.

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# The Editor Says . . . Our history portends a good future



Kathleen and I arrived separately on Abaco 52 years ago. I was working for Owens Illinois, the company cutting pulpwood on Grand Bahama. The company sent me from its Riding Point operation on Grand Bahama to Abaco in October 1959 to handle the growing payroll as wood cutters and their families were being transferred to Abaco from the Grand Bahama operation. Kathleen had been teaching in Freeport, at that time just a construction camp. She was hired by Owens Illinois to open a school for the children of the supervisory staff who would be returning to schools in the States. She arrived on Abaco on January 1, 1960.

It is strange that we both lived and worked 40 miles apart for more than a year on Grand Bahama without meeting each other. Our subsequent years together on Abaco have witnessed significant changes to Abaco and its society.

The Snake Cay dock was the hub of the pulpwood activity. Although now showing its age, the dock is still used occasionally by various freight operators. In December 1959 the renovated steamboat Robert Fulton was towed from Riding Point to Snake Cay. It arrived with a huge grocery store bringing a wide variety of meats, produce and dairy products that had been basically unavailable in local shops. Milk and ice cream were now available on Abaco.

The Owens Illinois project was a highly visible component to Abaco's growth with the grocery store, bulldozers opening the island with new roads and trucks with tandem trailers of pulpwood on the highway. For the first time Abaco had an industry that could provide steady year-round employment. The new roads allowed people to move around the island easily. Up until that time each town was isolated.

The pulpwood operation left Abaco in 1966 and moved to cut the pine forest on Andros. However, the company's investment in roads, dock and housing remained on Abaco and was used to support a sugar mill with 20,000 acres of sugarcane fields. Sugar was produced, but world sugar prices plummeted from 20 cents to 2 cents per pound. Coupled with the loss of a U.S.

sugar quota and other factors, the mill was closed in 1970. That cleared acreage is now the foundation for an expanding agricultural sector.

The wood-cutting operation overshadowed J.B. Crockett and his 2,000-acre farm which began in the mid 1950s. His farm was the first major project to expand Abaco's economy. Since then agriculture has played an important part in Abaco's growth with farms, large and small, succeeding and failing. It looks as though agriculture is about to boom again.

That closure of the sugar mill was a severe blow to Abaco's economy. However, several projects paved the way for a more diversified economy. The Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports both opened in 1958 or 1959, providing easier access for tourists to arrive. Several small resorts opened during these early years.

The New Plymouth Inn with four rooms on Green Turtle Cay and New Hope on Elbow Cay opened in 1954 within weeks of each other. A yachtel opened in Guana Cay in 1957, later to become the Guana Harbour Club. The Hope Town Harbour Lodge opened its doors in 1959. These were all quite small. In 1960 the Great Abaco Club opened with 20 rooms, followed by the Treasure Cay Hotel in 1961. Unfortunately, the Treasure Cay Hotel burned down shortly before it was scheduled to open.

Visitor traffic was initially slow but slowly increased as more accommodations appeared and air service expanded. Boating, fishing, beaches and quaint island settlements were all natural draws for our visitors. From our perspective, tourism arrivals began to increase steadily in the 1970s, helping to pick up the slack to the

economy from the closing of the sugar mill.

Our waterways and maritime settlements have consistently appealed to our expanding second homeowner population who can be viewed as seasonal tourists. Their presence has proved to be good socially and economically. Government has recently, but reluctantly, acknowledged their contributions to our economy.

Tourism is now the main engine driving our economy. Commercial fishing plays a significant role but is a relatively silent industry without the visible elements generated by tourism.

The 2000 national census showed that Abaco's population had grown by 32 per cent during the previous ten years. Growth for the period ending in 2010 was lower at a 22 per cent increase for a total population of slightly over 16,000. This figure does not include real or estimated figures for illegal persons here. This steady growth has been a challenge for government to provide the necessary schools, roads, electricity, water, communications and other services.

Abaco's growth, with a heavy second homeowner and rental house component, has proved to be a solid model with no single development controlling the economy. The failure of any hotel or resort would be tragic but Abaco's economy would march on.

Looking at the present and near future, government is making infrastructure improvements to serve us in the coming years. The government administration building should be occupied this spring. The new airport terminal and control tower in Marsh Harbour should be functional by the end of 2012. The new highway from the airport to the administration building will be in service in a few more months. BEC has a new plant at Wilson City that

could provide double the power that Abaco needs at this time. If problems can be resolved that cause our constant outages, we have the potential of having steady electricity.

Central Abaco is told to expect the following improvements by government in 2012: extensive road resurfacing, piped water into Sweeting's Village, possible construction of a small hospital and possibly the construction of a shore road on Marsh Harbour's east side.

Cooper's Town should see progress on a port being developed north of town. An open bridge replacing the causeway to Little Abaco may get underway soon. This will rejuvenate a large fish nursery on the south-side marles.

Abaco has experienced remarkable development in the past 50 years. It has gone from basically being a subsistence economy to a thriving one with residents enjoying a very high standard of living. History is a good indicator of the future. Abaco can expect that the next 50 years will be amazing. Present developments are expanding, large scale farming is underway and new developers are in a holding pattern, just waiting for economic conditions to improve. The Marsh Harbour airport, already the country's second busiest, can be expected to see larger aircraft using this facility bringing more visitors.

Although Grand Bahama has about three times the population of Abaco, we are told that Abaco is a larger contributor to the Treasury than Grand Bahama. Compared to the rest of The Bahamas in these challenging economic times, we have a vibrant economy and a bright future.

In summary - Abaco is an amazing island.

## In my humble opinion

### Adult-proof Packaging

By Stephanie Humblestone

"Did Mum leave?" I heard my daughter ask her husband.

"She was here a minute ago," he replied.

"I'm down here on the kitchen floor," I shouted.

I heard the pad of footsteps from the direction of the sitting room and looked up to see the couple gazing down at me.

"Mum, what on earth are you doing?"

I slid a little closer to the sink on my belly.

"I'm trying to open this cupboard. There seems to be something wedged in the top."

I pointed to a slither through which I was trying to reach the offending object.

Contorting my body into a position never before assumed and never to be repeated, I panted. "Almost got it!"

"Mum?"

"Yes?"

"Move aside, please."

She leaned over me, inserted her finger in the top of the cupboard and pressed down on a small piece of plastic. The door flew open.

"It's a child-proof lock," she said.

"Isn't it a bit premature?" I questioned. "I mean, Tyler's only three weeks old. I know they grow up fast but..."

"The child locks were here when we moved in," she replied.

"That's handy," I said, "and I can attest that they are not only child but adult proof. In fact, so many things are today."

I clambered to my feet, feeling six inches high and embarked on a lengthy discourse about how unwrapping consumer and household items is becoming increasingly difficult, and how frustrating it is at times.

She listened dutifully.

"There's actually a syndrome called 'wrap rage'," I informed her.

"There's a syndrome for everything today," she said. "Maybe if you cleaned your glasses, Mum."

"Nothing to do with my eyesight or my age," I protested. "It's machine hard, no nigh impossible to open some packaging, all that clamshell stuff, vacuum-sealed shrinkwrap and metal-bound twist ties."

"You're really on a roll," she said.

"Not done by humans and not meant to be undone by them. The other day I carried a jar of marinara sauce out into the street in Hope Town and asked the first guy I saw if he could open it for me," I said.

She laughed.

"I suppose that's the beauty of island life," she said. "There aren't many places you could do that."

"Too true," I said.

"Was he a local?" she enquired

"No, never set eyes on the man in my life, but he obliged. In fact, he was very sympathetic to the fact that I had tried everything from running it under warm water to jamming it in the door."

"Were you embarrassed?" she asked.

"No, not at all. I had to ask someone. Otherwise dinner would have been delayed by an hour."

"I suppose when he freed the lid, he said that you must have loosened it."

I smiled.

"Actually, he said those exact words."

"Sparing your ego," she commented.

"If my 'ego' rests on whether or not I can open objects which are too tightly wound in the first place, then perhaps I am, too. Fortunately, it doesn't," I asserted.

I heard a little chuckle from my son-in-law who had observed the scene with amusement and was enjoying the banter.

"She's your mother!" he mumbled, returning to the sitting room.

I have cupboards in my house, ones I can open! Crammed full of release-defying household and consumer items. I have everything from aspirin bottles with barely decipherable dots which have to be lined up to open to vacuum-packed coffee package which is an upper body workout to access.

The other day I bought a sachet of deep penetrating hair conditioner with which I struggled for what felt to be an eternity in the shower. I probably had soap in my eyes so could not see the tiny, almost non-existent indent. I finally resorted to biting the end, then almost choking on the contents.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Have a nice day!

Dear Editor,  
 "Have A Nice Day" A gift or annoyance?  
 Last Tuesday had been a most frustrating day for me until a checkout woman at Maxwell's reminded me to "Have a nice day." It was something I had forgotten to do since early morning and my day had been filled with frustration. The depth of sincerity in her invitation was of no importance. Her invitation was of considerable value. My response to her was sincere.

"Thank you." I replied and followed with, "I might as well. It is the only day I have." As is the case most of the time confusion showed up on her face, and I continued, "Yesterday is gone and tomorrow isn't here yet." This is the only day we have. Seems foolish and a waste not to enjoy it."

Even though this simple realization has been pounded into my resistant brain by some of the most gifted spiritual teachers of the last century, it is something I still struggle with. I welcome the reminder whenever it comes my way and sometimes my reply at Maxwell's and elsewhere sinks in and helps others to enjoy their days whatever comes, moment by moment.

Bill Durrell

## A visitor thrilled with his bonefish catch

Dear Editor,  
 I caught a very large bonefish on De-



This 10-pound plus bonefish was caught on the oceanside of Abaco by visiting angler David Govus of Ellijay, Georgia, while fishing with guide Maitland Lowe of Hope Town. Mr. Lowe is holding the fish.

ember 1 while fishing with the guide Maitland Lowe of Hope Town. I have bonefished in The Bahamas for 30 years, and this is the largest bonefish that I have ever caught. I thought that perhaps you might want to place this picture in your most excellent paper. Mr. Lowe is a very talented guide.

Regards,  
 David Govus

## Background of Cuffy Memorial Cemetery

Dear Editor,  
 Please allow me a few inches of your newspaper to bring to the residents of Abaco and The Bahamas in general the history of the Cuffy Memorial Cemetery in Marsh Harbour. Some people on Abaco and local government have made efforts to nullify and deny with impunity the history, heritage and legacy and integrity of a very real person, Henry Cuffy Johnson. Cuffy's daughter, Grace, married Joshua Archer, youngest son and child of Thomas and Nogie Archer.

Cuffy worked in Man-O-War Cay and when his son died there he was not allowed to bury him there. So, with grieving heart but with strength and courage, he brought the decaying remains of his son home and buried him on his property, then generously allowed the Archers and other residents to be buried on his property. White and black people have been buried there. They knew the story and shared in the generous spirit of Cuffy Johnson and this historical plot.

Now people of recent history in and to Marsh Harbour who do not know or care to know about the history assert that they have a right to be buried in the graveyard and choose their spot even though it may have been the grave of another person. This, despite the fact that the government has in recent time allotted five acres of land in Central Pines as a graveyard. Local government needs to insist that that particu-

lar burial ground be used by the public.  
 In 2003 descendants of the Archers and direct descendants of Henry Cuffy Johnson on Abaco formed a committee to give a sense of direction for generational perpetuity for this cemetery so that our loved ones can be buried here. The past is our noble history; the past is our strength. We cannot forget Henry Cuffy Johnson, his integrity, magnanimity, his integrating spirit. This cemetery connects us to the generous spirit of this humble man who gave his property so that others would not be humiliated. Therefore, others who would like to be interred here or others who would like for their loved ones to be buried here must share that same generous spirit and pay a fee. Cuffy did. He gave his property. We treasure the memory of him and his generosity.

Nadene Beneby

## A message in a bottle

Dear Editor,  
 I would like to share my story with the readers of The Abaconian.

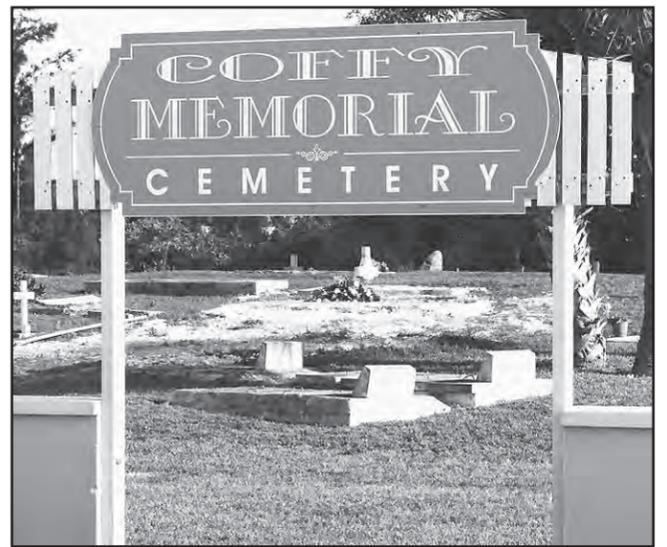
During a recent visit to Abaco Island residing at the Villas at Palmetto Beach, Turtle Rocks, there was a "message in a bottle" that washed ashore on October 29 along with lots of seaweed.

How exciting is that? Upon breaking the bottle to free the large laminated message, we

began to read it. The message was not dated, and I felt the person who launched the message was a young boy.

When I returned to the United States several avenues of communication were tried to find Nathan. A month later, Thanksgiving Day, I gave up hoping Nathan would respond to my Facebook messages. But before I left the house to go to my daughters for our Thanksgiving meal, I checked Facebook one more time. There was a new message on Facebook. It was from Nathan's uncle who was a commercial fisherman of Ogunquit, Maine, at the time. He had encouraged his son and Nathan to each launch a message in a bottle

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# Central Abaco News

## Sand Dollar Shoppe holds Open House

By Bradley Albury

The Sand Dollar Shoppe in Marsh Harbour held its annual holiday Open House on three Fridays leading up to Christmas. On the nights of the 9th and the 16th holiday shoppers visited the shoppe for refreshments, gift-hunting and to socialize with friends. One night featured a visit from the competing Miss Abaco beauty pageant contestants.

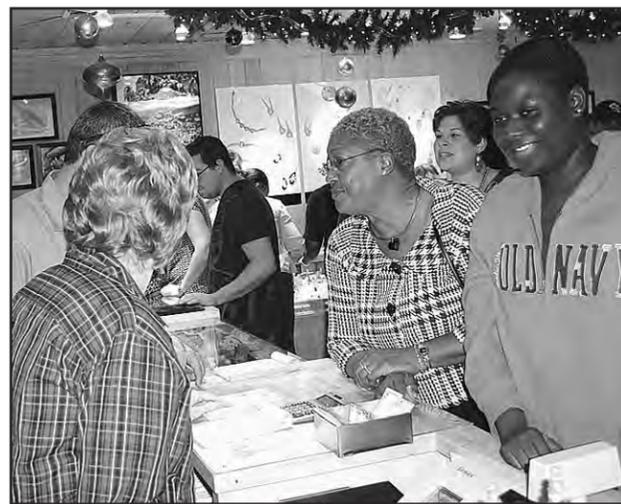
Everyone who purchased an item filled out a raffle ticket. The prizes included two \$500 Maxwell Supermarket gift cards, an iPhone 4 and an iPad 2. The grand prize, which was awarded to one lucky Christmas shopper, was a round trip ticket to

West Palm Beach for two which included a five-night hotel booking and car rental. The drawing for this prize took place on December 23.

When asked how this year's Open House compared to recent seasons, the owners indicated there was a much better turnout in 2011. Retail sales, an important component of Abaco's tourist industry, has been one of the hard hit sectors in the financial downturn. Recovery throughout Abaco and The Bahamas has been uneven and fragile. While one retail boutique having higher sales over a two-week period may not be the trumpeting herald of an economic turnaround, it is a positive sign that things may be on the mend.

The Sand Dollar Shopper's Open House played host to visitors and local alike. With

native Abaconians beginning to open their wallets again in the pursuit of high-end gifts for friends and loved ones, it is tempting to draw conclusions about the state of Abaco's economy. It is important to remember, however, that reaching the financial security Abaco enjoyed prior to the recession will take more effort from all areas of the market and a focus on the future. Lessons from hard times is noth-



Sand Dollar Shoppe employees were kept busy serving customers during its three nights of special shopping. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served on the porch.

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Shoppers had a wide variety of gifts to choose from that the Sand Dollar Shoppe offered during three nights of special sales during December.



The Dundas Town Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony included a service at Grace Baptist Church followed by a dinner reception at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. About 200 enjoyed the dinner.

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Guana Cay



SECLUDED BEACHFRONT

**GUANA CAY #4753**  
**PRINCE'S TRUST** - 2bed/2bath private villa with loft, large wraparound porches, 150ft. of Atlantic frontage, beautifully landscaped grounds. **US\$1,475,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



LARGEST BEACH LOT

**#5987 ORCHID BAY LOT 1** - Largest beachfront lot, 1.55 acres in Orchid Bay. 190 ft of frontage, with 30 ft elevations. **US\$2,700,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



360° VIEWS

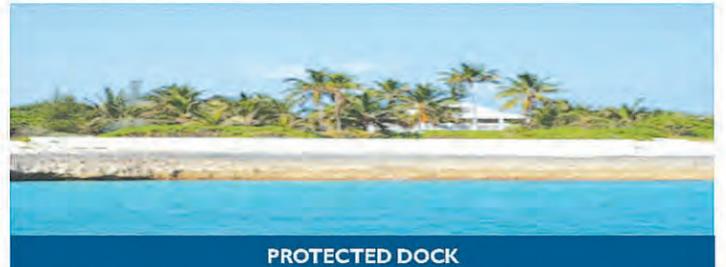
**#5350 ORCHID BAY** - Highest elevation with panoramic views. Luxury 5 bed 4.5 bath on 4 acres. Patio & pool. Excellent rental. **US\$2,250,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

Man-O-War Cay



NEW LISTING

**LANDFALL** - Harbourfront estate with beautiful island style cottages Total 3 bed 2.5 bath. Deepwater dock. **US\$1,700,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



PROTECTED DOCK

**#7030 SEA TO SEA** - HAVE THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS! Impressive 4 bed 3.5 bath home on over 1.3 lush tropical acres, 80 ft dock on the creek. **US\$1,375,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MOTIVATED SELLER

**#6091 ORCHID BAY LOT 2** - 145 feet of Atlantic beach frontage, incredible views from 30ft dune. Motivated Seller! **US\$1,500,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SHORT WALK TO NIPPERS

**#5889 ORCHID BAY LOT 6** 135' of beach frontage on the Atlantic Ocean at the prestigious gated resort community of Orchid Bay Yacht Club. **\$1,675,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



PRIVATE RETREAT

**GUANA CAY #5696**  
**DOLPHIN LOOKOUT** -180 degree views from charming cottage. Private dock w/ deep water access on the Sea of Abaco. **US\$595,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW LISTING

**TROGLODYTE** - 1.01 acres sea to sea at Cave Hill. 1 bed 1 bath cottage. 80 ft dock with boat lift. **US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



CLASSIC COTTAGE

**#5064 ANNE BONNY - WATERFRONT** - Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected harbour frontage. New dock. **US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MOVE-IN READY

**#5911 FOREVER SUMMER** - 3 bed 2 bath home on elevated lot, fully fenced, standby generator. **US\$320,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW PRICE

**#5773 LOW OVERHEAD - HARBOUR VIEWS** - Renovated 1 bedroom 1 bathroom with bunkroom, furnished and move-in ready. **US\$215,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

Winding Bay



GREAT RENTAL

**#5351 WATERFRONT - ORCHID BAY** - 5 bed 4 bath home. Access to pool, tennis & beach. Fishing, snorkeling off private 65' dock. **US\$1,550,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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NEW LISTING

**#3816 WARD'S LANDING** Charming 2 storey apartment complex two steps from the harbourfront. Great rental history. **US\$650,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW LISTING

**#7019 COTTAGES 44 & 45** - Unobstructed views of the Atlantic with all the amenities of the Abaco Club. **US\$2,000,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



BEST DEAL IN WINDING BAY

**#5701 HOPE COTTAGE** - 4 bed 4 bath home in Ritz Carlton's Winding Bay with every imaginable option included. **US\$1,800,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



ELEVATED BEACHFRONT

**#7122 PRINCE'S TRUST LOT** 75 ft of beach frontage & an elevated building site. Excellent opportunity for investment, or to build a private beach getaway. Close to Nippers. **US\$375,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW PRICE

**#5821 LOT ORCHID BAY - LOT C10** This 14,574 sq.ft. lot is the largest available cottage lot close to all resort amenities. **US\$300,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WATERFRONT

**#5821 ORCHID BAY - LOT C8** 10,303 sq. ft. lot just steps away from the marina restaurant, pool, and tennis court. **US\$299,900.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



STUNNING BEACHFRONT

**#5235 THE ABACO CLUB LOT #30** Great dune elevation, 1.6 acres. Close to Buster's Beach Bar & all amenities. **US\$1,300,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



BEST PRICED BEACHFRONT

**#5235A THE ABACO CLUB LOT #32** - Best priced beachfront estate lot available. Over 1.5 acres. **US\$1,100,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

PROPERTIES & ACREAGE

GUANA CAY

- #5987 Orchid Bay Lot 1 - Best beach on the island. Largest beachfront lot in Orchid Bay, 1.55 acres., US\$2,700,000. Chris Albury
- #6091 Orchid Bay Lot 2 - 145 ft of white sandy beach, incredible views from 30 ft dunes. 1.15 acres. Seller is very motivated. Chris Albury
- #5889 Orchid Bay Lot 6 - 135' of beach frontage on the Atlantic Ocean at gated resort community. \$1,675,000. Chris Albury
- #5821 Orchid Bay Cottage Lot 8 - 10,303 sq. ft. lot just steps away from the marina restaurant, pool, and tennis court. Chris Albury
- Orchid Bay Cottage Lot 10 - This 14,574 sq.ft. lot is the largest available cottage lot close to all resort amenities. US\$300,000. Chris Albury
- Crawl Bight - 7.3 acre sea to sea estate. 1 bed 1 bath cottage off the grid. Chris Albury
- #7125 Prince's Trust Lot - 75 ft of frontage, great elevation. \$375,000. Chris Albury
- #5237 Paradise Cove - Delia Bay 7,533 sq. ft. naturally elevated lot with dock plans included. US\$165,000. Kerry Sullivan
- #5121 Lot 32/32a 90 ft on water over looking the Sea of Abaco \$500,000. Jane Patterson
- #5120 Lot 26 - Great Value 22,000 sq ft corner lot over looking the bay. \$250,000. Jane Patterson

MAINLAND

- #4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES Lot 43 Good residential area. \$30,000. Bill Albury
- #6088 BAHAMA PALM SHORES -Lot 29 Section 1, Block F, Lot 29. Large lot. \$62,000. Leslie Pinder
- #4632 MARSH HARBOUR High Rocks waterfront lot. High elevation, views. \$599k. Bill Albury
- #7011 MARSH HARBOUR - NEW LISTING - High Rocks - 2 acres. \$1,250,000. Leslie Pinder
- #7086 MARSH HARBOUR -Royal Harbour canal front lot 3 with dockage. \$525,000. Bill Albury
- #5899 82 ft. of Waterfront - Grape Tree Lot, North Abaco. 17,645 sf. US\$100,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5951 Waterfront at Calcutta - Sea of Abaco Views. Boatyard nearby. \$150,000. Kristi Wong
- #5990 Fire Road - NEW LISTING - 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. \$368,500. Kristi Wong
- #6022 Baine's Property - Little Harbour. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$195,000. Bill Albury
- #7063 Turtle Rocks -18,000 sq.ft with beach access. Fantastic homesite. \$65,000. Kristi Wong
- #6085 REGATTAS #306 - Views of swimming pool & tennis courts. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder
- #6086 REGATTAS #401 -Mins from world class recreational boating facilities. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder

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**Marsh Harbour**

**Treasure Cay & Green Turtle Cay**



**NEW PRICE**

**#5233 ST. CHARLES PLACE - SUNRISE BAY** Stunning 4 bed 4 bath home with direct beach access and private dock slip. **US\$2,200,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**PROTECTED HARBOUR**

**#5155 WATERFRONT - HIDEAWAY** Sea to sea, 150' dock & boat lift. Main house with 1 1/2 bed 1 1/2 bath, guest quarters with 2 bed 2 bath. **US\$1,795,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#2875 CANALFRONT** 5 bed 4 bath plus office pristine 5,500 sq. ft. family home with 100' dock with elec. & H2O. **US\$1,699,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**BEACHFRONT**

**#5321 AVALON** 3 bed, 2 bath 2,500 sq. ft. beachfront home with detached garage. Beautiful & private court yard & patios. Furnished. **US\$1,650,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#5878 SEA SHELLS** - 3 bed 2 bath home with exceptional privacy on Windward Beach. Spectacular sunrise & beach views from covered patio. **US\$998,500.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**PRIME COMMERCIAL**

**#6019 IGGY BIGGY PROPERTY - BUILDINGS ONLY** 3 storefronts & 2 apartments centrally located. Great income potential. **US\$1,450,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW LISTING**

**#6076 BATAVIA - PELICAN SHORES**-3b/3b overlooking harbour. Deep water dock & dock house. **US\$1,400,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



**BOATER'S TREASURE**

**#4969 CANALFRONT HOME** - Fully furnished 3b/ 3b on 2 lots with 180 ft. on the canal. Fully serviced 110 ft. dock. **Perfectly Priced at: US\$1,275,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**CANALFRONT HOMES**

**#5962/5690 BLUEFIN** - 3b/2b 1,100 sq.ft. with private dock & detached garage. **\$880,000.** **YELLOWFIN** 3b/2b, 10,000 sq.ft. with dock. **\$1,250,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#5119 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB - #2004** 5 bed, 4 bath, Spacious luxurious condominium of about 2,700 sq. ft. is yours turn-key. **US\$ 1,195,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#4989 WATERFRONT** - New 4b/3b home with dockage. Gorgeous pool with sea views. Guest Cottage. **US\$1,100,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#7026 CHATTERBOX - PELICAN SHORES** -2 bed 2.5 bath. Panoramic view of Fanny Bay. Cabana with summer kitchen. **\$ 1,000,000.** Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



**CANALFRONT**

**#6064 COCONUT COTTAGE C** - 3 bed 2.5 bath home. Speciality finishes abound in a perfect setting. Boat slip with lift, shared pool & grill area. **US\$949,995.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**PRIVATE WATERFRONT**

**#3877 ROCK POINT LANDING** 3 bed 3 bath situated at the entrances to both Treasure Cay and also Gun Powder Creek. **\$940,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW LISTING**

**#5448 PINEAPPLE POINT #5** - Canal front furnished 2b 2 b ground floor unit. Pool, dock slip with electrical & water; storage. Vacation home & for rental potential. **US\$ 695,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**CANAL FRONT DEAL!**

**#5918 LEA-SING - GREAT ABACO CLUB** 2,200 +/- sq.ft, 3 bed 4.5 bath includes bonus boathouse room below. Secure dockage with boat lift. **\$995,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**SEA OF ABACO VIEWS**

**#6096 LOWE'S RETREAT** - 3b/3b & 2b/2b apartment. Over 3,000 sq. ft. total. Swimming pool w/ large deck Standby generator, utility room, toolshed. **\$950,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com



**MOTIVATED SELLER**

**#2516 SEA VIEWS - CROSSWINDS** - Best price in neighbourhood, 2,800 sq.ft. 4 bed/3 bath home. Large lot. Backup generator **US\$ 585,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**UNBELIEVABLE PRICE**

**#5118 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB 2008** - 3bed/2bath 2nd storey furnished Condo with fantastic views of Treasure Cay beach & ocean. Great price. It won't last long. **\$530,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**STUNNING VIEWS**

**#5402 ATLANTIS 2207 - CANAL FRONT CONDOMINIUM** Two storey comfortable 2 bed 2 bath with dock and garage. Pool. Great views. **\$450,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW PRICE**

**#5989 MATTHEW'S POINT** - 26 acre, 1,247 linear feet of frontage a 10 minute drive from Marsh Harbour. **\$600,000.** Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW LISTING**

**NEAR MARSH HARBOUR #5976 TURTLE'S REST** Canal front home w/ private dock in Leisure Lee, 3 beds, 2 bath plus 2 lofts. furnished. **US\$695,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**NEW LISTING**

**#6038 VILLA FARNIENTE** Newly constructed 4 bed, 4.5 bath. 2 story pod home w/ fantastic views. Total area of 5,605 s.f. on 28,750 sf lot. **US\$2,750,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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**#3208 TURTLE'S NEST** - 2.7 acres with 2 bed 2.5 bath 3 storey main home, 2 bed 2 bath cottage, deep water dockage, pool, high elevations. **\$2,350,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**GORGEOUS COTTAGE**

**#3208C TURTLE'S LANDING** 2 Bed 2 Bath furnished cottage on protected harbourfront. Like new. 100 foot dock permit current. **\$877,500.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com

**PROPERTIES & ACREAGE**

**TREASURE CAY**

- #4803 MARINA ENTRANCE Choice canalfront Lot. \$270,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5601 OCEAN BLVD. Lot 82, Block 2. 10,560 sq. ft. \$55,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5402 ATLANTIS 2207 - Two storey 2b/2b with deck, pool, & garage. \$ 450,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5114 BEACH TOWNHOUSE - Steps to beach. End Unit. \$349,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5888 Lot 6 Block 198 - Protected canal with great views. \$242,500. Stan Sawyer
- #5898 ROYAL PALM 2437 - Canalfront with dock slip included. \$540,000. Stan Sawyer
- #3897 PAPI'S PALACE - Beachfront new furnished 3b 2b 2 storey. \$795,000. Stan Sawyer
- BAHAMA BEACH CLUB - Hot Deals. Luxurious resort amenities. Stan Sawyer

**South Abaco**



**NEW ISLAND COMMUNITY**

**SCHOONER BAY #5671 WATERFRONT LOT - HARBOUR ISLAND** 52 ft. on harbour facing Schooner Bay Village. Developer will design build home. Enjoy a seaside golf cart community. **\$160,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



**DESIRABLE LIVING**

**SOUTHABACO #6087 SANDY BEACH HIDEAWAYS** - 4 bed 2 bath waterfront home. 20 minute drive from Marsh Harbour: Relax on the large patio overlooking the beach. **\$750,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com

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ing new to Bahamians. But for the Sand Dollar Shoppe and the recipients of their prizes and gifts, it was a merry Christmas.

## Abaco Hardware holds Appreciation Day

By Samantha V. Evans

Every year Abaco Ace Hardware hosts an annual Customer Appreciation Day to say thank you to the community for its patronage over the year. During this time the store offered a store-wide sale with increased discounts on December 17, the day of the Customer Appreciation event. The sale extended to all areas of the store except the lumber yard.

Refreshments were served including meatballs, wings, sandwiches, fruit and



Abaco Hardware held its Customer Appreciation Day by offering discounted prices on its merchandise and substantial snacks on December 17. Shown is Carol Lowe serving customers.

mini hot dogs. Persons spending \$100 or more were entered to win one of three prizes: a GE washer, a gas grill, and a De-walt table saw. From the beginning of the day to the conclusion of the event persons came in to take advantage of the bargains. The raffle was drawn on Christmas Eve at the store.

## Dundas Town holds Tree Lighting ceremony

By Samantha V. Evans

On December 8 the Dundas Town Tree Lighting Service was held at Grace Baptist Church in Dundas Town.

The Christmas tree was lit by Pastor Lennis Cornish and Bishop Clifford Henfield, who are the two longest serving pastors living in the community. They will be celebrated in 2012 by the Committee for the

foundational work they did towards the development of the community and the building of ministry.

During the service Town Committee Chairman Faron Newbold gave an overview of what the Committee has done since it was sworn in as members. He spoke about the Committee's plan for the New Year to begin the work on the Cultural Center at Ocean View Park. Although the economy is somewhat stagnant, he asked everyone to pray that it will be short lived and that crime ceases.

Administrator Cephas Cooper stated that Christmas is a wonderful time and one of his favorite times of the year. It brings families and communities together, people give and receive gifts, Junkanoo is held and

many other fun activities are organized. But he stressed that Jesus is the reason for the season. Christmas is also the time of renewal. This is a time of new beginnings in spite of sins and past challenges.

He added that Christmas time is a reminder that we all can start again. He hopes that everyone will experience this time of renewal and refreshing. He encouraged persons not to let the buzzing election season cause them to forget that we are brothers and sister; we are all Bahamians.

After praise and worship led by the praise team of the host church, Pastor Shawn Robbins, spoke about the best gift ever given which is the gift of Jesus Christ

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A variety of locally made jams, sauces, drinks and baked goods as well as farm produce were offered at da Market held at the Bahamas National Trust office in Marsh Harbour. Although winter produce was limited, many gift items were available. Selling here are Schemell Weech and Lauren Riviere.

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on Christmas morning. He told the youth that just as God used Mary to be the mother of Christ, God can use them, too. He challenged Abaconians to not let the world celebrate Christmas more than the church does. Everywhere there are parties or celebrations but he stated that it is time for this to change. They must take pride in this gift and receive it as it is needed to move from time to eternity.

A reception followed at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall where a scrumptious meal was prepared for 200 persons. Afterwards, the kids were given goodie bags and enjoyed the bouncing castle.

## BNT celebrates the season at Da Market

*By Canishka Alexander*

Kaderin Mills, Administrator for the Bahamas National Trust's Abaco office in Marsh Harbour, organized the final Da Market for the year on December 17. According to Lynn Gape, BNT's Deputy Executive Director, 14 vendors were present and were anxious to participate in the event again this month.

However, she noted that she would have liked to see more people support the event and described the flow of customers as "slow and steady."

A special holiday refreshment stand

served as a thank you message to its members and supporters. "We're very happy to be doing Da Market and offering people who do homemade jams and jellies, vegan food and conch salad," Mrs. Gape said. "We're very, very happy to be offering them an opportunity to participate in an event like this."

Huel Moss of Fruity Freddie Farms said they did fairly well with packaged items of pepper sauces, barbecue sauces and jams for Christmas gift giving, fever grass iced tea and slices of cheesecakes. He was proud to show off his daughter's display of crafts that she had made while at Abaco Ceramics.

Theresa Haynes of PH & B's Delights Co. Ltd. is always a familiar face among the vendors, and unlike Mrs. Gape, she thought more people came out because of the Christmas season. She added that it was nice to see people visit all of the vendors' booths and that everything had gone well for her.

Also on hand were vendors including Nadeen Beneby and Jennifer and Michael Lightbourn of Lightbourn Family Farm selling vegetables and plants, Angie Lowe with Cause for Paws, Om Grown Greens with Rachael Aberle selling sprouts, Shanishka Bain of Living Well Naturally, Lovely Reckley's Lovely's Island Tings, Billy Gates, Kim Sturrupe, and Edgburt Tinker Jr.

## Secret Gardener awards Best Kept Yard

*Canishka Alexander*

In November the Secret Gardener announced that he would be hosting a com-



Ruth Smith, left, was named winner of the Best Kept Yard competition in Dundas Town by the Secret Gardener. She is being presented with her prize, an orchid plant, by Canishka Alexander.

petition for the Best Kept Yard of Dundas Town. Residents whose homes lined the route from the Marsh Harbour Police Station to Smith's Memorial School were eligible. In an effort to promote the beautification of our surroundings, and by extension our island, the Secret Gardener promised to reward the person chosen as the winner just before the holidays.

On December 20 Ruth Smith was selected as the winner and received an orchard plant as her prize. She was delighted to receive the orchard because it is one of the plants that she loves to grow. The Secret Gardener has been particularly impressed

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Rachel Aberle is now growing and selling sprouts. She is demonstrating grinding them to make nutritious drinks. She is marketing them under the name Om Grown Greens. On the right is her husband, Neil Aberle.

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**TREASURE CAY**

**Houses**

**"Camelot"** # 1234 - Beachfront Estate. New custom designed 4 bed, 4 bath, elegantly furnished Ocean Blvd home, plus 2 bed, 1 bath guest house. Total 7,793 s/f under roof on 1.5 acres with 150' beach frontage, Beachside pool. \$ 8,049,000.

**"Girasole"** # 1551 - Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guest accommodations. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades/extras. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100' + beach frontage. \$4,450,000.

**"Summertime"** # 1550 - Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2 bed, 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air plus 4,100 s/f open & covered patios. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. \$3,995,000.

**Brigantine Bay Canal Home** # 1589 - Newly built 4 bed, 4 bath unfurnished home. 3,150 s/f under air, 4,850 s/f total. Many extras. 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, lay-along & finger docks, boat lift. \$2,995,000.

**"Turtle View"** - # 1778 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 4,088 sq. ft. elegantly furnished home on landscaped 14,000 s/f parcel with 68' frontage on Treasure Cay Beach. \$2,559,000. Package Price option to include Galleon Bay bulkheaded canal lot with dock & garage. \$2,774,000.

**"Tranquility"** # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, tastefully furnished 2 level canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks/balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, Great water views, excellent condition. \$2,200,000.

**Cutwater Way Canal Home** - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. \$1,995,000.

**"Turquoise"** - #1696 - Ocean Blvd 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,127 s/f furnished beach home on oversized 1.561 acre parcel with 170' of sandy Treasure Cay Beach frontage. \$1,899,000.

**"Trident House"** - #317 - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath furnished beachfront home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,500 s/f living space, 2 garages, 16,000 s/f parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous Sea Views \$1,850,000.

**"Windward Palms"** # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Windward Beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof plus 1,600 s/f patios & decks on 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel with 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, superior sea views. \$1,500,000.

**"Kokomo", Brigantine Bay** #1509 - Charming 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 3,000 s/f tastefully furnished canal home. Recently renovated and upgraded. 10,915 s/f parcel with 102' canal frontage, pool, spa, dock & boat lift. 3,000 s/f balcony, pool & patio decks. \$1,399,000.

**"Seascape", Windward Beach** # 1469 - 3 bed, 2 bath 2,050 s/f furnished beach home on spacious 26,125 s/f parcel with 120' sandy beach. \$1,379,000.

**"Rising Sun"** # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 15,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! \$1,310,000.

**"Helen's Point"** - # 1791 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, approx. 1,800 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home on 27,908 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkheaded seawall & dock. \$1,308,000.

**"Harbour's Edge"** - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbourfront Home, sensational panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under air, 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage \$995,000.

**"Dolphin Watch" -Galleon Bay** - # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (including 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). Total 2,800 s/f living space. 18,000 s/f parcel, 74' bulkheaded canal frontage with dock. \$949,000.

**Palm Bay Harbourfront Townhouse** # 2 - #1071 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2 level, 2,077 s/f home. Superior quality major appliances. Exceptional water views. **Owner Financing** \$899,000.

**"Laguna" Delightful Canal Home** # 1875 - 3 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished 1,550 s/f Brigantine Bay home with dock, 16,000 lb boat lift, van, golf cart. \$669,000.

**TREASURE CAY**

**"Carrollville"** #1352 -Near Treasure Cay -3 bed, 2 bath, 2,100 s/f hilltop home on 6 acres from highway to Sea. 165' water frontage. Spectacular sea views. \$595,000.

**Treasure House # 2** - #1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & Treasure Cay Beach views. Just a few steps to beach & pool. \$569,000.

**Treasure House # 11** - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. \$549,995.

**Treasure House # 4** - # 1582 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath fully renovated & tastefully furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Many upgrades. Community pool, well maintained beachfront complex. \$499,950.

**Ocean Villa 916** - #1737- 2 bed, 3 bath "turn-key" 900 s/f furnished villa. Unobstructed sea views, Close to beach. Good vacation rental potential. \$429,995.

**#1898 - "Starfish Cottage" Beach Villa 503A & B** 2 adjoining, self contained, 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential \$369,000.

**#1921 - 3 Marlin Dr.** 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,276 s/f furnished home near beach on 12,800 s/f parcel \$399,000.

**"Toad Hall"** # 1373 - 5 bed/4 bath, 4,000 s/f, 2 level Ocean Blvd. furnished ocean view home includes 1 bed/1 bath apartment on 12,000 s/f parcel. Private beach access. \$399,000.

**Treasure House # 8** - #1697 - Beachside 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f furnished Topsider villa. Community pool, great sea views. \$399,000.

**Beach Villa # 605** - # 1635 - 1 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades. Can be modified for 2nd bedroom. Close to beach. \$375,000.

**Beach Villa 673** - #1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f, Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. \$359,000.

**Beach Villas # 526** - # 1851 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping \$299,950.

**Beach Villa 607** - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f furnished villa near beach, pool, shops & marina \$279,000.

**St. Andrews Estates** # 1500 - 2,387 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished home on 13,000 s/f parcel adjacent to golf course. **MOTIVATED SELLER!** \$229,000.

**Beach Villa 527** - #1852, Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished, near pool/beach, shopping \$199,000.

**Condos**

**Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condo # 2505-Phase 4** # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condo. 2,860 s/f under roof, 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE!** \$1,995,000.

**Bahama Beach Club 2047** - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. \$887,000.

**Bahama Beach Club 2020** - # 1189 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beachfront condo, Stunningly furnished, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. \$872,000.

**Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1** - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. \$855,000.

**Bahama Beach Club # 2005** - # 1370 - 3 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,645 s/f comfortably furnished condo. Awesome sea views from most rooms Overlooks beach and pool. Great vacation residence. \$822,000.

**Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2 & 4** - # 1620 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished 2nd level condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **EACH** \$799,000.

**TREASURE CAY**

**Pineapple Point Resort, Unit 3** - #1700 - Newly built, tastefully furnished 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,100 s/f ground level luxury waterfront condo. Private deep water dock, Fantastic water views, community pool. \$749,000.

**Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 3** - # 1984 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished ground level condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW** \$639,000.

**Bahama Beach Club 2029** - # 755 - 3 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished condo, 1,650 s/f. Golf cart & garage included. Lowest priced condo at BBC. \$549,000.

**Royal Palm Condo # 2424** - # 1399 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo overlooking harbour. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. \$549,000.

**Royal Palm Condo # 2420** - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. \$549,000.

**Royal Palm # 2435** - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views \$549,000.

**Bahama Beach Club # 2035** - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club \$529,000.

**Royal Poinciana # 2511** - # 1480 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,000 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. \$499,000.

**Royal Palm # 2403** - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront condo. Totally renovated & refurbished in 2008. Many upgrades, well maintained, owner occupied. Fantastic marina views. \$499,000.

**Sandollar Condo # 3** - # 1609 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit, Sensational sea views, community pool, Golf course nearby. \$499,000.

**Sand Dollar Condo # 7** - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! \$405,000.

**Atlantis Condo 2109** - # 1990 - turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit. Well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. \$349,000.

**Royal Palm # 2306** # 1941 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f furnished ground level condo overlooking harbour & marina. Includes boat slip & storage unit. Beach nearby. \$299,000.

**Royal Palm # 2311** # 1573 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f furnished ground level condo overlooking harbour & marina. Well maintained, owner occupied (not a rental unit). Includes boat slip & storage unit. \$299,000.

**Atlantis Condo 2117** - # 1744 - turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished unit. Well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. \$295,000.

**Royal Palm # 2304** - # 1472 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f furnished ground floor level condo overlooking marina. Includes boat slip. Rental history. \$279,000.

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums:**

# 1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo. tastefully refurbished. \$599,000.

# 985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 \$249,950.

# 655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view \$249,000.

# 959 - 2 bed, 1 bath furnished 2 level condo overlooking marina, includes garage \$199,000.

# 1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f, 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. \$199,000.

# 1805 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 800 s/f, 2 level harbourside condo, tastefully furnished/decorated, well maintained. \$189,000.

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**TREASURE CAY Vacant Land  
Treasure Cay Beach Parcels**

- Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2** - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Beach Parcel #1842** - Exceptionally oversized 1.26 acre beach lot, 165' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**
- Beach & Canal Lot Package #941** - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**
- Superb Beachfront Parcel #1362** - Treasure Cay Blvd. Level & cleared beach lot, 12,600 s/f, 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sea views. **\$1,275,000.**
- Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd.** # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. Gorgeous beach & sea views. **\$1,195,000.**
- Windward Beach - Beach Parcel #1470** - 23,151 s/f parcel with 101' of stone wall & sandy beach on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available. **\$843,000.**

**Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel**

- Sand Banks Creek Acreage** - #1988 - 24 acres at Treasure Cay entrance, 539' water frontage, 1,060' road frontage, good elevations. Ideal for commercial development. **\$995,000.**

**Treasure Cay Canal Parcels**

- Brigantine Bay - #1662** - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**
- Brigantine Bay - #1559** - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**
- Windward Beach Drive - Beach Parcel #1693** - Oversized 17,000 s/f parcel with 100' powder sand beach frontage & 2 tier sea wall. All utilities available. Suberb sea views. **\$599,000.**
- Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot** - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**
- Galleon Bay** - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$498,500.**
- Brigantine Bay #1598** - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**
- Galleon Bay #422** - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Galleon Bay #1473** - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel, 100'+ of sea-walled protected water frontage. utilities available. Easy access to sea. **\$349,950.**
- Brigantine Bay #1173 & 1174** - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**
- Brigantine Bay #1494** - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
- Brigantine Bay #1622-1632** - A selection of 11 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,673 s/f to 19,068 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 173'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. Listing # 1632 also includes 2 finger docks installed.  
**From \$266,000. to \$753,000.**
- Brigantine Canal #1971** - 7,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage, All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **\$199,000.**

**Treasure Cay Inland Parcels**

- Multi-family Residential Lot** - #1074 - 21,826 s/f parcel zoned "multi-family" near Treasure Cay Beach. Close to shops, restaurants, etc. Ideal for guest villas. **\$499,000.**
- Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**
- Treasure Cay Sea Views Lots 10 & 11.** - #1908 - 2 adjoining inland lots on Windward Beach Drive. Total 21,600 s/f. All utilities available. **EACH \$74,995.**
- Treasure Cay Inland Lot #12, Block 194** - #1954 - 10,980 s/f cleared & level lot - ready for building, all utilities available. Brigantine Bay Views. **\$69,000.**

**GUANA CAY**

- "Ridge Runner"** # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock on 4 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,995,000.**
- Orchid Bay - Beachfront Parcel 25** - #1530 - 1.173 acre Atlantic Ocean lot, 130' sandy beach frontage. Excellent elevations, spectacular ocean views. Orchid Bay amenities include utilities, marina, restaurant, pool, tennis courts, beach pavillion, paved roads. **\$1,499,000.**

- "Summer Dreams"** - # 1814 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2.5 storey ocean view home on 7,408 s/f parcel. 2,000 s/f under air, 2,000 s/f covered porches. Dock slip included. **MOTIVATED SELLER! \$595,000.**

- "Secret Beach"** # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

- Ocean Ridge Estates** - # 594 - 7 ocean & sea view residential lots from 7,686 sq. ft. to 16,740 sq. ft. Underground electrical infrastructure in place, dockage available in Boat Harbour, ocean & sea common community areas. **Lots from \$155,500.**

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

- Beach Front Parcel** # 714 - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' ocean beach frontage. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$325,000.**
- Inland Lot - Near Beach** # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$49,500.**
- Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4** # 1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**
- Inland Lots 11 & 12** - #1661 - 2 adjoining lots, 9,600 s/f each in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **Each \$24,600.**

**CASUARINA POINT**

- "Casuarina Cottage"** # 1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

- "Coco Beach"** #1676 - Newly built 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 level fully furnished beachfront home, 1,700 s/f under air, 1,290 s/f open patios. 0.93 acre parcel with 101' sandy beachfront, plus dock and boat lift. Sensational sea views from virtually every room. **\$999,000.**
- "Turtle's Rock"** - 1833 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath elevated furnished beach home, 1,100 s/f under air, 1,866 s/f under roof, open decks, 0.94 acres, 90' beach. **\$875,000.**
- Beach Home** - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$799,990.**
- Beach Lot** - # 1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

**NORTH ABACO**

- Blackwood Waterfront Parcel** # 1521 - 38,514 s/f parcel, 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available **\$98,500.**
- Boiling Hole Lot 18** - # 1827 - Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 17,472 sq. ft. with 100' hard rock shoreline & magnificent sea views. All utilities available. **\$79,000.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

- Lot "A" - The Bluff** # 1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$491,000.**

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

- #1787 - "Rivendell"** - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f furnished beach cottage on 2 building lots total 41,800 s/f 236' sandy beach frontage & 2 garages. **\$599,000.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

- Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home** - # 1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre+/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**
- "Sea View" - Great Abaco Club** # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$699,000.**
- Commercial Bldg.** #1792 - 6,000 s/f retail & warehouse bldgs on 20,000 s/f parcel in heart of town. 4 tenants, monthly rental income. **\$499,000.**

- "Regattas of Abaco 408"** - #2008 - 3 Bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo. Well maintained, great harbour views. Near to town & beach **\$289,000.**

- Regattas of Abaco #277** - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$184,900.**

**LEISURE LEE**

- #1846 - "Yellowbird"** - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,900 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$550,000.**
- Canalfront Home** #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

- # 1845 - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$275,000.**
- # 602 - Large 15,344 s/f cleared & level lot with 197' of fully seawalled, protected canal frontage. Water installed, other utilities available. **\$269,000.**
- # 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' deep weater canal frontage. Sea views, walk to beach. **\$239,500.**
- # 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$197,500.**
- # 1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **\$199,000.**
- # 1844 - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' cleared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks. **EACH REDUCED TO \$149,000.**
- # 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$89,950.**
- #1902 - Leisure Lee Inland Lot #170** - Sea view parcel with 13,459 s/f - Near Beach **REDUCED TO \$75,000.**
- Ocean View Lot #168** - # 1854 - 9,680 s/f lot close to beach. All utilities available. **\$60,000.**

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with Mrs. Smith because she keeps her yard beautiful year round.

"I enjoy nature, and that's the beauty of God and His love that I try to exhibit every day," Mrs. Smith said. "I just want to thank whoever that secret person is and to just encourage us all to make around us more beautiful. When we do that, we enlighten and bring love and cheer to so many persons."

## PLP candidate for North Abaco gives gifts to kids



Christmas Eve, December 24, was a very active day as many persons could be seen shopping for last minute gifts and groceries to ensure that they had all that was needed to make Christmas Day complete. PLP Candidate for North Abaco Renardo Curry, right, was busy at his headquarters in Dundas Town as he distributed gifts so many kids could receive a gift this Christmas season. He purchased 200 gifts for boys and girls ages 12 and under. Throughout the day parents brought their kids to collect gifts and had a hotdog, sandwich and drink. Some kids even stayed to play outside, watch television and play games on the Internet. Christmas music could be heard playing for miles as Mr. Curry wanted to get residents in the Christmas spirit. Adults were given an official Christmas card from the candidate and his family wishing the constituents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Curry gave gifts in the Fox Town area as well.

## Holistic Medical Center offers gift certificates

By Samantha V. Evans

December is the season for gift giving. It is the time when kids old and young look to receive the latest in toys, gadgets, clothing, and footwear. But one business gave the gift of health and wellness this Christmas. Holistic Family Medical Center offered gift certificates which are good for

one doctor visit. Persons can purchase them individually or in whatever quantity they desire and give them as gifts to their loved ones.

This Holistic Gift Certificate was being offered by Dr. Carnille Farquharson, who is a medical doctor and a Family Medicine Specialist. Parents, grandparents and godparents have all year long to purchase toys for the kids. But since none of us knows when sickness will come upon us, it is good to try something new this year and give this unique gift. To find out more about how this process works, call the Medical Center at 367-1305 or visit the clinic in Dove Plaza in Marsh Harbour.

## Garden Club holds last meeting of year

By Mirella Santillo

The Horticultural Society of The Bahamas - Abaco Branch held its last meeting of the year at the home of Viola Gordon in Marsh Harbour. It was the perfect setting for the occasion. The large patio comfortably accommodated the tables for brunch that was served and the garden background with mature trees hung with bromeliads and orchids complimented the large assortment of orchids that Coolidge Cartwright had brought from Nassau.

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Coolidge Cartwright from Nassau brought orchid plants to sell at the December meeting of the Abaco Horticultural Society. They sold rapidly to the group meeting at the home of Viola Gordon in Marsh Harbour.



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President Anita Knowles announced that the Christmas Festival had been a great success, netting the club \$500 after expenses.

Guest speaker, David Long, President of the Freeport Garden Club, specializes in growing plants in hanging baskets, with a collection of well over 100 in his garden.

Mr. Cartwright finally set out the orchid plants that he had bought to sell. The prices ranged from \$5 for Phalaenopsis with one spike of buds up to \$45 for rare-colored Phalaenopsis. It was a bargain sale with people buying not one but several of the popular species. When the purchases were over, very few plants remained.

Finger food and dips, raw vegetables and desserts awaited to be washed down with an orange punch. Everything was appetizing and delicious. But the treats were not over. The Society meeting ended by Treasurer Barbara Foreman giving each member a pin decorated with the Society logo along with a large mug for drinks.

## Murphy Town lights its Christmas Tree

*By Mirella Santillo*

Murphy Town Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on December 6, but indoors instead of outside the Burial Society because of the threat of rain. The change of venue did not take away from the unrolling of the event which ended up being more intimate with approximately 50 people who enjoyed themselves by participating in the festivities.

Two senior ladies, Emmaline Butler and Emma Clarke, had the honour this year of making the tree come alive with lights.

The evening included carol singing by the five Dawkins sisters and by Lakeisha Knowles. Two guest speakers, Administrator Cephas Cooper and Pastor A.B. Lewis, addressed the audience.

In his remarks Mr. Cooper expressed his joy at seeing so many young people in the group. His talk took people back in time when Christmas was a family time because "that's how it started, as a family, Joseph,

Mary and Jesus. All of us should strive to reinforce family ties this Christmas," he urged. He reminisced on the times of his youth when people did not have as many material comforts but were closer to each other, a time when children were cared for by the whole community. "I would like to go back to the time when it took a village to raise a child," he said.

In his address Pastor Lewis encouraged people, reinforcing their faith in God. Reading from the Bible, he asked people to gather as a family this Christmas and to celebrate the glory of Jesus.

Committee Chairman DeShawn Simms announced that the Committee had purchased \$50 gift certificates at Maxwell's for the senior citizens which he distributed to the older people in the assembly or their representatives. He informed the audience that a Town Meeting will be held in Janu-

ary and urged people to attend as he had important information to communicate.

The evening ended with refreshments while the Dawkins Sisters interpreted a final Christmas song.

## Quality Star opens new parts and service store

*By Timothy Roberts*

For many years Quality Star has been one of four gas stations serving the public's fuel needs in Marsh Harbour, and for many of those years it has also provided automotive parts and services.

As demand for parts and service grew, more and more the need for a larger, separate and expanded parts and service store was realized by father and son owners, Philip and Andrew Albury.

In December Quality Star Auto Parts and Service opened its doors to the public,

offering more than just engine parts. The new store now offers auto parts, accessories, lighting, electrical, interior and exterior accessories, parts manuals, hubcaps, batteries, tires and much more.

Andrew Albury said they moved the parts and service section from the gas station to the new store, making it a one-stop shop for tire sales and repair,



The Dawkin Sisters provided some of the entertainment at the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Murphy Town. They are Emma and Millie Dawkins, Gwendolyn Curry, Rochelle Brice and Misty Davis.



Two senior residents, Emmaline Butler and Emma Clarke of Murphy Town were selected to turn on the lights of the town's Christmas Tree at the Burial Society.

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# More Central Abaco News

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parts sales and installation and more. The move gave them a 3600-square-foot showroom to display a greater variety of products and accessories.

The store now features a full line of high quality mechanic tools, floor mats, bug shields and rain guards. It offers free windshield wiper installation with purchase and will soon have free alternator, starter and battery testing in shop.

Mr. Albury said they are intent on setting themselves apart from other stores by offering *Quality Parts and Quality Service*.

The new store is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and the new phone numbers are 367-0212 and 367-0213.

## New Businesses New Classy Boutique Opens

By Samantha V. Evans

Juliette McCafferty and her sister Judith Henfield opened a classy boutique on December 10 with an open house. The shop sells clothes for men and women, high fashion shoes and accessories. The sisters wanted to open a boutique that would meet a need for modern fashion with a vintage and classy touch like that of Marilyn Monroe. Juliette stated that she loves to shop and for a long time has had to contend with not being able to find sizes in clothing and footwear to match her physique.

Mrs. McCafferty explained that their main motivation for opening the store was to present unusual sizes in shoes and clothing. Her aim is to provide persons with a keen sense of style with unusual sizes. Customers can rest assured that they will

only bring in two of each style in items so their concern for someone else wearing the same outfit or accessories will be minimized. These sisters are committed to keeping the store stocked with fashion that is trendy and current. Juliette stated that she has a passion for fashion, but they will keep the prices very affordable so that anyone would be able to look good and remain trendy. The store is located next to Iggy Biggy in Marsh Harbour.

## Mario Carey Realty Abaco office is now open

By Samantha V. Evans

In October of this year, the Mario Carey Realty office opened in the Abaco Shop-

ping Plaza. Mario Carey is known for selling luxury, and the franchise holders of this Abaco branch plan to do just that. The motto they adapted is *We Provide Excellent Service in the Spirit of Excellence*. They specialize in educational services, appraisals, sales and property management. The office is managed by Annstacia Sweeting-Storr, who is an Estate Agent with 11 years of experience in the business. Presently employed at this site are a technical person and a receptionist. The licensed realtor of this office is Terrence Strachan.

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Quality Star Auto Parts and Service opened in December with a large array of products. The new, large, well lit display room complements the enlarged service department that will serve the needs of motorists.

## New houses of Spring City are closer to occupancy



Government continues construction on the newest group of 38 low cost houses in Spring City. Hurricane Irene did some damage that is being repaired. Roads are now being paved. Just before Christmas keys were given to the first few residents of this new section.

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At this office, the staff prides itself in being able to provide its clients with all of the information necessary for them to find the type of home or property desired. The office is located between A & W Travel and Fidelity in Abaco Shopping Center. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone contact is 367-0053. All of the office's listings can be viewed on the company's website at [www.mariocarreyrealtyabaco.com](http://www.mariocarreyrealtyabaco.com).

**Healthy Way provides quality food products**

*By Canishka Alexander*

Healthy Way opened the first time in February of 2005. According to Isaac Collier, owner, the idea for a health food store came about as a response to providing

the people of Abaco with an option to eat healthier and therefore improve their diets.

Customers are provided with tasty vegetarian meals, and they can purchase whole grain products, natural drinks, textured proteins and books. To continue improving their service to customers, new customers expressed their needs for inventory increases.

"I think the way the business has grown shows that it was needed in the community," he said. "From day one the business was set up as a service to the community, and the business has done well. Everyone I talk to enjoys the lunches and are happy to get necessary products locally."

The store is managed by Shevia Gomez and is open five days a week. The phone contact for Healthy Way is 367-0575. The business is located next to Island Care Wireless in the old Barclays Building.

**Estin Sawyer serenades shoppers at Maxwell's**



*For three days beginning on December 23 Estin Sawyer serenaded shoppers outside Maxwell's Supermarket in Marsh Harbour. According to one of the managers, it was done in an effort to further get people in the Christmas spirit. Mr. Sawyer greeted persons as he sang and wished them a Merry Christmas. This was a unique touch on behalf of the management of Maxwell's one that was appreciated by shoppers.*

**Humblestone** *From Page 8*

My husband was not thrilled when I took a knife to a packet of three captive light bulbs destined, it seemed, never to see the light of day. In this particular case one of them did not; it sadly did not survive my slashing.

"Just trying to help," I said apologetically.

"I appreciate it, but brute strength was not called for," he said.

"Nice to know I still have it," I quipped. "I'll reserve it for less fragile items in future."

This morning I decided to give coffee a miss. The canister was empty, and I did not feel like an early morning pectoral stretch. What I fancied was a nice cup of tea, not the regular black kind but a gentle herbal infusion.

I found exactly what I was looking for in the back of the cupboard, the wholesome, guilt-free, little used section! It was a small gold filter bag of caffeine-free "Calm" by Tazo which boasted to be "a comforting blend of chamomile, rose petals and soothing herbs." To make it more attractive, it was translated into French.

I put on the kettle and began the lengthy process of trying to open the packet which had no indent on any of its four corners or along its edges. I tried tearing it, but it was tightly glued. Finally, I took a pair of scissors and cut a slit along the top and inadvertently through the bag. Tea spilled out everywhere.

It had a pleasant aroma, but there was

nothing "comforting or soothing" about the experience. I felt much better after a large cup of caffeine-loaded coffee.

The other day I cut my finger butchering my way into a vacuum-sealed, shrink-wrapped CD. I cracked the case to boot and never got to hear the tape.

I promptly went in search of a band aid and first aid cream only to find that one needed two hands and all fingers operational to ease both from there imprisoned packets.

Who are these packers? What planet do they live on?

**Letters** *From Page 9*

while fishing 20 to 30 miles east of Ogunquit, Maine, in the Sea of Maine. Ogunquit, Maine, is north of New York City. He thought the bottles were launched in the summer of 2003. That bottle was in the water for eight years.

There was a second Facebook message. This one was from Nathan who apologized for the slow response. Nathan was 11 when the message was launched. He is now 19, graduated from high school in May and is attending the University of Maine. As per the salutation in Nate's message - Your New Friend.

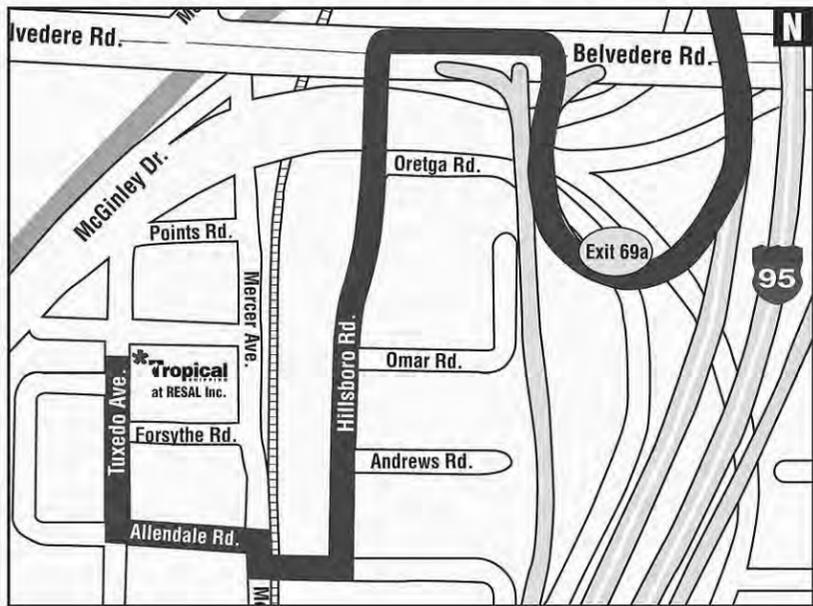
When I vacation on Abaco Island the next time, I will be looking for Nate's cousin's message in a bottle. What are my chances of discovering it?

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PLP National Chairman, Bradley Roberts, focused on job creation reminding Abaconians that the PLP knows how to create jobs. Twenty-two thousand jobs were created during the 2002-2007 period. "Our proposed Venture Capital Fund and micro loan programs will go a long way in stimulating economic growth and creating jobs on Abaco," he said. "With Gary as our man and your representative in Central and South Abaco, you can be assured that Abaco will receive its fair share of funding for small, medium and large business enterprises."

# Two Co-op Representatives visit Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

Two cooperative representatives visited Abaco at the beginning of December to meet with local members of the fishing co-op in North Abaco and with members of the agriculture co-op in Central Abaco. Stephanie Missick-Jones, Manager of the Bahamas Cooperatives League, and Nathaniel Adderley, Director of Cooperatives for The Bahamas, held the first

meeting in Fox Town on December 6 to address the needs and the future of the fishing co-op directed by Leon Pinder.

Mrs. Jones explained that the co-op league is a regulatory agency which represents co-ops in the country. Its role is to share impact on the activities of the co-ops and to help develop more co-ops. It offers training assistance at the managerial level as well as technical assistance. Because it



Nathaniel Adderley, left, Director of Cooperatives from Nassau, and Stephanie Missick-Jones met with members of the two cooperatives on Abaco. They are shown with Leon Pinder, who heads the fishing co-op in North Abaco.

appears that financial co-ops such as credit unions are progressing but the other types of co-ops are having a hard time getting ahead, the delegates are meeting with co-op members in several Family Islands in an effort to strengthen and revitalize the concept.

For example, to purchase lobsters from the fishermen as the co-op in North was doing is not realistically feasible as there is too much competition from other buyers. So during the meeting held in Fox Town, the representatives together with a group of approximately twelve co-op members and fishermen tried to find an alternative solution.

A subsequent meeting took place in Marsh Harbour the following day. During that meeting some of the points discussed the previous evening were reiterated and

explained by the delegates. Mrs. Jones mentioned that for a co-op to work, you need the combination of a group of people with some business experience but also willing to work together.

The representatives were to meet that same evening with farmers and members of the agricultural co-op directed by Pastor Lenny Etienne.

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Attractions	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. ..Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry-	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay
Pocket beaches • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
Miles of beach are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	
Items of interest • Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood	
blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole-in- Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Abaco's Nature Adventure	559-9433
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Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
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Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 ..... F..... 365-8250
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Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2158
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	60..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Bakers Bay Marina	158..... F..... 365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37..... 577-0003
Orchid Bay	64 ..... F..... 365-5175
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Charter Boats	
Lucky Strike - Hope T	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
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Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175
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Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
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Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
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Abaco Pizza	\$ ..... 367-4488
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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## Hope Town play benefits children's home

### 50 children and many adults produce annual performance

By Bradley Albury

St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town presented its annual Christmas play to residents and visitors as part of the church's mission outreach. Titled *Christmas: Where, When and Why*, the musical ran through December 14 to the 16 and showcased performances of more than 50 youth from the community. While the young actors, aged between four and 15, must be commended for their performance, the parents and volunteers were critical to show's success. St. James uses the proceeds raised through its Christmas production to support the Bilney Lane Children's Home in Nassau.

Under the direction of Carrie Cash and Jane Engle, each of the kids performing had a chance to shine. For three nights the audience was entertained by song and dance, all choreographed by Mrs. Engle and Yvette Pinder over 10 weeks of rehearsals. The community effort necessary for this Hope Town holiday tradition was tireless and required many, such as Andrea Gottlieb and Simone Russell, to fill

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Elaborate costumes, extensive backdrops, specialty lighting plus hours and hours of rehearsals result in an outstanding production that brings meaning to the Christmas season to the residents of Elbow Cay. This year the musical play *Christmas: Where, When and Why* was performed three times, packing St. James Methodist Church each time. The production is a joint effort of locals and second homeowners.

## Abaco man is murdered and a drug-related arrest is made

At approximately 7:13 p.m. on December 9 the community of Marsh Harbour received a terrible shock as 44-year-old Claude Collins was shot multiple times outside his home in Sweeting's Village.

According to the police report Mr. Collins succumbed to his wounds and was of-

ficially pronounced dead at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic later that night.

On December 11 the report said that six persons were taken into custody, ques-

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### Upcoming Events

**Abaco Science Conference**  
New Vision Ministries • January 6 & 7  
Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Fee \$100 for two days • \$50 for one day

**Wild & Scenic Film Festival**  
New Vision Ministries • January 6  
Beginning at 7 p.m. • \$10 fee

## Santa makes his annual visit to Man-O-War



Approximately 300 persons gathered on the court behind the Man-O-War Primary School to expand on the simple Christmas tradition begun in 1938 by early second homeowners, the Zwickles, who gave out Christmas candy to the children. Seventy-three years later the celebration includes a visit by Santa, gifts for the children and a breakfast feast. A vast variety of food, sweets and beverages

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Santa Claus visited Man-O-War as he does every year, thrilling the youngsters. All the children received a package of candy from Santa, then received another gift. The morning visit by Santa is followed by a community meal. This event is held in the school yard.

## Performance of the Wizard of Oz entertains



Several of the main characters of the *Wizard of Oz* confer about their strategy to have an audience with the Wizard. Shown are the Cowardly Lion (Christopher Sawyer), Dorothy (Makayla Marshall), the Tinman (Sarah Stapley) and the Scarecrow (Sondley Cajoe). This the fourth production that was organized by Elaine and Andre Pelon. See story on page 15.

# Hope Town play filled church three times

## Hope Town Play *From Page 1*

more than one role. The stage hands, under the management of Ashley Knowles, provided seamless transitions between scenes



The wise men enter bearing gifts for the infant Jesus.

allowing the focus to remain on the actors.

The play's first act focused on a small group of kids being led by their grandma to fulfill their school project of interviewing town residents about their favorite Christmas memory. This leads them to the Christmas Tree Farm where we are introduced to Tan N. Baum, played by Luke Albury, his siblings, played by Kora Wilhoite and Summer Aberle, and their holiday-themed farm helpers. Between song and dance the kids start piecing their school project together, but not before running into the typical Christmas Grinch in the character

of Evan-Neezer, played by Lavelle Arnett.

While watching the youth "reminisce" about their favorite Christmas memory was entertaining, it echoed an unsaid sentiment shared by many in the audience. For many, Christmas has more emotion attached to it than any other time of the year. It is not just the memory of a favorite gift received as a child or a rosy flashback to decorating a tree for the first time as newlyweds. It is this promise that you will relive your favorite memory again in some small way each Christmas and that your kids and grand-kids will share in it and carry it on. It is potent, and Mrs. Cash, along with the other show-runners, manages to capture it each year and put it on display inside the small church.

The second act found us in familiar surroundings as far as Christmas pageants go. A living nativity scene with small children dressed as adorable livestock, the three

wise men, Mary, Joseph and a beat-boxing camel. As the play came closer to its finish, the dance numbers became more elaborate and the singing more energetic as the entire glitter-covered choir was now on stage reprising the opening medley. This was, of course, the presentation of the best Christmas memory: Jesus' birth and the tidings of peace and goodwill to mankind.

At the show's close, Peggy Thompson presented each actor and crew member for the final bow of the performance. Mrs. Thompson, herself being a driving energy for the Christmas play each year, deserved applause as well. The Bilney Lane Children's Home was again brought to the audience's attention. The Christmas play, being the church's main fundraiser for the year, is always highly anticipated. It de-

Please see **Hope Town Play** Page 15



In the second act, the nativity scene dominates with the the story of the the birth of Jesus being reacted. There is an appeal for the audience to support the church's outreach program that sends children from a home to summer camp each year.



The two-act musical play produced by the community of Hope Town was performed in St. James Methodist Church three times. The annual play is so popular that those wanting to attend have to previously get a ticket to be admitted. However, the tickets are free.



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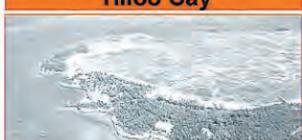
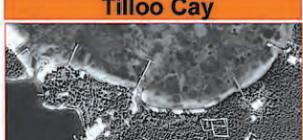


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<p><b>Sweetings Village</b></p>  <p>Cozy Cottage - 2B/1B + 24'X10' Bahamaroom. 10,900 sq. ft.+ lot. #2006 - \$205,000</p>	<p><b>Eastern Shores</b></p>  <p>On The Rocks - New 2B/2B, 1000 sq. ft. waterfront cottage. #13808 - \$599,000</p>	<p><b>Great Abaco Club</b></p>  <p><b>REDUCED</b> Mer-Sea - 50' secure canalfront dockage, seaview, 5,000 sq.ft. lot #2000 - \$599,000</p>	<p><b>Tilloo Cay</b></p>  <p>Subdivision - Waterfront Lot 19 Great price, views &amp; location. #13999 - \$199,000</p>
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**NEW** 190 yr. old New Plymouth Inn, Green Turtle Cay. Boasting 11 beds and 11 baths over 2,800 sq. ft. Plus a restaurant seating forty five opens to a large entertainment deck with a pool. Over 20,000 sq. ft. of verandahs, patios, gazebos and terraced garden areas complete this property.  
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**THE CAYS**

\*\*\*PRE DEVELOPMENT\*\*\* Ocean Reef Preserve Guana Cay #13807 Large Interior Lots \$49,900 Ocean View \$49K+ Oceanfront \$139K+ Guana Cay #1062 10,432 sq. ft. lot, boat harbour area. \$75K Guana Cay #13017 103ft. oceanfront, 20,200 sq. ft. lot. \$239K Guana Cay #1288 Lot 97 30,606 sq. ft. 155' waterfront. \$579K \*\*\*REDUCED\*\*\* Lubbers Quarters Abaco Ocean Club Lots #1066 Lot#39 Corner Lot 10,200 sq. ft. \$22K #10066 Lot#40 Corner Lot 9,700 sq. ft. \$24K Tilloo Cay #13500 2.7 acres sea to sea, private dockage. \$569K

**MARSH HARBOUR**

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**SOUTH ABACO**

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Spacious 4 bdrm, 3 bath home in Little Orchard.  
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Delightful 2 bdrm, 2 bath upper level unit.  
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Traditional, Bahamian harbour village with a 18,530 sq. ft. beachfront lot plus 'to-be-built' 4 bdrm, 3 bath luxury home.  
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**WINDING BAY \$500,000**  
Unique 17,000 sq. ft. lot perched high on a cliff captures dramatic views of the ocean.  
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**BUSTIC BIGHT \$149,000**  
56,604 sq. ft open zoned lot in a high traffic location has endless development opportunities.  
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**BAHAMA PALM SHORES \$22,500**  
Affordable, 10,000 sq. ft. lots in an up-and-coming neighbourhood near the beach.  
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**CASUARINA POINT \$184,000**  
**New Price!** Renovated inside and out, this 2 bdrm home is tastefully furnished and just steps from the beach and boat ramp.  
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**HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY**

**NIGH CREEK \$249,000**  
**New Price!** 0.376 acres with 65 ft. of water frontage.  
Ref. AS11743

**WHITE SOUND \$199,000**  
15,500 sq. ft. beachfront lot just south of Abaco Inn.  
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**LITTLE POINT \$75,000**  
8,709 sq. ft. building lot near the island's best beach.  
Ref. PS10614

**GILLAM STREET \$299,000**  
**Under Contract!** 2 bdrm home on a 3,842 sq. ft. lot.  
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**NORTH END \$170,000**  
13,005 sq. ft. property is two lots away from beach and near the community dock.  
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**SEAVIEW SUBDIVISION \$165,500**  
20,114 sq. ft. hilltop lots with water views and dock slip.  
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**SEAVIEW SUBDIVISION \$125,000**  
19,338 sq. ft. lot is well elevated and enjoys views of the sea and dock slip.  
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**GREEN TURTLE CAY**



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63 acres with over 6,000 ft. of water frontage is ideal for an estate or development.  
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**LONG BAY \$795,000**  
**New Price!** 2 bdrm cottage on 1.44 acres.  
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**GILLIAM BAY \$1,165,000**  
One-of-a-kind, 3 bdrm home with Sea of Abaco views.  
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**BLACK SOUND \$825,000**  
3 bdrm, Key-West style home at Lee-ward Yacht Club.  
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4 bdrm sea view home plus garage and bonus room.  
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**BOAT HARBOUR \$1,390,000**  
43,560 sq. ft. property offers a 6 bdrm waterfront home.  
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**BAKER'S BAY \$4,250,000**  
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**GREAT GUANA CAY \$175,000**  
20,424 sq. ft. ocean view lot with beach access.  
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**DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES \$165,000**  
18,200 sq. ft. lot on a hillside with views of the Atlantic.  
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**DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES \$149,000**  
25,703 sq. ft. lot offers panoramic sea views.  
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**SHIPWRECK SUBD. \$70,000**  
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**New Price!** 7,723 sq. ft. ocean and bay view lot.  
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**GALLEON BAY \$299,000**  
12,000 sq. ft. canal lot.  
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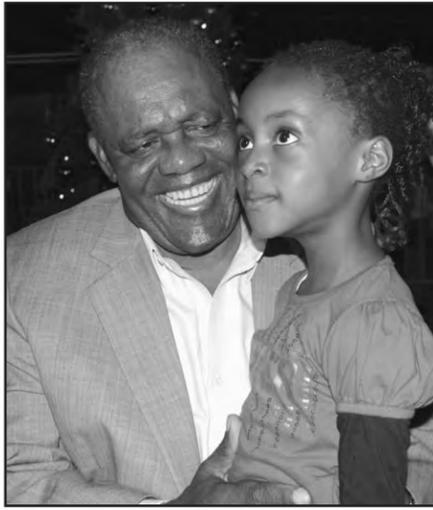
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# North Abaco holds 4th Annual Christmas Celebration

By Rashida Murray

On December 10 dedicated patrons streamed onto Treasure Cay Primary grounds for food, fun and festivities at the 4th Annual North Abaco Christmas Celebration.

The Celebration offered a variety of Bahamian cuisine, specialized gifts and holiday decorations. Appetites were more than satisfied with the combination of native dishes on sale. The food vendors included Full Gospel Assembly and the Holy Savior's Church that catered in effort to raise funds for their church. With the assistance of Chef Noel St. Claude, the Students With Ambitious Goals, SWAG, S.C. Bootle High's J. A. Company, marketed seasonal décor items and delectable sugary treats. Among the holiday trinkets, Nadine Rolle's ever popular Bahamian crafts had



The Prime Minister greeted everyone.

Androsian prints popping out in various colors.

To kick off events, the sound of sirens beckoned the arrival of Santa Claus in a motorcade of fire trucks. Santa's blazing entry drew tons of dream-eyed boys and girls to show their excitement. Eagerly the little ones lined up to receive a gift from Santa for being good this year. It was not too long after that the man of the hour dressed in a red suit was whisked away by a caravan of firemen. The magic of the moment ensued with the emergence of Dora,

Diego and Sponge Bob on scene. The children were completely enamored by the whimsical characters and they surrounded the three Disney characters.

Trumping this experience was the lighting of the Christmas tree by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham. The twinkle in the eyes of the young and old gathered under the lights was indeed a spectacle!

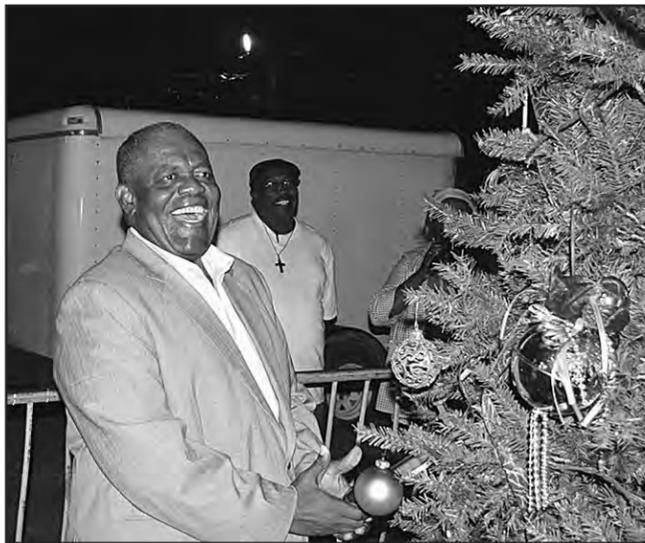
Evening's festivities included Christmas carols, poetry and dramatics softly playing into the merriment of the moment. The Youth Vibe Steppers of St. Andrews Baptist Church, the New Direction of Full Gospel Assembly and the pulsating beats of the Brown Tip Rake N' Scrapers raised the tempo of the celebrations. Climaxing with the main feature,

Her Majesty's Prison Pop Band was followed by the Treasure Cay Junkanoo parade.

The 4th Annual North Abaco Christmas Celebration was a family experience enjoyed by all.



These two youngsters enjoyed dancing to the lively music at the Celebration. The children had lots to do for entertainment.



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham flipped the switch that turned on the lights of the Christmas tree at the North Abaco Christmas Celebration held on December 10 at the Treasure Cay schoolyard.



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# News of the Cays

## Hope Town holds tree lighting ceremony

By Bradley Albury

Residents and guests in Hope Town were treated to carols, tradition and snacks during its annual tree lighting ceremony. Pastor Vernon Malone started the evening in prayer and addressed the crowd gathered in Jarrett Park. After the introduction, Don Cash delivered Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting's personal address as he was unable to attend that evening. The significance of the holiday season and the continued work of the Hope Town Council were the key points of Mr. Sweeting's address.

Several classic, beautiful Christmas car-

ols were sung by the congregation in the cool evening air. Kristen Powers led the makeshift choir with an acoustic guitar as the service progressed. After several Christmas favorites were sung, young Malie Bethel officially lit the beautiful town tree. After the tree was lit and a haunting rendition of O Holy Night was delivered by the gathered crowd, children of all ages were asked place their own special ornaments on the tree.

The service ended with the residents and visitors being invited to several tables of refreshments. The sandwiches, sweets and treats were enjoyed by the crowd as they mingled and wished each other season's greetings.



Hope Town visitors joined with residents to celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree. Shown is a group that is leading the singing of traditional Christmas carols before the tree was lit.



Once again the Elbow Cay lighthouse is in her full Christmas regalia. The Hope Town Harbour Rats under the leadership of Mark Kopp decorated her on December 8. This photo shows the Up Top crew. They are Rick Judge, Kim Rody-Kopp, Kristen Powers, Lisa Fleetwood, Mark Kopp, and Ann Gooding. The ground crew (not in photo) were Paul Gooding, Carol and Dave Pahl and Betsy and Doug Moody.



A variety of food was offered at the Hope Town tree lighting ceremony that took place outside the library.

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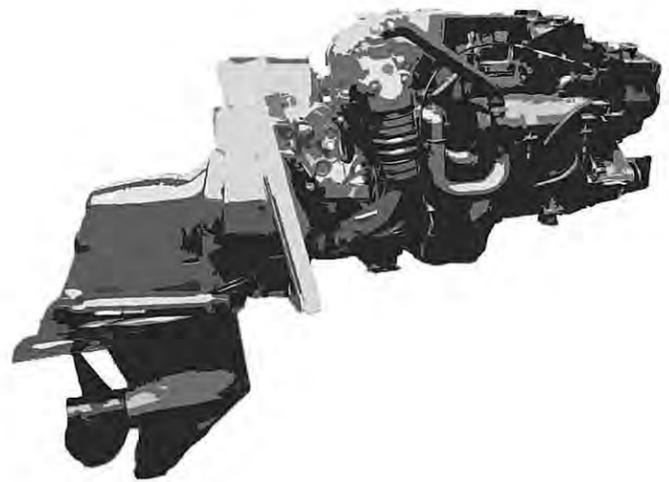
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# More News of the Cays

## Cays

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ages had been prepared in the many Man-O-War kitchens.

This year, following a short "reason for the season" Bible reading, prayer and carols with Glenn Albury introducing the key players of the program, Santa was summoned loudly by the children. He came on a golf cart with a sack of candy and took his place on a chair by the Christmas tree. Approximately 40 children lined up and reached into Santa's sack to retrieve a candy bag. Later they received other gifts.

Not to be put off by this diversion, the adults lined up to fill their plate from a long food table with a generous assortment of food.

Native residents mingled with second homeowners to renew friendships and

catch up on happenings while school boys entertained themselves by lighting fire-crackers.

## Guava Cay lights its Christmas tree

By Samantha V. Evans

The chill of Christmas time is in the air and one can surely feel it on Great Guana Cay. On December 10 the Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held on Guana Cay where residents and second homeowners gathered for this event. Councillor Glenn Laing opened the service and Rev. James Mosley covered the event with a prayer reminding all of the reason for the season which is the birth of Christ. A beautiful poem was read by Bronson Sands, who compared Jesus to Santa. He encouraged us to put Christ back in Christmas.

Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, commended the team for beautifully decorating the area for the event. He felt privileged to have been invited to all three of their tree lighting services. He is happy that he always sees so many second homeowners here to share the occasions with the locals. He, too, reiterated that Christmas is about Christ so we must take the time to give thanks for all our blessings and for this beautiful country where we live. He noted that so many people travel to The Bahama Islands daily and many express their desire to reside here which speaks to the time and effort the Lord put into creating this paradise we all call home.

He told parents to remember those who made Great Guana Cay great and to share the history of this cay with their children.

Finally, he reminded residents to remember the shut-ins and elderly who cannot always get out. This is the season to visit them and to show them love.

The tree was lit by Chorene Fording, followed by the sharing of a wonderful meal prepared by locals. After everyone ate, Santa posed for pictures with the children and gave them treat bags.

The finale of the night was a talent competition organized by the kids themselves. The winning group was Crazy Dancers who received a cash prize.

The Christmas tree lighting was sponsored by Guana Harbour Grocery. A special thank you is extended to Marlena

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The Man-O-War Christmas community breakfast is a very substantial meal. This year Santa's visit and the meal were held on December 26, the official Christmas holiday. The event is a great time to see friends and neighbours and welcome visitors and second homeowners.



The community Christmas tree on Great Guana Cay was lit by Chorene Fording. Others in the picture are Councillor Glenn Laing and Donna Sands assisting Mrs. Fording.

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# More News of the Cays

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Bethel, Glenn Laing and Donna Sands for all of their work.

### Man-O-War holds third tree lighting ceremony

About 200 persons enjoyed the third annual Community Christmas tree lighting on Man-O-War.

The Council partnering with the Sojer Day Committee hosted the event that brought the community together on December 8 at the volleyball court.

Master of Ceremonies Arthur Elden opened the ceremony with a welcome and the sound of Christmas carols rang in the evening air as the crowd sang together. Bro. Glenn Albury opened the evening with prayer.

A short devotion was given by Pastor David Savage on the Christmas story along with a scripture reading.

The crowd was entertained when Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting then hosted Name that Tune game where persons had to guess the musician who was singing the

Christmas melodies playing in the background. The Chief Councillor then brought Christmas greetings on behalf of the District Council.

Mr. Sweeting escorted Mary Albury to light the Christmas tree. The organizing committee selects a senior citizen each year to light the tree. After a 10-second countdown, Mary Albury lit the beautiful tree. The tree shone brightly. Then the surrounding lights were turned out so only the lights from the Christmas tree illuminated the area. The community then sang Silent Night. It was truly a peaceful moment.

The ceremony closed with a prayer offered by Pastor Randy Crowe. Refreshments capped off a perfect evening and many lingered around fellowshiping and enjoying the genuine spirit of Christmas.

### Hope Town District Council meets

*By Timothy Roberts*

The continued erosion of the upper Dune Road and the potential danger were the main concerns for the Hope Town District Council during its meeting on De-

cember 15 as Christmas and New Year's Day were just around the corner.

Members of the Council discussed the possibility of getting more pallets and stacking them higher on the eastern side of the road. Members believe if work does not commence soon the road may need to be closed. The dune road was undermined due to the storm surge and waves during Hurricane Irene in August and has since eroded to a single lane road.

The Ministry of Works granted \$80,000 to restore the dune road south of Abaco Inn after visiting in September; however, before work commenced the need to restore and secure the dune road north of Abaco Inn became more important; and the money had to be re-purposed and a new scope of works done.

Concerns were raised about someone who is building a structure which was approved by the Council in the White Sound area that is bigger than approved plans. The person was given an approval for a 16-foot by 16-foot storage shed. It is now a 24-foot by 24-foot building, and it is being built too close to the boundary of the property. It is now being partitioned as if it were a house.

The Council has a stop work order against it and will send a letter to the builder telling him to comply with the plans which were approved and move it 15 feet back from the property boundary or the building will need to be removed. The builder is being given two weeks to

comply.

In response to the complaints that Lighthouse Marina got after putting up its new boat rack, the owner has agreed to take down boat racks that are obstructing the view of the lighthouse. The owner has agreed to rebuild them in a different location on site and they will not be as tall.

The Elbow Cay Association's request for an approval for a gazebo for the Lower Dock, estimated to cost around \$6000 and funded by the association, was approved in principle but will need approval from the Port Authority.

Chris Prewitt, along with homeowners on the North End of Elbow Cay sought assistance from the Council as they carry out much needed repairs to the North End Road, which in some areas is even difficult for a bicycle. The homeowners requested some financial assistance and \$900 was given by Council to assist. Homeowners are all contributing to the work and doing their share

BEC staff will be in Hope Town on December 19 to put up 18 street lights, many of which were destroyed during Hurricane Irene in August.

### Correction - Joe's Cay

An earlier report on the Hope Town District Council made reference to Joe's Cay development as having financial problems. This is not correct. It is believed that any remark of this nature applied to another pending development. We apologize for the error.

## Surprise visitor from Puerto Rico

*By Woody Bracey MD*

Early in December a storm-displaced homing pigeon decided to make Royal Palm Condo 2404 in Treasure Cay his second home. He became attached to the wonderful "loft" of Jules and Judy Farinhas and their pet poodle. Attempts to relocate him to a bird feeding site one mile away could not convince him to live elsewhere.

Anne Albury offered "Rico" a fine accommodation in a more rural setting five miles away late one afternoon when it was too dark for him to fly anywhere. But next morning he was back at the 2404 bread line. Owners Farinhas had to depart for Florida so the food source was disappearing just as neighbors Bill and Lorna Firstbrook arrived from Canada with their fully

clawed cats Dienie and Chloe.

To date Rico has managed to avoid them and is receiving food handouts from people in Mariner's Cove and Pineapple Point as well as Royal Palm.

Based on the numbers and letters on his bright green right leg band, I was able to go online and, via the International Racing Pigeon Federation, contact the young (banded in 2011) bird's owner in Moca, Puerto Rico. Because of the prohibitive expense and regulations of airline-assisted international bird travel, it seems Rico will have to find his own way home if so inclined. Meanwhile, we are enjoying his neighborly flights and will be delighted if he continues to prefer Treasure Cay.

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Generous donation of modular buildings

On December 10 a small group met at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay on the road to Cherokee Sound. Included in the group were Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation; his wife, Kathy Key; Ron Parker, General Manager of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay; and Frederick Munnings, Chairman of Community Footprints Committee/ Abaco Club. This meeting was arranged so that The Abaco Club could officially donate a three-modular office complex to BAIC's new Farmer's Market project in Marsh Harbour now under construction.

The Abaco Club told us that the office complex was originally purchased in 2008 for an anticipated expansion of the Development Department, which never materialized due to the prolonged economic downturn. The complex has never been used

and is still like brand new. Each modular measures 20 feet wide and 58 feet long and consists of 2,000 square feet of air-conditioned offices complete with toilets, showers and a kitchenette. Originally purchased for \$94,000, the Abaco Club was faced with shipping the offices back to the States for re-sale in a still uncertain market. Instead it was decided to offer the office complex to the Bahamian government for use by the local community. The Ministry of Finance recently gave its approval for the transfer to government to be used as a craft center/office of BAIC at the new Farmer's Market in Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Key accepted the donation on behalf of BAIC and the government and said that it would make a welcome addition to Abaco's first permanent Farmer's Market. He plans that the modules will be situated where the old Works Department building now stands that will soon be torn down. BAIC will be responsible for the transporting of the modules to Marsh Harbour a permanent foundation is in place.

Mr. Key said that the modules will un-

doubtedly draw more people to the park area as a Craft Center/Office with so many talented local artists who would then have a place to display some of their work.

This generous gift from The Abaco Club at Winding Bay is another donations that has taken place on Abaco over the years. Besides wanting to be good neighbours and trying to stay involved as permanent residents in The Bahamas, they, too, want to see a successful and thriving community which will, in turn, enhance their own success.

### Work begins on new Cherokee Sound clinic

Work has begun. Rudy Pinder has donated his trencher, his helpers and his own time to get the work started on the new clinic project in Cherokee Sound. Rudy was born in Cherokee and his family still owns property here. I imagine he can remember his mother taking him or one of his brothers or sisters to the old clinic for an emergency when they were just small children and the government doctor came to Cherokee on his monthly visit. I have personally heard about some of these emergencies and wonder to myself how the patients survived. Mr. Pinder also realizes how important a clinic will be to our older residents today. I'm sure everyone appreciates his help and wants to thank him for his generosity.

Our second home residents, family and friends in Cherokee always come through for us. No matter what we are trying to do for the settlement, they come to our rescue, probably because they all have such fond memories of growing up in this unique Out Island settlement. Sadly, times have changed, but you can't fault us for trying to retain that uniqueness.

### A note from the past

In talking with some of the older residents in Cherokee I can remember their referring to the rebuilding of the Methodist church after one very devastating hurricane. The women were proud of the fact that they carried sand from the beach so that the next day the men could mix the cement to lay the blocks. They did it in the nighttime after they had finished their baking, cooking, washing, ironing and housework and gotten the children to bed (and back then they had large families of eight and ten children). They told me how hard the work was but reminded me that it was for the good of Cherokee. That told me all I needed to know. It was a matter of civic pride.

But then you have to have known some of these women. They were without a doubt some of the strongest women I have ever met. Alone for five and six weeks at a time while their men folk were off fish-

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The Abaco Club at Winding Bay generously donated three modular buildings to government to be used at the new BAIC Farmers' Market site in Marsh Harbour. Accepting the donation was Edison Key, Chairman of the Board of BAIC, shown here in the center. Accompanying him were his daughter Lorna Russell and his wife Kathy. Donating the buildings were Ron Parker, General Manager, and Fred Munnings, II, Director of Human Resources, both of the Abaco Club.



These are the three modular buildings that will eventually provide offices and restrooms for the Farmers' Market in Marsh Harbour. They will replace the old Works Department building that will be torn down.

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# More South Abaco News

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ing, they did what they had to do and much of it would be considered too strenuous for women to accomplish today, but they did it.

It is not an accident that our visitors refer to us as "one of the cleanest and neatest little settlements in all of Abaco." This is truly a "little piece of heaven down below" (as the old timers used to call Cherokee) and as I heard those women remark on several occasions all those many years ago.

Our community needs a clinic, and we all need to do our part to make it happen. I am not professing that the women volunteer to help with the construction, but just point out that volunteers are needed. As the overseer, Andrews Fry of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay is volunteering his time and services. Why not give him a call at

366-2031 to find out how you can help, either with your time or a donation. A building fund account has been set up at Royal Bank and I am sure that the Committee Treasurer will be giving periodic reports on receipts of donations and expenditures.

## Students perform annual Christmas Play

The Silver Forrest was a Christmas play directed by Peggy Albury and sponsored by CMI Aftershock Ministry. It took place in the W.W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee Sound on December 10. Afterwards the ladies put on quite a Christmas feast featuring many delicious breads and foods traditionally prepared at this time of the year in other countries.

The presentation was a musical performed by our local students playing the

parts and singing the songs aimed at telling others about JESUS since He is the real reason for our Christmas celebrations. And even though there have been many Christmas plays in Cherokee over the years, this is only the second time that Andy and Sherry Lowe's Aftershock group have gotten involved. It took weeks of rehearsals and many long hours of practice. It played to a packed house with standing room only and was enjoyed by all.

We congratulate those who took part in putting this beautiful Christmas Program together, adults and children alike.

## Kid's Korner Program

The children's Bible study group at Epworth Methodist Church put on its semi-annual Kid's Korner Program on December 11. The children sang some of their favourite songs and recited passages from the Bible for the enlightenment and entertainment of family and friends. Cookies, hot cocoa, punch and cookies were served at the back of the church afterwards. It is always an uplifting program, and we think

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## Bahama Palm residents fill their own potholes



On December 17 volunteers filled potholes on the paved roads at Bahama Palm Shores. Materials were purchased by the Palm Shores Owners Association. The trailer pictured here is owned by the Association and available for use to its members. All residents of Bahama Palm Shores are invited to join the Association for a pot luck supper and general meeting to be held at the fire house on January 21 at 3 p.m.



Rudy Pinder is making trenches for the foundation for the new clinic to be built in Cherokee Sound. The community thanks Mr. Pinder for donating the work he did.

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the children did a wonderful job.

## The week before Christmas was busy

You missed out if you missed the week before Christmas in Cherokee. There were carolers who strolled through the streets of Cherokee singing Christmas carols. The Candlelight Service was held on Sunday evening, December 18, to a packed house. The lighting of the community Christmas Tree with a visitation from Santa took place on Christmas Eve as it does every year with the usual Christmas feast served afterwards at the W.W. Sands Community Center after Santa had finished handing out all the gifts.

And, of course, for those hardy souls, Fore-Day Meetings took place at 5 a.m. on Christmas Eve morning and Christmas morning as well as Watch Night Services on New Year's Eve. And strange as it may sound, Cherokee folks burn Guy Fawkes effigies on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. These are all traditions that have been taking place in Cherokee since the 1940s and still attract quite a crowd including second homeowners, residents from nearby Yellow Wood, Winding Bay and Little Harbour as well as many with Cherokee roots who live in other places. It's a time of well wishers and family get-togethers. Christmastime in Cherokee has always been a special time of the year.

Another year has come and gone. We have all lost friends, neighbours and loved ones. But it has also been a time to reflect

on all the blessings we have received during this same time period. Here is hoping you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

## South Abaco bird count is complete

By Mirella Santillo

It was an overcast morning that greeted the bird watchers as they met at dawn at the "Y" on Capt. Ernest Dean Highway. Sixteen people gathered on that December 17 to participate in the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count.

The bird count, aimed at keeping track of the population of migrants and native birds on the island, has also become a social event with ornithologists from other islands of The Bahamas and regular visitors volunteering once a year to do the count. Seventy-five species were recorded this year, which is fewer than previous years. The record number of species for this count of 87 was set in 2005. The weather and number of participants influenced the results as well as the number of birds to be counted. Hurricane Irene may have had some influence on our fewer number this year.

Three groups dispersed to different locations. Four people led by David Knowles disappeared in the Abaco National Park. Reginald Patterson and his team proceeded towards Crossing Rocks while Dr Woody Bracey with the remainder of the participants took off for Sandy Point. Because of the wide area covered and the variety of habitats, almost all species of endemic and migrant birds usually found at this time of

the year can be recorded. The pine forest usually abounds with warblers while one can observe coppice and water residents around Crossing Rocks. Sandy Point at low tide is the perfect location for shore birds.

Dr Bracey's group was treated to watching a brown pelican that put on a diving show. Another exciting sighting for Dr Bracey was that of a Bahama mocking bird; this native feathered resident is very shy, so seeing one is always a thrill.

No parrots were seen in the forest, although a distant squawking was heard. But some little Bahama woodstar hummingbirds were observed high in the pine trees, an unusual occurrence as they usually frequent much lower flowering bushes. For some on the count a couple of red-tailed hawks and an immature white ibis were the highlights of the trip.



The Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for South Abaco was held on December 17. A total of 75 species was recorded. Shown are three of the observers diligently searching the trees.

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#### ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay beach each totaling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/den. Ground floor - garage,, 2 bed/ 2 baths with ocean front patio, First floor - open concept living/dining/kitchen plus master bedroom suite, all ocean views with patio/balcony Loft - bedroom/den with ocean view. Price is MLS \$2,075,000 + 8.5% closing

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#### CROSS WINDS

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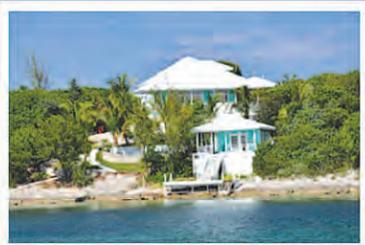
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**GREEN TURTLE CAY**  
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**"MADERIA HILL"** - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre = Dock Access - Beach Access - Great elevations. BANK OWNED - MUST SELL! #GTV1009 - \$395,000.

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**Man-O-War Cay**  
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 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath  
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 - Land 0.764 Acre  
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**Man O' War Cay**  
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 - 125' on the Sea of Abaco  
 - 1,000 s.f. House - 2 bd. 1 bth  
 - 510 s.f. Guest House - 1bd. 1bth  
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**Man-O-War Cay**  
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.  
 - 2,664 s.f. Residence.  
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
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# More South Abaco News

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## Schooner Bay holds outreach party

By Clint Kemp

Environmental stewardship and creativity came together at Schooner Bay this weekend. Pari Kemp, a 10th grade student at Lyford Cay School, along with Antonious Roberts led a group of 5th and 6th graders from Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point on a day of discovery and fun, picking up beach plastic and other items of trash that would be transformed into treasures.

The purpose of the activity was to bring awareness to the staggering problem of

plastic in our oceans and on our beaches. Pari has chosen this issue as a personal project and invited the students from South Abaco to join in. The day was full of beach combing and the discovery of the prolific amount of plastic that covers our beaches. As plastic takes hundreds of years to break down it just keeps breaking into smaller pieces. On close observation the students discovered that the beach is actually a mixture of sand and millions of tiny pieces of ground up plastic.

The group observed the beauty of the environment and the natural habitat. One of those discoveries was a juvenile loggerhead turtle that had been washed up on the beach and was struggling to survive. Glen Kelly, Town Manger at Schooner Bay

who is also a marine biologist, suggested that the turtle be taken to Atlantis in Nassau for treatment. A few phone calls later and plans were in place to transport the wounded turtle to the care of the Atlantis

aquarium team.

After collecting beach trash, the afternoon became an art workshop in making dream catchers and Christmas ornaments from what was found.

## Abaco kids compete in tennis tournament in Nassau

By Mirella Santillo

Four young tennis players from Abaco, Robert Russell, Ivan Curry, Nardo Lowe and Christian Fox, made it to the semi-finals and finals in the Fall Classic Tennis Tournament held in Nassau in November.

Tennis Pro Bobby Russell took nine of his students, seven to 12 years old, to Nassau to participate in the beginners and intermediate categories of the Fall Classic

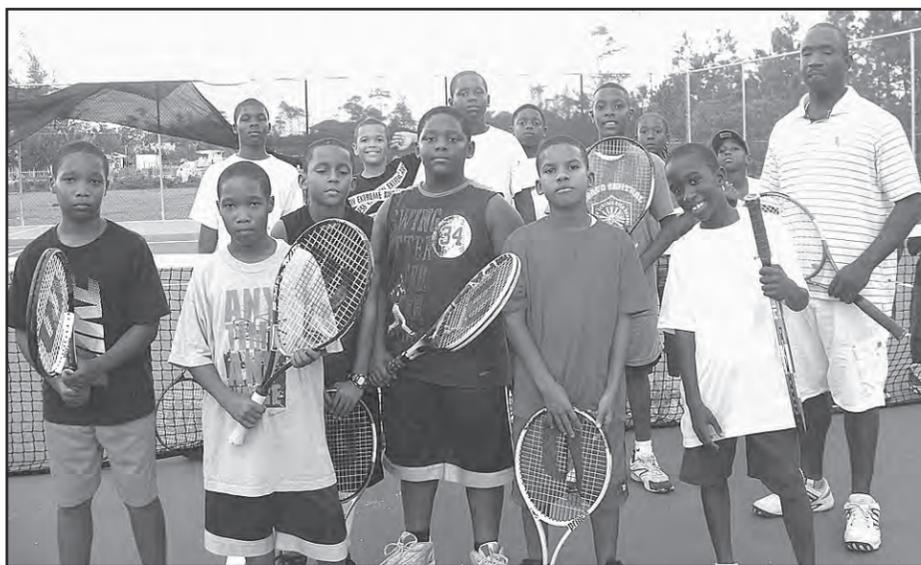
Tournament. "It was an opportunity to get the kids exposed to better players," explained Mr. Russell. He was pleased with the results of the games. His son Robert placed first in the intermediate category while Ivan Curry took the second place. Nardo Lowe and Christian Fox, both under 10 years old, went all the way to the

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Schooner Bay hosted the children of Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point to a day of fun and learning. The children collected plastic from the beach, then used it to create art work. This is part of an educational thrust to develop an awareness of our environment and the need to protect it.



Tennis Pro Bobby Russell took a group of nine players to compete in a tennis tournament in Nassau. Four of them made it to the semi-finals and finals.



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# Marsh Harbour Dance Theatre presents Wizard of Oz

By Canishka Alexander

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wizard of Oz, the Marsh Harbour Dance Theatre presented its latest performance on December 16 at Agape's Grace Gym.

According to Elaine Pilon, artistic director and producer, Abaco has lots of talent. "Everybody loves the Wizard of Oz," she remarked. "It's a classic."

Her husband, Andre Pilon, designed a spectacular set with sound effects and lighting for the cast to perform on as Makayla Marshall as Dorothy and her dog Toto get caught in the path of a tornado and are swept away to the Land of Oz. Along the way Dorothy meets fascinating friends and foes on her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz, played by Philip Hall.

Margo Albury was a convincing Wicked Witch of the West while Christopher

Sawyer added humour as the Cowardly Lion. Also accompanying Dorothy on her journey were the Tinman played by Sarah Stapley and the Scarecrow played by Sondley Cajoe.

Mrs. Pilon commended Denton Gay for his performance as a guest dancer as well as Garnell Stuart, a classical pianist, who entertained during the intermission.

Mrs. Pilon discovered the talent of Sondley Cajoe, who played the Scarecrow, while offering dance classes at Central Abaco Primary School. She described him as a great actor, singer and scholar adding that he is "a talented boy who will go a long way."

The first production by the Marsh Harbour Dance Theatre was the Nutcracker, followed by Annie, Cinderella and then The Sound of Music.



Elaine Pilon, center, was the producer of the musical play the Wizard of Oz. She is recognizing them here after the performance.



The Munchkins greeted Dorothy on her arrival in the Land of Oz and were delighted that she had gotten rid of the Wicked Witch of the West. The Munchkins were the youngest of the dancers to perform.

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## Tennis

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semi-finals in the beginners category.

Approximately 25 children competed in those two levels of ability.

Mr. Russell added that he was impressed to see how well they played in a setting they were not used to.

He took advantage of the trip to expose the children to some fun activities such as bowling and sightseeing. Since June Bobby Russell who teaches tennis at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay, has been holding a tennis clinic several times a week at the tennis court in Dundas Town for more than 20 students who attend on a regular basis.

The journey to Nassau was made possible thanks to the many sponsors, most of them local construction companies, and the McKormick family, who is supporting his work with the children.

His next goal is to organize a trip to a tennis camp in the United States to further reinforce their competitive skills.

## Hope Town Play

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livers entertainment not just to the Hope Town community, but also financial support to the orphaned children who will once again be able to experience a summer camp thanks in large part to the efforts of the young actors, their parents and the enduring support and work of the volunteers.



These are two of the women who worked hard to make the Hope Town musical a success, Peggy Thompson and Carrie Cash.



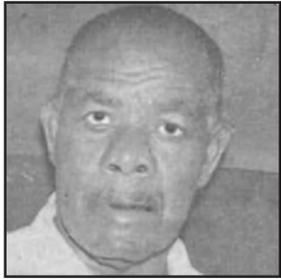
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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Solomon McBride**, 77, formerly of The Bight, Moore's Island, was held on December 10 in Freeport. Interment was also on Grand Bahama.



Solomon McBride

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Althea Fox-McBride; sons Brian, Gayland, Jason and Engelbert McBride; grandchildren Gaynell, Althea, Gabrielle, Genae, Gianina, Gayland Jr., Lakeisha, Justin and Brandon McBride; sisters-in-law Ethel Fox, Rowena Fawkes, Monica Fox and Emily McBride; brothers-in-law Gilbert Fox and Bertram Gibson; daughters-in-law Nina Carey McBride and Shavonne McBride; nieces and nephews Lucille and Celstine Swain, Eucylene Hunt, Sandra, Tyra, Samuel, Edison, Rodney and Anderson Davis, Adline and Betty Johnson, Annalee Knowles, Katie, Antonette, Kendal, Salathiel, Eugene and Ronnie McBride, Princess and Kent Fawkes, Sebastan, Alexandria and Nicola Lewis, Desiree, Melissa, Michaela, Gary, Brinton and Deshon Fox, Fefica Dean, Fertina Turnquest and Charmine Bootle, Ethlyn and Peggie Stuart; god daughters Judy Johnson and Bridgette Taylor; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Dorothea Christine Thompson**, 85, of Nassau, who died at her residence on December 5, was held in Nassau on December 13. Interment was in Nassau.

She was predeceased by her husband,

Roscoe W. Thompson, Sr.; and son, Ross Thompson.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Hazlewood; son-in-law, Fred Hazlewood; daughter-in-law Jane Thompson; brother-in-law, Chester Thompson; brother, Roy Newbold; grandchildren, Roscoe Thompson III, Jason Thompson, Jeffrey Thompson and Rick Hazlewood; granddaughter, Marnie Hazlewood-Reid; great-grandchildren, Olivia Hazlewood, Whit Hazlewood, Matthew Reid, Sofia Reid, Alex Thompson, Rocky Thompson, Dylan Thompson, Kimberly Rivet, Britini Thompson, Alyse Thompson and Leah Thompson.

The funeral service for **Diana Jane Wells**, 63, of Fox Town was held on December 17 at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven. Fr. DeAngelo Bowe officiated assisted by Fr. Dwight Rolle and Erskine Wells. Interment was in St. Chad's Church Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter Diana (Janet) Diaz; granddaughter Diana Parker; mother Ruth Wells; father of her children Oswald Parker Sr.;



Dorothea Thompson

children Freda Flowers, Salathiel (Ossie) Parker and Cindy (Kiesha) Taylor; grandchildren Troy Mill Jr., Andre Diaz, Alisa Diaz, Raneke and Robanish Taylor and Seryiah Parker; adopted sons Alfolzo Parker, Randy and Herbert, Tony Rolle, Jerry Butler, Anthony Wells Jr., Lionel Mills; adopted daughters Jennie McIntosh and Pam Russell; sons-in-laws Rodney Flowers and Robert Taylor; daughter-in-law Fatima Parker; brothers Fred, Erskine Jr., Roosevelt and Anthony Wells; sister Arlene McIntosh, Idella Mills, Shirley Wright, Barbara Williams, Valarie Rolle and Eleanor Burrows; brother-in-law Charlie Mills, Alphonso Wright, Augustine Williams, Whitney Rolle, Wellington Burrows, Daniel, Cedric, Fred, Eric, Calmon, Elvern, Elton and Wayne Parker and Hartman Cooper; sisters-in-law Veronica, Virginia and Lillian Wells, Lillian, Josephine Melrose, Cynthia, Patrice and Andrea Parker, Doris Thompson and May Cooper; uncles Eric Russell and Charles Jones; aunts Olga Russell, Lenimae Jones and Flowers Thompson; nieces and nephews Garnet and Marilyn Edgecombe, Riko, Pricilla Jollyan, Coretta, Daniel, Vangie, Walter, Pevan, Carlton, Livinia, Elvis and Tamara McIntosh, Rodney and Fretima Parker Jr., David and Sharon Jones, Tina Wells, Anita and Donnie McIntosh, Indira Wells, Edmond, Tamara, Rodney, Charmaine, Frisco, Demetries, Trenaire, Nadra and Millisa Wells, Mark Henry, Danny, Zerma and Chris Russell, Tommy, Tamara Rolle, Charlene, Ivan, Trevor, Tasha, Ulesse and Cheryl Mills, Gary, Ateka Maurin, Hanson, Kadera Gardiner, Fonzie and Tristan Wright, Omar, Keora Archer, Alex, Alexis Davot, Christina and Austinique Williams, Desmond Collie Jr.,

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The funeral service for **Capt. Paul Thomas Curry**, 87, of Green Turtle Cay, who died at his residence on December 3, was held on December 17 at St. Peter's Anglican Church on Green Turtle Cay. Fr. DeAngelo Bowe officiated assisted by Fr. Dwight Rolle. Interment was in the Green Turtle Cay Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his children **Marguerita Levarity**, Nothalee Cash, Angela Bodie, Rita Roberts, Wilfred and Gregory Curry; adopted



Capt. Paul Thomas Curry

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## Obituaries

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children Arnold and Verona Newbold, Kenvin Jones, Rose Johnson and Anthony Edgcombe; sister Marion Curry; sons-in-law Michael Levarity, Everett Cash, Perry Bodie and Aswell Roberts; daughters-in-law Edora and Josephine Curry; sister-in-law Berline Curry; grandchildren Willis, Dennis and Lisa, Rontonia Sr. and Emily Cindy Levarity, Anwar and Evette Moss, Kevin and Carla Gilbert Theodore and Almeta, Otis and Edris, Brad and Tashura, Reggie Clint, Shawn, Wilfred, Bernard, Dario and Garlyn Curry, Marie and Marvin Cash, Alicia Bodie, Marco and Tamara, Samuel, Coralee Roberts, Palmadge and Hichi Ferguson, Kirk Pedican; adopted grandchildren Kera Sears, Sheena Johnson, Amber and Jade Newbold; great-grandchildren MJ, Crystal, Dreson, Christen Samantha, Danielle, Rontonio Jr., Dennis Jr., Levarity, Darenique and Cyniquetra Ford, Rickie Jr. and Randol North, Dashia and Anwarnique Moss, Calista Gilbert, Sharine, Paulette, Diajah Cierra, Theodore Jr., Quadrey, Tayshawn, Britney, Reggie Jr., Natalie and Claire Curry, Makai and Makayden Cash, Kirkland McIntosh Jr., Palmadge Jr., Isaac and Tashura Ferguson, Taria Mariah and Shasse Roberts, Renardo Cooper, Jade and Jasmine Stubbs and Cardinal Minnis; nieces Edwina Smith and family, Eudene Thompson and family, Faye Major and family, Angela Bullard and family, Mary, Zorene and Brenhilda Curry, Jocelyn Smith and family, Kathrine Cooper and family, Genieve Woods and family, Therea Humes and family, Jacqueline Wylard and family; nephews Willie, Charlie, Colin Calvin, Grashon, John, Jonathan, Kenneth, Brent, Craig Curry and family, Winkie, Wilson, Bradley and Marcian McKenzie; cousins Jennie Reckley and family, Jane and Erskine Curry and family, Degrandal Franks and family, Flora Sawyer and family, Movina Clarke and family, Pat, Fritz and Jackie Bootle and family, Evie Babbs and family, Felix Sawyer and family, Veronica and Wayne Archer; and many other family

and friends.

The funeral service for **Virginia "Igalée" Pinder**, 63, of Mount Hope and formerly of Wood Cay was held on December 17 at New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope. Pastor John McIntosh officiated, assisted by Rev. Jackie Curry. Interment was in the Fox Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Rudolph Pinder Sr.; children Rudolph Jr., Wellington Sr., Donald and Garvin Pinder, Lavina Darville and Winnifred King; grandchildren



Virginia "Igalée" Pinder

Rudolph III, Rashad, Wellington Jr., Mataio, Deandra and Akeila Pinder, Leonardo and Lavarro Darville, Nelli-sha Roberts, Lavisco and Latonia King, Selina McIntosh, Shequita McKenny, Valencia Wright and Merisha Ferguson; sons-in-law Lenwood Darville and Anthony King; daughters-in-law Garnell, Virtle and Vernell Pinder; stepdaughter Renissa; sisters Betty Strachan, Orita Munroe, Erma Duncombe, Jennymae Ferguson, Glencina Curry, Linda Mills, Maureen Brown, Marilyn Johnson, Aramitha Curry and Annamae Adderley; brothers Samuel and Austine Mills, Talbot and Beecham Johnson; brothers-in-law Joy Duncombe, Hiram Munroe, Bertram Ferguson, James Curry and Howard Russell; sisters-in-law Monica and Fredamae Mills, Patsy Johnson, Ludean Clark and Regina Saunders; uncle Rev. Dr. Allen Mills; nieces Eldora Johnson, Priscilla Ferguson, Shenequa Russell, Valderine Gervis, Tamara and Marguerita Duncombe, Charity Bennett, Maxine, Coreisa, Talbertha and Aprilla Johnson, Alexis and Albertha Ferguson, Patrana Duncombe, Valarie and Karen Laroda, Generose, Denise, Samantha and Austine Mills, Shantia and Carmell, Wendy King, Katrina, Deanya Thompson, Alecia and Courtney Clark, Jamarla and Star, Tasha Russell, La-

vern Lowe, Ann Pinder and Zelerine Adderley; nephews Pherrrol and Alton Duncombe, Kranston and Sandal Key, Reuben, Octavous and Keith Russell, Kendrick and Dandrick Ferguson, Ryan Laroda, Samuel Jr., Curtis Mills, Leroy Sweeting, Elkenny Bar, Stevenson Griffin, Melvinton Saunders, Carol Russell, Okeyno Thompson, Decarlo Russell, Kirk and Dwayne Saunders; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Sidney Gaitor Taylor**, 75, of Marsh Harbour was held on December 21 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Marsh Harbour. Bro. Mervyn Drakes officiated. Internment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, sister, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchild, nephew, niece, stepchildren and many other relatives and friends.



Sidney Gaitor Taylor

**Brendalee Mills Cornish** was born to Viola and Bertram Mills in 1961. She received her education at the Dundas Town All Age School and was in the first class to graduate from Abaco Central High School in Spring City. In 1989 she married George Cornish and the couple had three children.

Brenda worked in the family business at Island Bakery. She was talented in the kitchen creating her own recipes for many of her delights.

After a long illness she passed away on December 14 at the age of 50. Her funeral was held on December 24 at Change Ministries. Pastor Samuel Cornish officiated assisted by Pastor Clifford Henfield. Burial was in the Dundas Town Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband George Cornish, Sr.; children Corrinne, Georgia and George Cornish, Jr.; siblings Beatrice (Clement) Charlton-Williams, Mary (Audley) Roberts, Dale (Paulette) Mills, Silbert (Dolly) Mills, Julia Mills, Bertlyn (Clint) Linden, Bertram, Jr. (Willann) Mills and Johnny Bertram; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Livingstone (Patricia) Cornish, Alfre-

do (Renay) Cornish, Pastor Samuel (Carmen) Cornish, Marguerita Cornish, Rosalie Cornish-Jones and Ernestine Rolle; aunts and uncles Althea, Elvert, Alma, Dorothy Mills, Nora Smith, Edna Deveaux, Mildred Williamson, Sybil McKinney, Ethlyn Williams, Catherine, Clara and Francis McPhee, Mary McKinney and Cleola Sawyer, Cecil, Durward and Lofton Mills, Joel McPhee, Evangelist McPhee, Arthur Williamson and Vincent Smith; nieces and nephews Odel, Bonica, Oneil (Trisha) Charlton, Alexis (Tia), Oral, Kareem, Vashti Roberts, Nia (Craig) Bethel, Noya, Genesta, Adora and Daylene Mills, Teneil (Adnado) Major, Dario Mills, Destiny (Roland) Newton, Charleston Cornish, Lavardo, Rhema, Shiloh and Shalom Mills, Niwano (Kailonni) Ferguson, Tavia (Patrick) Maynard, Conrad (Lashanda) Riviere, Tamika (Petral) Rolle, Crystal (Rohan) Spicer, Livinseya, Livingstone, Jr., and Anitra Cornish, Timothy and Anneisha Jones, Ashana, Alfredo Cornish, Jr., Jaynell (Carson) Mitchell, Samuel and Joshua Cornish; adopted niece Erica Allen; grandnieces and grandnephews; cousins Eunice, Janet, Judy, Francis, Hazel, Maguerita, Rosemary, Wensilee, Norma, Maydawn, Debbie, Henza, Stephanie, Donna, Connie, Kayla, Aretha, Vanessa, Indira, Tanya, Tishura, Marquita, Anika, Melanie, Carolee, Sharon, Linda, Becky, Verna, Dean, Marilyn, George, Ross, Elvis, Michael, Troy, Dave, Fabian, Cay, Brian, Richard, Barry, Owen, Paul, Wayde, Glen, Don, Carl, Bradley, Lofton Jr. Gurlena, Berthamae, Earlston, Ian, Hexin, Sidney, Amos, Carlton, Flossie, Bridgette, Idella, Medlelo, Brian, Steven, Carol, Kayla, Crystal, Elva, Vernique, Perry, Lanette, Eloise, Rosealee, Joyclyn and Joey; god children Shenika Lowe, George Stuart Jr.; god sisters Sybil Ferguson, Sylvia Smith and Patsy and Geraldine Ward; god brothers Don Cornish and David Henfield; and many other relatives and friends.



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# People in the News

## Civil servant is rewarded for honesty

By Canishka Alexander

On November 28 Jeremie Saunders of the Department of Marine Resources discovered that in his haste that day he had lost \$1,500. And if that were not bad enough, the money did not belong to him. After retracing his steps, Mr. Saunders went back to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. Unbelievably, all of the money was accounted for. Denise Wallace, an employee, had found the money and returned it to the head nurse.

"If you were to ask me about the levels of honesty and integrity found in our country and more specifically here on Abaco, my answer would be somewhat despondent

even though I know that there are persons on Abaco who still exemplify and exhibit what goodness represents," Mr. Saunders recalled. "That Monday I experienced the highest plateau of honesty and integrity imagined."

Before arriving at the clinic, Mr. Saun-



Denise Wallace was rewarded for returning \$1500 to Jeremie Saunders after he misplaced it. He gave her a gift certificate and a poinsettia for her honesty.

ders had already begun to think how someone had found the money and was smiling ear to ear during this holiday shopping period. When he thanked Ms. Wallace from the bottom of his heart, it was hard to control his emotions as he was given the rare opportunity to look into the face of an honest woman.

On December 19 he visited the clinic again to present a gift certificate and poinsettia arrangement to her. Both he and Ms. Wallace shared a tearful exchange as he presented her with the gifts.

Visibly surprised, Ms. Wallace could only say, "May God continue to bless you. Thank you."

## Bill Albury is Top Producer for Abaco

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Bill Albury

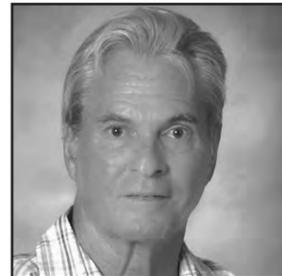
mianos honours its agents with outstanding sales records in each area annually.

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## Abaco Bodybuilder is inducted into National Hall of Fame

The Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture held the 2011 National Hall of Fame induction ceremony on November 5 at Government House in Nassau.

Arthur Vincent David Elden was one of 15 new members. Arthur has been in bodybuilding for over 50 years, beginning his training in 1957. He entered his first competition in 1960.



Arthur Elden

In June 2011 Arthur competed and won the Masters over 60 at the West Palm Beach Championship. The coming year will see Arthur compete for the last time in the over 60 class as he will begin competing in the over 70 class in October.

With his induction to the Hall of Fame, Arthur is the first person from Abaco to have this honour.

In attendance was the Governor General, His Excellency Sir Arthur Foulkes, Lady Foulkes and the Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture, the Hon. Charles Maynard.

## Abaconian wins award for documentary

Abaconian filmmaker Matthew McCoy was recently honored at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival with the Spirit of Independents Award for his documentary Andros: Living off the Land and Sea.



Matt McCoy

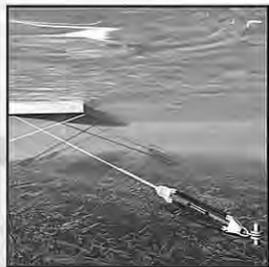
Produced by The Nature Conservancy, this documentary explores the natural resources of largest island in The Bahamas

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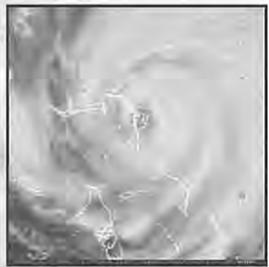
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# More People in the News

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including its land crab population, fresh water reserves and the third largest barrier reef in the world and explores its potential to become an international eco tourism mecca. It was screened in Fort Lauderdale as well as the extension festivals on Grand Bahamas and Amelia Island.

Mr. McCoy's work can be seen on Conch Salad TV, [www.conchsaladtv.com](http://www.conchsaladtv.com), a video website that explores life in The Bahamas.

## Miss Teen Abaco gives Christmas gifts

*By Samantha V. Evans*

On December 17 the reigning Miss Teen Abaco Daughters of Royalty, Rose-mike Charles visited children of the Sand Banks community in Treasure Cay. The teen queen thought it fitting during this season to spread love and joy and who better than to share it with children! Miss Teen Abaco reminded the children of the true reason for this season which is Jesus the Christ by reading to them the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Following the story

time, Miss Teen distributed 45 Christmas gifts and candy canes to all the children, wishing them a merry Christmas and bringing smiles to their faces. The gifts were donated by the Miss Teen Abaco Daughters of Royalty Pageant Committee. Parents and other adults of the community stood by in support of the teen's gesture and wished her well as she continues her reign.

film was played by Maxine Lincoln, Mr. Johnston's cousin.

Mr. Johnston was visibly excited about the win and was pleased to represent Abaco as a filmmaker. He is the son of Pete Johnston of Johnston's Studios and Art Gallery and grandson of internationally acclaimed bronze sculptor, Randolph Johnston.

## Abaco film-maker wins First Look Award

*By Canishka Alexander*

Tyler Johnston of Little Harbour won the First Look Award at the 9th Annual Bahamas International Film Festival held on December 6-9. The short film called Five Bones was directed by Mr. Johnston and tells the story of a group of children from an underprivileged community with little money and few resources who created their own entertainment by building kites out of the most basic materials. The music accompanying the three-minute long

## Cancer research will be discussed

The Cancer Society of Abaco invites the public to attend an important meeting. The meeting will be held on January 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Forest Heights Academy, Room 103.

New information has been released that was announced at a Dallas, Texas, symposium for cancer research. Every resident of Abaco will want to know about the newest research.



Miss Teen Abaco, Rose-mike Charles, brought Christmas cheer to the children of Sand Banks immigrant community at Treasure Cay. She is shown here with some of the happy children.



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# Police Crime Report

**Threats of Death & Causing Harm** - on December 16 a resident of Dundas Town reported that someone attacked him and another male beat him and threatened to kill him while at a bar in Marsh Harbour. **Suspect arrested** - On December 17 both suspects were arrested.

**Falsification of Documents** - On December 16 it was reported to the police that a former employee of a gift shop in Marsh Harbour had taken goods from the store totaling \$2137. The employee did not pay for the goods.

**Housebreaking** - On December 15 a residence in Marsh Harbour was broken into and the person stole an assortment of jewelry and \$1,300 cash. **Suspect Arrested** - On December 17 a resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested in this matter.

**Disorderly Behaviour** - On December 15 police officers arrested to residents of Dundas Town for Disorderly Behaviour. They were charged and released on \$500.

**Stealing from a Vessel** - On December 11 a resident of Fire Road reported that someone had stolen his 30 HP Yamaha outboard from his 14-foot Mitchel boat that was docked on the south side of Fire Road. The engine was valued at \$3150.

**Shopbreaking** - On December 12 someone broke into a school in Marsh Harbour and destroyed some books.

**Traffic Fatality** - On December 18 a resident of the Mud died as a result of a traffic accident that occurred near Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour.

**Housebreaking** - On December 15 a residence in Treasure Cay was broken into and jewelry was stolen. **Suspect Arrested** - A suspect from Treasure Cay was arrested and was arraigned in Magistrate Court and

remanded to prison. **Housebreaking** - On December 16 a residence in Treasure Cay was broken into and an assortment of jewelry was stolen.

**Suspect Arrested** - A Treasure Cay resident was arrested in this case. He was arraigned in Magistrate Court and remanded to prison in Nassau.

**Illegal Immigrants arrested** - On December 18 police officers were informed about a go-fast boat containing illegal immigrants. The officers arrested 11 Haitian immigrants and seized the 33-foot vessel named Legal Eagle. The immigrants were turned over to the Immigration Officers for further processing.

**Causing Harm** - On December 23 a 17-year old boy of Murphy Town was assaulted by a Jamaican man he knows only by face. The man hit him with a piece of stick on his right shoulder causing pain.

On December 24 the accused man was arrested and later charged. He pleaded guilty in Magistrates Court and was fined \$250. He was ordered deported from the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

**Disorderly Behavior, Obscene Language, Causing Damage** - On December 23 a resident of Pigeon Peas was arrested for Disorderly Behavior, Obscene Language, Assaulting a Police Officer and Causing Damage. He was arrested in the area of a restaurant in Marsh Harbour. He was charged and released on police bail.

**Robbery** - On December 24 a crew member of a freight boat at the port was walking back to the boat and was near the basketball court in Marsh Harbour when he was accosted by three men who demanded all he had. He gave them \$1500 cash and a cell phone valued at \$150.

**Threats of Harm & Causing Harm** - On December 24 a resident of Dundas Town reported that while he was playing poker at a restaurant in Dundas Town, the man he was playing against got upset and threw a chair at him. He then threatened to shoot him.

**Stealing & Causing Damage** - On December 25 a resident of Great Guana Cay reported that someone smashed the passenger door glass of his Cadillac and stole his

Apple I-phone valued at \$650. **Stolen Vessel (Recovered)** - On December 26 police discovered a 32-foot Ventura with twin 250 HP Yamaha outboards on the shoreline in Cooper's Town. It was towed to Marsh Harbour. A resident of Man-O-War reported that he had a Ventura stolen from a private dock. It was valued \$140,000. The owner positively identified the boat in Marsh Harbour.

## Housebreaking suspect is arrested and charged

By Canishka Alexander

Shermal Hart was arraigned before Magistrate Ancella Evans-Williams on December 19 and charged with two counts of housebreaking. According to Det. Sgt. Christopher Farquharson, between October 15 and December 15, 2011, they observed a number of housebreakings in the

Treasure Cay area. After conducting an investigation, officers arrested Hart, who has now been remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until his court date in February.

It is estimated that Hart allegedly stole more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry from the two homes.

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**Murder** *From Page 1*

tioned and subsequently released.

It was later learned that Wayde Collins, brother of the deceased, told United States authorities following his arrest that his brother "had been shot and killed in The Bahamas by several Haitians because of the missing cocaine," according to a U.S. federal court document.

According to a criminal complaint that was filed in a Federal Court in Florida, Wayde Collins, 35, of Marsh Harbour, was arrested in Florida earlier this month and has since been charged before a U.S. judge with aiding and abetting the importation of cocaine.

Authorities allege that Wayde Collins helped import about 600 pounds of cocaine into the United States. The drugs were reportedly found on December 2 on a boat that Wayde Collins allegedly helped tow from The Bahamas into the United States, according to the document.

Wayde Collins appeared in a Federal court on December 16 where it was revealed that on November 23 an anonymous caller relayed a tip to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) that "loads of cocaine were coming from The Bahamas to West Palm Beach or Stuart, Florida, on a 37-foot Grady White fishing vessel." The caller claimed that the vessel might still be at the marina.

Authorities went to the marina and found the fishing vessel which was attached to a large red tow boat called Sorrel. At that

time the K-9 unit was alerted to the presence of cocaine on the Sorrel, but no contraband was found. However, returning on December 1 law enforcement officials with a K-9 unit found what appeared to be 275 kilograms (606 pounds) of cocaine in a hidden compartment, the court document said.

According to the document Wayde Collins met with U.S. investigators on December 14 after he was contacted in reference to the drugs, and it was said he told federal authorities that his brother, Claude Collins, was one of two men who allegedly imported the drugs.

Wayde Collins said he helped another man, whose name is being withheld, tow the Sorrel, which was not working, and that on November 22, the Sorrel was attached to a fishing boat in Whale Cay Channel. According to the documents he said he helped the other man untie the Sorrel from the fishing vessel, then helped tie the Sorrel to another vessel, which then towed the Sorrel to Florida.

Wayde Collins said that he and two friends followed behind in their boats, adding that they arrived at a Florida marina on November 22. The man who allegedly owned the drugs traveled on another boat, the document said.

Claude Collins, who had flown to Florida, picked up Wayde Collins and his two friends, according to the court document, which said that a few days later Claude Collins returned to Abaco.

On December 9 Wayde Collins received

a call from family in The Bahamas indicating that his brother "had been shot and killed in The Bahamas by several Haitians because of the missing cocaine."

"The family stated that these individuals were threatening to kill more family members if their cocaine was not returned," the document added.

According to persons who arrived at the murder scene, it appeared Claude Collins had stepped outside his home to have a cigarette when he was attacked. The sounds of five to six shots were heard, and it was

believed that the perpetrator(s) then fled on foot.

The court document said that Wayde Collins claimed that he did not know that drugs were on the boat until after it arrived in the United States. He said his brother told him afterward. However, U.S. investigators believe he knew the drugs were onboard the boat before it left The Bahamas.

If convicted, Wayde Collins could face a minimum sentence of 10 years to life in prison.

## Yacht club will present Health and Safety Seminar

The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club will be conducting a Health and Safety Seminar in the Marquis at Abaco Beach Resort on January 24 at 10 a.m. The seminar has been designed to provide an overview of the health, safety and emergency services available to boaters and second homeowners while visiting Abaco.

According to Margo Caldy, Commodore, "A series of informative presentations will be given by representatives of local medical and public safety services; and of particular interest to boaters, represen-

tatives of BASRA, the Bahamian Defense Force and the United States Coast Guard will each present an overview of their respective search and rescue operations."

"The Ministry of Tourism has worked closely with RMHYC over the years," added Wynsome Ferguson of the Abaco Tourist Office, "and we see this seminar as being particularly valuable to those visiting our family islands for the first time."

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# School News

## Agape hosts two sessions of Christmas program

By Canishka Alexander

*The Present is the Future* is Agape Christian School's latest production, and it was presented just in time for the holidays early in December. Written by Katie Combs, Drama Teacher Courtnee Romer explained that she bought the rights to the Christmas musical production and directed it.

The Christmas program came about because it was decided that it would be nice for students of Grades 4 to 6 to do something for Christmas. Traditionally, the older children showcase their extraordinary talents during their spring productions.

Mrs. Romer described the production as a contemporary play where the students were given clues to help them figure out the true meaning of Christmas. Added to that, they incorporated songs and choreographed performances that fit nicely between the scenes.

"So we just blended a bit of the old by using characters like the shepherds and the angels with these kids who were in a mysterious mansion looking for what Christmas means," she said. "What is it all about? Is it about getting gifts? No. Is it a story about the kings and the shepherds and the

angels? No. It's about God sending his son to die for our sins. So it's life changing."

Although there was a large crowd at the afternoon showing on December 6, Mrs. Romer said their evening shows are always the best. She proudly commended everyone who showed their support of the Christmas production because the students had been working on the play for six weeks.

"The more the merrier because the kids are so enthused, and they did work hard," Romer commented. "It really was a team effort."

## Culprits steal laptops, damage books at ECC

By Canishka Alexander

In mid-December, it was reported that unknown persons entered Every Child Counts and destroyed some of the school's books. Added to that, Principal Lyn Major said that there had been four break-ins at the school that occurred within a two-week period and laptops were stolen.

Needless to say, these thefts left tremendous pressure on Mrs. Major as she and her staff looked forward to the closing of school for the Christmas holidays.

Donations and volunteers who help out

at the school have been an integral part of its survival. Mrs. Major was disheartened to know that someone would commit such a cruel act to a school that assists the community so greatly in caring for its children with special needs.

## ECC celebrates at Christmas Program

By Canishka Alexander

A great gathering of volunteers and community stakeholders attended Every Child Counts' annual Christmas Program on December 16. Despite inclement weather, the students and staff were in an upbeat mood as Deangela Murray, moderator, introduced each class that performed.

Ms. Beth's class led in the performances with the singing of Jingle Bells, and Ms. Mel's class complimented hers with three more songs. The school choir then entertained their guests by offering a melodious collection of solos, duets and trio performances.

Finally, students of Mr. David and Ms. Pam's class performed a Bahamian version of the Christmas story where Mary received news that she had found favour in God's eyes and would give birth to a son called Jesus.

Mary Gottlieb closed the program with the announcement of three fundraisers which she said are an integral part of the school raising funds. The first is a Bingo event, which will take place on January 12 at the Jib Room. A Texas group will showcase a Broadway-styled performance

on February 21 in Hope Town and on February 22 at Abaco Beach Resort.

## Angels Academy celebrates Christmas

By Mirella Santillo

Angels Academy celebrated the Christmas season with a gathering of parents, family members and friends invited to witness performances by the students and to partake in lunch afterwards.

The school's Director Barbara Johnson orchestrated the gathering which started with a welcome address by the Pre-K and Kindergarten children. Each grade students then either sang or recited poems; there was even a Karaoke session by three students. Their sing-along and mimic of the words were so good as to have the audience laughing and the parents taking photographs and videos.

The teachers took part in the show forming a choir of eight, rendering a nice interpretation of a few Christmas songs.

Kathy Key was the guest speaker. She expressed her gratitude for the invitation as she always like to participate when children are concerned. "We need children in our lives," she said, quoting Hillary Clinton. "They keep our imagination going and our hearts young." She congratulated the parents and the school for doing such a good work with the students.

The gathering ended in the kitchen where people crowded to sample the dishes and many displays on the counters.



The large cast of the Christmas play *The Present is the Future* is shown here. The play was on by students of Grades 4, 5 and 6 of Agape Christian School. Large crowds attended both performances.

## Church of Christ holds children's End of Year Party

By Samantha V. Evans

On December 17 the Church of Christ held its end of year party in the activity center of the church in Marsh Harbour. This event is held each year during this time when the kids are given gifts and those who attended Bible classes on Sun-

day mornings are given certificates of attendance. Approximately 50 kids were treated to lots of fun on this day including a bouncing castle, fun games and all of the food they could eat. The pastor of this church is Evangelist Jason Quashie.



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By Bradley Albury

*The Night Before Christmas*, the cantata performed by the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel choir, was a reflection on the familiar story of Jesus' birth. The musical performances were punctuated by narration focusing the importance of what Christmas means to Christians. The choir belted out energetic medleys and beautiful

classics alike.

Clair Marshall sang the first solo and was followed by a duet from the young Mikayla Marshall and Raquel Albury, who offered a rendition of Silent Night to the packed church. Solos from Londa Sawyer, Brian Saunders and a final duet between Rachael Johnson and Troy Albury high-

lighted the evening.

The Cantata, which is becoming an annual tradition of this church, is performed in several communities. Several churches in the cays and also Treasure Cay were treated to the traveling performances leading up to Christmas. The group is always well received.

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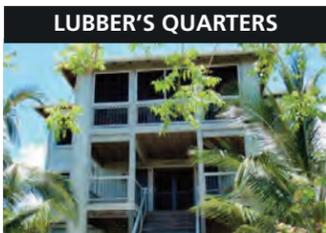
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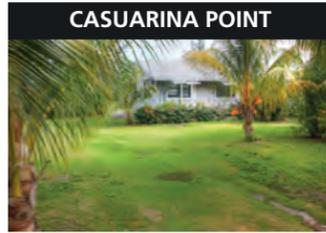
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