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Final Sailaway fundraiser attracts crowds



On August 12 the Sailaway beach party was held at Baker's Bay. The event is organized by the Sailaway Committee and this year it benefitted Friends of the Environment and the Rotary Club of Abaco. The proceeds which are raised by the sale of hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and t-shirts go to benefit the organizations. Volunteers from both organizations, along with other individuals, staffed the booths for hours. This was the tenth and final Sailaway.

Despite threatening weather over Greater Abaco, Guana Cay was spared from any downpour of rain. Party-goers anchored their boats immediately off the beach on both the lee side and ocean side on the northern tip of Great Guana Cay. The warm, calm water encouraged visitors to enjoy the sea and beach while the "Rare 'N Digo" played music from loudspeakers mounted on the vessel. Leigh Davis and James Malone, "DJ Fire & Ice", were the DJs for the afternoon.

Originally started in Abaco by "Little" Bill Albury, the Sailaway has benefitted many charities throughout its ten year run. In the past Every Child Counts, the fire department, the Abaco Cancer Society and other organizations have benefited

The tenth annual Sailaway was held on August 12. Over one hundred boats anchored off the shore at Bakers Bay to enjoy a day of fun floating in the calm sea. The event raised money for two charitable organizations: The Rotary Club of Abaco and Friends of the Environment.

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Thirty three immigrants caught at Hole in the Wall

FNM Chairman passes away on Abaco



On August 10, thirty three illegal immigrants from Haiti were captured at Hole in the Wall. On August 12 an additional thirty five Haitian immigrants were caught during a joint effort by the Marsh Harbour Police Station and the Department of Immigration. Though the group which was captured appeared to be in good health, a few individuals were suffering from dehydration. Above: the group of thirty three awaiting a flight at the Marsh Harbour International Airport to Nassau where they would later be detained for processing. See page 14 for the full story.



Charles Maynard, the Free National Movement Chairman and former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, was in North Abaco helping direct the by-election campaign when he suffered a fatal heart attack early on August 14. He was laid to rest at a ceremony in Nassau. See page 5.

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Many at the Sailaway enjoyed floating and wading in the warm waters at Bakers Bay. Above: a group having a good time pose for the camera.

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from the fundraiser. This year the Rotary Club of Abaco and Friends of the Environment worked together along with the Committee to ensure a successful party.

Over one hundred boats throughout the day were anchored at the beach. Each boat was full of people looking to have a fun time and enjoy the festivities. A cash bar was set up along with a grill for hot dogs, hamburgers and crawfish tails. Both serving stations were consistently occupied by hungry and thirsty beach-goers who were being served by volunteers. The proceeds were split between the two organizations.

This year was the tenth occurrence of the Sailaway and, regardless, would have been the last one held at Baker's Bay. Unfortunately, it was also later decided to be the final party of the decade-long series.

Despite the logistical challenges going forward with scouting a new location and the tremendous effort needed to put into the Sailaway each year, many of the organizers were confident the annual party could continue next year. However, a brawl that broke out that afternoon on the beach was the frustrating final straw.

"This event has been held for ten consecutive years. Ten years and there has never been a problem like that," Kristin Williams, Director of FRIENDS and Sailaway Committee member, said in regards to the fight. "It was incredibly upsetting. This is a charity event and to have a group of people behave like that was really disappointing. We decided then that we are not going to continue the event."

Unrelated to the fight, one gentleman became distressed when he drifted out too far from the beach. He was rescued quickly.

Despite the altercation, the event was considered a success.

"The people were great. Everyone who comes to Sailaway is always so supportive and they are really there to have a good time. It's always a lot of fun," said Ms. Williams. She also thanked Baker's Bay who set up the area and helped clean the trash that remained.

Along with the Fiddle Cay "Stranded Naked" Party, the Sailaway is one of the largest beach parties held in Abaco. A staple summertime event for many Abacians and boating tourists for ten years, the Sailaway is sure to be missed next August. Hopefully with the growth of the North Abaco Summer Beach Festival, and efforts by other organizations and individuals, a comparable substitute will one day exist again on socialites' calendars. It was a fun run that many will remember fondly.



Above: Mike Lightbourn, Sailaway volunteer, enjoys a break from serving drinks and enjoys a cold glass of gully wash on the beach.

Below: A view of the beach from behind the cash bar. Money was raised for The Rotary Club of Abaco and FRIENDS.



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- #13179 Hope Town Point Lot 70A & B - North end building site. **B\$125,000. & B\$145,000.** Kerry Sullivan
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- #16088 Lot A-D- Approx 1/4 acre lots, ocean views, close to beach. Starting at **\$165,000.** Jane Patterson
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- #10312 Abaco Ocean Club Lot 46 Large waterfront lot. Stunning views. **\$250,000.** Laurie Schreiner
- #13186 Abaco Ocean Club Lots 21 & 22 - Two adjoining lots & boat slip. **\$149,900.** Laurie Schreiner
- #10707 Abaco Ocean Club Lot 152 NEW PRICE - dockage. **\$99,000.** Laurie Schreiner

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- #10599 Fabulous Beachfront Lot. Best Beach Location. NEW PRICE **\$375,000.** Stan Sawyer
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- #14047 Lot 1, 30 ft elevations, largest lot on the beach price on request
- #14313 Lot 2, Owner wants offers
- #13638 Lot 6 - **\$975,000** Lot C8 - **\$299,000** Lot C10 - **\$300,000.**



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North Abaco

Former minister pronounced dead in Treasure Cay

Charles Maynard, Chairman of the Free National movement and former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, passed away in Abaco early August 14, 2012. Mr. Maynard was in North Abaco helping prepare for the by-election when he collapsed from a heart attack. He was unresponsive when he arrived at the Treasure Cay Clinic and was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m.

Mr. Maynard was 42 years old.

A statement was issued by the FNM in regards to Mr. Maynard's passing.

"The passing of the national chairman Charles Maynard is a tremendous loss of the rising political statesman and public servant, not only to the Free National Movement, but also to our beloved country."

The Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham also remembered Mr. Maynard.

"It was my privilege to have Charlie serve in my Cabinet," Mr. Ingraham said, "Yet for all of his accomplishments, what made Charlie such a wonderful friend and colleague is that he was simply a good human being."

Mr. Maynard affected many sports and youth organizations during his tenure as the Minister responsible. Many such organizations have reached out to express their gratitude for his work in their respective communities.

The Special Olympics released a formal press release in regards to Mr. May-

nard:

"On behalf of Special Olympics Bahamas and Special Olympics Caribbean we extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Charles T. Maynard, former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture.

Mr. Maynard's life, while short on earth was committed to national service. Under his leadership, the Government of The Bahamas formalized its support with Special Olympics Bahamas in April, 2010 during the Special Olympics Caribbean Business Meeting with the signing of a partnership agreement. His term in office also saw the completion of the Master Plan for the Sport Centre Redevelopment Project. The end result of this project will be a positive adjunct to all involved stakeholders. His accomplishment of this and more will touch the lives of many in the years ahead. We salute Mr. Maynard for his service to the development of The Bahamas and its people.

Our prayers and thoughts remain with his wife Zelena and children, his parents, Mr. Andrew 'Dud' & Isodara Maynard, his siblings and his wider family."

The Bahamas Basketball Federation also reached out to express their condolences:

"It is with profound sadness that the Bahamas Basketball Federation (BBF) received news of the sudden and untimely passing of the Honourable Charles J. Maynard, former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture. The reports of his demise were extremely difficult as the newly elected 'Executive Committee' of the Federation had a short but very important relationship with him as Minister.

Central Abaco

Department of Public Health to host Community Health Fair



Above: Shanishka Bain-Cambridge (standing, far left) addressing the audience at the meeting for the Community Health Fair.

By Canishka Alexander

The Department of Public Health in conjunction with the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic is inviting Abaconians to participate in their first Community Health Fair, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the BAIC Farmers Market and Craft Center. The fair will be held under the theme: "Let's Get Well Abaco."

In preparation for the fun-filled event, an initial planning committee meeting was held on August 21 at the Dundas Town Burial Society to address and encourage feedback from community stakeholders and business partners.

Shanishka Bain-Cambridge of Living Well Naturally called the meeting to order, and invited Bro. Lennie Etienne to open in prayer. Meanwhile, Nurse Maxine Brown, nurse-in-charge of the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic, gave the welcome address and remarks.

During her remarks, Bain-Cambridge offered statistics on obesity, which leads to chronic diseases like heart disease and diabetes in The Bahamas. Unfortunately, these diseases are a financial and social

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Central Abaco

Government departments relocate to administrative complex

By Canishka Alexander

The end of August kept government workers busy as they bid farewell to their former offices and exchanged them for the newer, more modern facilities located at the Abaco Government Complex. Offices like the National Insurance Board (NIB) have been at their previous location for close to 4 years.

According to Craig Nicholls, property manager for NIB in the northern region, there are twenty government agencies that will be housed at the complex.

They include the offices of the Auditor General; Local Government Council; Magistrate Courts 1 & 2; Business License



Don Wilmott, general superintendent of Woslee Construction, expressed his happiness regarding the completion of the project. The 66,000 sq. ft. building will house twenty government agencies including N.I.B., Road Traffic, Dept. of Education, Post Office, and the Passport Office.

and Real Property Tax; National Insurance Board (N.I.B.); Bahamas Post Office; Bahamas Passport Office; Administrator's Office; Dept. of Agriculture; Dept. of Marine Resources; Labour Department; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture; Dept. of Education; Dept. of Housing; Bahamas Mortgage Corporation; Dept. of Social Services; Dept. of Environmental Health; and the Road Traffic Department.

As of August 21, five or six of those agencies had relocated with more tenants moving in daily. Mr. Nicholls said that, regarding the government complex, everything had been completed. All that was left are the installation and assignment of phone numbers and extensions along with provisions for Internet service. Signage will also be placed at each department to assist the public as well as a map of the complex that will be situated at the front of the complex.

Security officers were also on hand from Candid Security, which is owned by President and CEO Cleveland Duncombe. The Freeport-based company will provide 24-hour security service at the Abaco Government Complex. Currently, the Magistrate Court is addressing how policing will be carried out in reference to the courts.

Meanwhile, Don Wilmott, general superintendent of Woslee Construction, said he is glad to see that the 66,000 sq. ft.

government complex is 100 percent completed, and that people were able to move into their various departments.

Once everyone is settled in, Mr. Nicholls said that the Min. of Labour and National Insurance – the Hon. Shane Gibson – will determine when the grand opening ceremony will be held.



Craig Nicholls, property manager for NIB in the northern region, said the only work remaining at the complex is the installation of phone and internet service along with posting of signage.

so they plan to update their records on those with chronic diseases and encourage them to increase their physical activity and consumption of fruits and vegetables.

The Community Health Fair will provide a range of health services and activities like health screenings; health education, counseling and presentations; healthy food preparation demonstrations; fitness activities; backyard gardening demonstrations; and food vending and entertainment.

At the Speakers Corner, there will be additional presentations that will specifically target the prevention and treatment of hypertension, back-to-school road safety, conflict resolution, basic CPR and First Aid, Women's Health, fire safety in the home, and youth presentations.

Bain-Cambridge also appealed to the culinary community to spark their interest in participating in a Healthy Iron Chef Competition. There is also a need for persons who have experience with event planning and coordination to lend a hand in organizing the event. More assistance is needed in the areas of donations and funding; event promotions and marketing; infrastructure and layout; decorations; and fair booths and vending.

"If everyone does their part, we can all make it come together," she expressed.

In attendance were representatives from the media, insurance agents, volunteer, farmers, culinary and fitness professionals, Tourism, Dept. of Social Services, and Dept. of Education.

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 11 at 11 a.m. at the Dundas Town Burial Society.

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burden – costing the government millions of dollars of healthcare related costs.

However, as they focus on the promotion of health and wellness at the health fair, Bain-Cambridge told the audience that we must first be aware of the condition of our bodies. There is already a Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases Clinic (CNCD) set up at the government clinic,



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Central Abaco

Administrator Preston Cunningham returns to Abaco



Preston Cunningham (above) is the new Senior Island Administrator for Abaco. This is Mr. Cunningham's served South Abaco some fifteen years ago and was most recently posted in Eleuthera.

By Canishka Alexander

Administrator Preston Cunningham took up post on Abaco again on July 18 during a Changing-Over Ceremony with former Senior Island Administrator Cephas Cooper.

Born on Crooked Island, Cunningham's public service career began at the age of 14 when he began teaching at an all-age school on Long Cay. He contributed a total of 20 years to the development of education in The Bahamas as a principal in the southeastern islands, and served as a Superintendent of Education in his remaining three years.

Switching from Education to Local Government, Administrator Cunningham

began as a Family Island Commissioner in 1991, and by 1996 when Local Government was introduced, he was reclassified as an administrator.

Administrator Cunningham has currently given twenty one years of his life to Local Government, and in that time he has worked on every Family Island except Andros and Grand Bahama.

Looking back, some would remember that he served on Abaco about fifteen years ago as the administrator in South Abaco. Before returning to Abaco, however, he resided in Governor's Harbour, Harbour Island and Cat Island in a twenty-two month span.

He expressed that returning to Abaco was "like coming back home" based on the welcome he has received from residents. He is excited to see what Central Abaco has to offer as he looks forward to support from others because as an administrator Mr. Cunningham said they are required to wear numerous hats. For instance, while in Inagua, he recalled being the district postmaster at the Post Office, and he was called on to perform court duties.

Nevertheless, he has one main goal for Abaco.

"I will work with the people for the good of the land," he shared. "Marsh Harbour is very complex, so an administrator must be flexible and alert at all times."

As a direct link between the government and the people, he added that he will ensure that all government policies are

carried out and that all of its interests are protected while he reminds people of what they are supposed to be doing.

Although he admitted that there have been some challenges and adverse conditions at times, he has enjoyed a good time in public life overall. Currently he is looking forward to relocating to the new facilities provided for him and his colleagues at the new government administrative complex.

Administrator Preston Cunningham is also a licensed Baptist Minister. He has been married to Margaretta Cunningham for thirty five years and the couple has three children.

"I will work with the people for the good of the land"

to return the money, it resulted in an altercation between the two men. As a result, the victim was stabbed in the chest – the stab just narrowly missing his heart.

The victim was later taken to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic where he received medical assistance and was later discharged. Investigations continue into this matter.

Auskell Women's Fitness Centre holds open house

By Jennifer Hudson

The Auskell Women's Fitness Centre opened its doors on August 17. The opening of this Fitness Centre had been looked forward to with anticipation and excitement by many in the community and, despite torrential downpours, many ladies were already standing outside the doors waiting for it to open at 12 noon. Registration continued until 7:00 p.m. Business was brisk as many people signed up anxious to get started on their fitness regimens.

Any ladies signing up were first given a health check at which their weight and blood pressure were recorded. These will be monitored at regular intervals during their training sessions. Persons signing up during the open house received a special discount off their membership fee and also received a gift bag containing a t-shirt

Man stabbed at club in Haitian community

By Canishka Alexander

According to police officers at the Marsh Harbour Police Station, a stabbing occurred at Club Perfect, which is located in The Mud on August 9. The incident took place at 11:30 p.m.

Police reports indicate that the victim approached the suspect about money that he owed to him. When the suspect refused

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From the Editor's Desk // Progress



We cannot accept this new progress if for every step forward it brings we are forced two steps back. These are not growing pains we are feeling now, this is the result of accepting subpar governance, no matter who the governments of the time is, and a lack of accountability on so many different levels.

I think we should take some of the effort we expend laying blame on others and work together on a fix. It won't be easy or quick but it is worth the effort. And I don't have any answers, but I know it starts with us starting a dialogue with ourselves. It starts with us reaching out to our neighbors to the north and the south and right next door. Different institutions in our society may be flawed, nowhere in the world are they perfect, but we the people are the glue that is supposed to hold our society together. We need to remember to stick with each other or everything will fall apart.

We should not be afraid in our own homes and businesses. That's not the reality we've grown up on and it's certainly not the reality we've promised those who visit us. And I am nothing but optimistic that we can reverse this trend but I am not naïve in thinking it will be easy and overnight. We certainly did not get in this position overnight.

I would also like to take this moment to remember Charles Maynard. His efforts as the former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture will not go unremembered by those he helped. For examples of how to make differences that matter look to his accomplishments in his much too short life.

If you know any who were close to Mr. Bain don't hesitate to reach out to them. Let's remind each other that we are a community.

It has been suggested that this is the price we must pay for progress. But what kind of progress is this?

Weekends that end in the murder of our young men? Attempts to rob banks and late night kidnappings at gun point? And successful robberies of the businesses that sustain our much touted Abaconian economy? Is this progress? Is this what we must accept as our new normal?

I refuse this future. And so should you.

I extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of young Gregory Bain. The tragedy is not quarantined to Sandy Point. That may be where it is centered but it is a deep ache felt by all. We are still a small community. Abaco is around seventy miles from end to end. But those miles are populated by people, families traditions and history. This island has a tapestry that we and our ancestors have stitched together over the many years.

So when someone pulls at our tapestry it doesn't just tear at the source. We all come a little unraveled.

It is sad and upsetting when a murder takes place in our small community. But one so senseless as this takes a little longer to comprehend. It reinforces the fact that unless we come together and face the problems that we as a society are incubating, then things will get worse.

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The Corporation notes that outages on Monday, August 20th and again on Tuesday, August 21st were the direct result of inclement weather in the Abaco area in the past 24 hours. Lightning strikes at two separate locations on the island resulted in periods of supply loss on Monday night and Tuesday morning.

In the first instance on Monday night (11:23 p.m.), there was an island wide outage after lightning struck the South Abaco Feeder. Supply was restored to 95% of customers in just over an hour. The remaining customers had their supply restored shortly after 1am on Tuesday morning.

Lightning in the Marsh Harbour area on Tuesday morning was also responsible for a brief island wide outage lasting approximately 30 minutes.

In both instances, local crews worked expeditiously to restore supply within the shortest possible time.

BEC advises its customers in Abaco that it continues to carry out work on its system to minimize the likelihood and duration of outages as a result of weather and other unforeseen system disturbances.

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Letters to the Editor

The Wrecks at Lynyard Cay

Dear Editor;

During the late 1980s, Michael Victor Malone of Marsh Harbour found several shipwrecks at Lynyard Cay. It took Michael about three years to obtain permission from the government and get Mel Fisher to salvage his wrecks. Although the wrecks were first found in the 50's by people who lived at Little Harbour, Michael was the only one to ever get a salvage permit from the government. On Election Day 1992 Michael's other sister was sitting by the circle at the airport waiting for a charter flight back to Nassau when she overheard a Thompson, Kelly and Johnson discussing how they were going to fly artifacts off Michael's wreck, which the Johnsons had been working for years, into Nassau. She also overheard them say that Election Day would be a good day to fly the artifacts into Nassau because no one was paying attention to what is going on at the airport. These men did not know that the lady was Michael Malone's sister.

When she arrived in Nassau my sister called me telling me to call Michael's lawyer and tell him the scheme that was up that day for the transfer of the artifacts into Nassau. The lawyer said he would look into it to see what could be done. At 6 p.m. Michael Malone was near the courthouse and was told by the lawyer that he had not been able to do anything on the information his sister had given him that day.

Michael came to my house to report what his lawyer had said and we realized that the lawyer did nothing because the men were Masons like him and also he did not want anything to spoil his chances on Election Day. I was furious to know that Michael had a lawyer who was disloyal and put Masonry before confidentiality. I called the business where people were celebrating the 1992 election and asked to speak to Michael's lawyer. I was told later that I had been put on speakerphone so everyone could hear. I had used no ladylike words and also told the lawyer that he should be disbarred. (I later semi-apologized for some of the things I said but not all).

A few days later Mel Fisher and his salvaging crew sailed into Marsh Harbour. They had been allowed to come and all the papers were in order but since the signing of the papers the government had changed. Through the influence of a Thompson and a Bethel to the Prime Minister, Mel Fisher was sent back to the United States using the excuse that he had to return because his son had committed a misdemeanor and could not salvage in The Bahamas.

During this time Johnson had three cannons at his place of business. When he



The above photo was supplied by Yvonne Key. It depicts Mel Fisher with Michael Malone, Kane Fisher with Michael Malone and pictures of the carronade. The photos were taken in 1992 when the Fishers came to Marsh Harbour in their salvage boat. The wrecks were found first in the 60's then made legal in the 90's by Michael Victor Malone.

heard that ASP McCoy was coming to his establishment he threw the cannons back in the water. He was made to go and show ASP McCoy where the cannons were. Michael retrieved the cannons and got permission from the government to legally ship them out from Marsh Harbour.

All during the 90's Michael had friends who invested into his dreams. He continued to salvage until the government put a moratorium on it but other people were still going and taking things off.

In 2009 Kane Fisher came to Nassau on a cruise ship to take the baby carronade off the wreck back to the Fisher Museum in Key West. All papers were signed and documented for the carronade to be sold for \$10 million with the government to receive 2 1/2 million dollars. However, Dr. Tinker in Nassau had customs confiscate this carronade and Kane Fisher went back on the cruise ship without it. Michael went to see his lawyer and was told that he was not his lawyer and had not been for 20 years but that if the canon was sold \$1 million was his and that he also needed to call a Parker in Nassau to get straight and he also wanted \$1 million. Three days later Michael had a heart attack and died immediately. Knowing that out of \$10 million he would only get \$600,000, Michael's heart could not take it.

To anyone that helped Michael make his dreams come true I thank you very

much and to those who put a stumbling block in this way, you need forgiveness. I know God loved Michael and his sisters and mother loved Michael.

Yours respectfully,
Yvonne Malone Albury Key.

P.S. A like size brick was found on this wreck with the word 'Vasco' on it along with cannons and ballast bricks.

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Central Abaco



Above: Churton Tooté, left, teaching an aerobics class at the Auskell Women's Fitness Centre.

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and water bottle needed for their workouts plus other giveaways including pens and whistles. Exercise equipment such as yoga mats, jump ropes and toning bands were also available for sale.

Angie Collie, Managing Director of the Abaco Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic and Fitness Centre, stated that the reason for opening the Fitness Centre was because she knows that people need to be fit to live healthier, longer lives. "There is a very high rate of diabetes and heart disease in the Bahamas which needs addressing," she stated. "One hour three times a week can turn a person's life around so that they feel better, look better and have a longer life. Now there is a nice environment for women to exercise in; the gym is fully air-conditioned with new equipment and instructors. We want to motivate people to want a lifestyle change."

Dr. Keith Lewis, who has been instrumental in setting up this Fitness Centre, will be starting an Herbal Weight Loss program in September. Ms. Collie stressed that the gym can also be used for persons needing therapy but therapy patients must bring a note from their doctor giving a release and stating instructions to be followed.

The Fitness Centre will offer customized weight loss programs, one-on-one evaluations, whole body vibration, PACE circuit equipment, convenient hours and a safe environment. The goal of the Centre is to provide a fun, non-intimidating, safe and motivating atmosphere where people can build a support team, meet new people and join together in achieving their fitness goals.

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There was an atmosphere of excitement in the gym amongst those who signed up that day. Several ladies were enjoying trying out the new machines when Churton Tooté, who will be teaching aerobics and Zumba classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m., started an impromptu aerobics session which people enjoyed joining in and got a good workout.

Sophie Smith-Bootle and Sharona Etienne-Cole both signed up for a year and stated that they could hardly wait for the gym to open on Monday morning for their first session. They both plan to attend every day both in the morning and in the evening.

"This is awesome. It is one of the best ideas to come to Abaco in a long time. I am a preschool teacher and I am hoping that this exercise will give me the energy I need," stated Ms. Etienne-Cole. Ms. Smith-Bootle was not shy in publicly stating her weight and she is looking forward to taking off a good deal of that weight.

"I have three babies and I can't keep up with them. This Fitness Centre is long needed, it is a lifesaver and a life changer," she enthused. Both ladies plan to challenge each other to keep coming. "It will be a lot easier exercising in a gym with other people than trying to do it on our own," they agreed. They further stated that Pastor Lennie Etienne has been preaching recently on health, exercise and eating habits.

This spurred them on even more to take his advice and become healthy.

Angie Collie was excited to announce that the footing is already down for the new Auskell Medical Centre on Don MacKay Boulevard and that 501 tax exemption status has just been approved by the United States so that any US citizens wishing to make donations for the building will now have the advantage of this tax-free exemption. The Auskell International Board for tax exemption consists of Judy Johnston, President, St. George Reviere, Director, Marva Mercius, Secretary, Denise Williams Vice President and Nassau representative and Dr. John Fifer and Sandra Watson US representatives. Ms. Collie stated that she hopes soon to start tea parties and functions all around Abaco to inform people about the new building and to seek donations.

to Shane Simms, they noticed the system when it began moving away from a puddle in front of the church before jumping across the street to where they were located.

Soon after, Mr. Simms said they heard the tornado run across the canopy of the service station before picking up a garbage bin and throwing it. Trash was spewed all over the parking and pump station area. The only remaining telltale sign was a can of WD-40 that hung in the nearby bushes that had also been flattened as the tornado made a harried escape.

Meanwhile, a resident from Central Pines also said that some shingles were removed from the roof of his house during the time the tornado passed through the community. Fortunately, there were only minor damages with no major injuries to persons, vehicles or properties.

Tornado spotted in Central Pines last month

By Canishka Alexander

On August 14, employees at the Central Pines Texaco Service Station observed a tornado forming just across the street from them at Soul Saving Ministries International on Forest Drive. According

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Above: Soul Saving Ministries on Forest Drive: location of a small tornado that touched down on August 14.



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Abaco Cancer Society donates tickets and organizes screenings

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Cancer Society, which is a branch of the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, has helped hundreds of Abaconians suffering from cancer since its inception in 1990. There are various ways in which the society assists patients, the main one being with airline tickets to treatment destinations. Since March of this year to the present the society has donated 66 tickets at a cost of \$15,000.

A free cancer screening clinic for both men and women was offered in September 2011. Held at both the Marsh Harbour and Coopers Town Government Clinics, it was staffed by doctors from Nassau and members of the Cancer Society who donated their time. These clinics have been held annually for many years and offer pap smears for women and PSA tests for men.

Another free screening will be held on September 8 at both the Marsh Harbour Clinic and the Cooper's Town Clinic.

For the past several months free mammograms have been sponsored by the Abaco Cancer Society at the Auskell Medical Clinic. Women wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity have to sat-

isfy a strict set of criteria but despite this about a dozen women have been screened each month. Prior to this, women meeting the same criteria were transported by charter flight into Nassau where they received mammograms at Doctors Hospital.

The bulk of the money to cover all these costs comes mainly from the Cancer Society Thrift Shop. Every penny made at the shop goes into society funds to assist patients. The shop, which is open on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., is run entirely by a group of volunteers. The shop, which is located behind Abaco Groceries, is a popular place to be on a Saturday morning while people search for much-needed items and treasures at excellent prices.

Donations of good quality clean clothing, furniture, household goods, tools, electronics and books are constantly needed. Items may be brought to the Thrift Shop between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays or dropped off at Abaco Groceries during opening hours any day of the week.

The society also raises funds through annual art shows, a Christmas shop, Stride for Life Walk and the kayak challenge. Donations are gratefully received from events held by private and corporate citizens and also bequests in the memory of persons who have passed.

For further information on events, donations, assistance of cancer patients or other information please: call 262 367 3744; e-mail abacocancersociety@gmail.com; visit www.abacocancersociety.com; or visit on Facebook.



The Abaco Cancer Society's Thrift Shop is open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Shop is located behind Abaco Groceries and the donated items which are sold go to benefit cancer patients on Abaco.

North Abaco

Early morning fire at Sand Banks extinguished

By Timothy Roberts

Early morning on Monday, August 27, firefighters responded to a house fire at the northern side of Sand Banks, a Haitian shanty town near Treasure Cay, successfully extinguishing the flames; no one was injured as a result of the blaze.

Fire Chief of Abaco Crash, Fire and Rescue (located at Treasure Cay), Colin Albury, said that he received a phone call at about 8:30 a.m. on August 27 indicating that a house in Sand Banks was on fire.

He and the firefighters arrived on the scene finding a large house on the northern end of Sand Banks fully engulfed in flames. The five firemen worked quickly to extinguish the flames and according to the fire chief, returned to the station at about 10:30 am.

Mr. Albury said that it was fortunate for the community that the wind direction was blowing flames and embers in the direction of the nearby marls and not toward other homes. He said it was also a good thing that the home was not very close to other homes.

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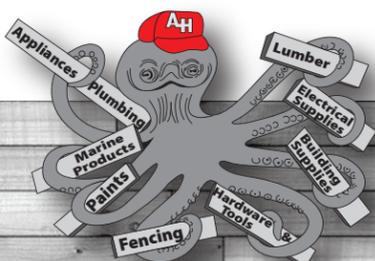


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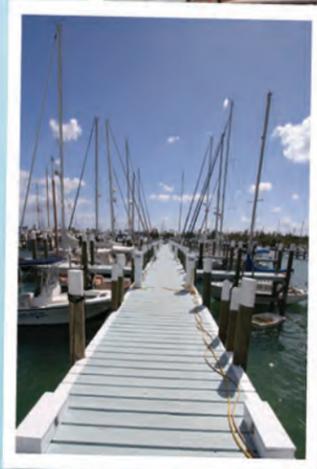
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South Abaco Illegal immigrants caught at Hole in the Wall



On August 10 the first set of immigrants caught in South Abaco was sent to the Nassau Detention Center. Eyewitness reports indicate the boat, which was heading towards Bakers Creek, had between 60 - 80 people on board. Above: detained immigrants at the Marsh Harbour International Airport.

By Canishka Alexander

On August 10, thirty three illegal Haitian nationals were caught at Hole in The Wall. Among the thirty three captured, two were females. According to Immigration Superintendent for Abaco, Arneeth Rolle-Hannah, the immigrants left from Port au Paix, Haiti on August 5. When found five

days later, they were in fairly good condition with one or two persons suffering from dehydration.

Later that afternoon, Immigration officers took them to the Marsh Harbour International Airport to transport them to the Detention Center in Nassau.

By August 12, officers from the

Marsh Harbour Police Station and the Department of Immigration joined efforts to arrest another thirty five Haitian immigrants.

According to Sgt. Troy Knowles of the Marsh Harbour Police Station, they received an anonymous call around 8:30 a.m. regarding a vessel headed toward Bakers Creek with Haitian nationals aboard. When officers arrived on the scene located between Bustick Bight and east of Leisure Lee, persons began fleeing into the bushes. They soon observed a white sailboat pulling away from the shoreline and heading north toward the Guana Cay Channel.

During their search, police and immigration officers apprehended nineteen migrants: fifteen males and four females. Among the females found, there was one who was six months pregnant. Fortunately, no children were discovered.

The illegal immigrants were first transferred to the police station and subsequently turned over to the Dept. of Immigration. Sgt. Knowles said that the search continued at Bakers Creek for more illegal persons, and another sixteen were discovered. There were ten males and six more females found.

“Based on information received from persons who would have seen this boat going into the Bakers Creek area is that the boat was smoking at the time and appeared to have been fully loaded with at least 60-80

persons on board,” he revealed. “So right now there’s still an outstanding amount of persons either in the bush areas or who’ve already been picked up.”

Sgt. Knowles said that several persons were dehydrated after travelling on board the vessel, which had left Haiti since August 8 arriving on Abaco at 7 a.m. that morning. Their search also uncovered bags of clothing and identification cards.

Sgt. Knowles thanked all officers involved in the apprehension of the illegal Haitian nationals as well as the public for their assistance of food and water for the migrants.

Three Bahamian males of Haitian descent were arrested in reference to this matter, and they are assisting police with the investigation. No charges have been brought against them at this time.

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South Abaco

Abaco records third murder

By Timothy Roberts

Police have one man in custody and are continuing their search for the gunman who shot and killed a 26-year-old male outside a motel in Sandy Point in the early morning hours of August 26 bringing Abaco's murder count to three for the year.

Police report that at about 4:18 a.m. on Sunday a Bahamian male of Sandy Point contacted the Police residence at Sandy Point reporting that a 26 year old male he knew was shot while at a motel nearby.

Police Officers and Detectives from the Marsh Harbour Police Station (MHPS) immediately departed en route to the scene confirming the situation.

The young man, identified later as Gregory Bain, succumbed to his injuries while at the Sandy Point Government Clinic at about 10 a.m. according to the report.

The Police have one person in custody that is believed to be involved in this matter and are searching for others who may be able to assist the investigation. A team of detectives from the Central Detective Unit in New Providence are also on the Island of Abaco assisting in this matter.

The Officer in Charge of the MHPS, Noel Curry, said that the group or men were at a nightclub in Sandy Point and then they went to a motel where it is believed a party was happening.

"Shortly after that there was an argument, which led to the shooting. So we believe they were attending a party and

something went wrong when the shooting occurred," Mr. Curry said.

He said the motive for the altercation was unclear not clear yet, though he noted that "Women were there but we cannot confirm whether it was over women or any other circumstances at this time. We're still trying to probe it to understand exactly what happened."

Mr. Curry said police suspect the shooter and the men who were with him are of Haitian descent.

Deon Paul, Wilenson Garson and Kendy Mondesir are wanted by the Royal Bahamas Police Force for questioning in connection with the murder of Gregory Bain. Call 367-2560 or 367-3437 with any information.



The Abaconian extends our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Gregory Bain.

Hole in the Wall Committee discusses road dangers

By Mirella Santillo

The Hole in the Wall Restoration Committee met in the afternoon of August 9 at the Ministry of Tourism Training Center. The Committee discussed the results of the assessment expedition and finalized the major points concerning the installation of the lights in the lantern room as well as the installation of plexiglass in that same room to protect the lights from bad weather. A major point of discussion was devising a way to warn heavy equipment operators of the danger posed by the cave system located around and under the road to the lighthouse. Other topics of future concern were brought up also.

Present at the meeting were Anita Knowles, South Abaco Administrator Joshua Smith, Preston Roberts, Millie Dawkins, Stanley White, Nancy Albury, Ruth Albury, David Knowles and Maxwell Johnson with the Defense Force. The recording secretary was Mirella Santillo.

Anita Knowles immediately expressed her intention to have a clean-up done in late October. She would like to see the sea grapes along the walkway to the shore trimmed back to make the path more accessible. She asked Maxwell Johnson to convey the information to Commander Bain that the mercury had been completely

removed and suggested that the Rangers help with the clean-up, perhaps on a weekend trip.

The cave system running underground beneath the access roads to the lighthouse was the topic of a long discussion. The committee members were concerned of the hazard it posed to heavy equipment operators. Vehicles reversing on the narrow road have already found themselves in holes. People operating bulldozers or any other similar type of machinery should not attempt to go further than the Soldier Road intersection.

It was agreed to publish an article in "The Abaconian" warning people of the danger and perhaps place warning signs on the road leading to the lighthouse from the "Y" intersection once permission from the Ministry of Works has been obtained.

The restoration of the other buildings was again brought up. All agreed that a conceptual plan should be done in order to approach some of South Abaco business owners for financial help.

Nancy Albury confirmed that an architect from the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation would probably be willing to come to Abaco before the end of the year to give ideas on how to restore the buildings in keeping with the spirit of the period they were built. A plan drawn by an architect would become part of a formal proposal for the area.

It was decided to coordinate a Fall clean-up day with the Rangers.



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Business

Minister prepares to address Abaco's manufacturers

By Timothy Roberts

Minister of Financial Services, Ryan Pinder, held a brief meeting on August 24 in hopes to better understand the particular needs of Abaco and be prepared to adequately address manufacturers on the island when he returns in two weeks.

"we are hopeful that in the next few weeks, manufacturers in Abaco and The Bahamas will begin to see their duty concessions restored"

"We'll bring a technical delegation and actually visit plants and operations of Abaconians in industry and manufacturing to see what they are doing essentially," he said.

He said he is aware of a substantial amount of industry and manufacturing in Abaco and that there is a lot of diversity here in Abaco.

He intends to visit the various facilities so that his ministry, which is tasked with the is responsibility for industrial development and manufacturing, understands "how we can, one-on-one, help each and

every one of them have opportunities to expand, develop, be more efficient and ultimately succeed."

"It's about promoting the economic development of the country and it's about doing that island by island ... and to really have that focus on the different islands.

He noted that the prior administration had amended the act putting a five year time limit on duty free concessions for manufacturers and charged a lower rate of duty thereafter.

"We felt that was a penalty to manufacturers especially as manufacturers have a low profit margin, and that if we repealed that restriction, going back to what it used to be - a perpetual exemption - it would stimulate the economy, and industry and manufacturing in The Bahamas.

He said the amendment has already been passed in both the House of Assembly and the Senate and is now going through the bureaucratic process of becoming law.

"So we are hopeful that in the next few weeks, manufacturers in Abaco and The Bahamas will begin to see their duty concessions restored and will feel more comfortable and more confident in the success and future of their businesses," he said

Mr. Pinder said his ministry does not want to be a "bureaucratic institution that just processes licenses but we want to be able to understand our clientele and understand what we can do to help them out."

"If we don't have a strong economy The Bahamas as a whole struggles," he said.

Minister for Investments inspects Abaco developments



The Hon. Min. Rolle visited Abaco on August 10 and inspecting several developments across the island. Two areas of focus on his recent trip were Bakers Bay in Great Guana Cay and Treasure Sands Club in Treasure Cay. Above: Min. Rolle (left) chats with Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham at Marsh Harbour International Airport.

By Canishka Alexander

The Honourable Khaalis Rolle, Minister for Investments in the Office of the Prime Minister, visited Abaco on August 10 to assess some of the investment opportunities that

"there is activity going on and that even in a difficult economy, people are still spending money."

opportunities are available there.

"Baker's Bay is doing very well," Min. Rolle said. "They are on schedule to close \$200 million worth of sales this year, and it indicates that there is activity going on and that even in a difficult economy, people are still spending money."

His next visit was to Treasure Sands Club, which is owned by Tim Blakeley. There is presently a proposal to the government to allow the expansion of their beach club and restaurant to a boutique hotel.

"We're very excited about these types of opportunities, and that's why we personally come down to look at them, talk to the developers and see how best [the] government can position themselves to support these developments," he expressed.



Min. Pinder held a brief meeting with a handful of manufacturers on August 24 to get a feel for specific concerns in preparation of his upcoming Abaco tour. Min. Pinder plans on meeting one-on-one with manufacturers who his ministry hopes to assist. Above: Min. Pinder (left) addressing a small group of manufacturers along with President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce Michael Albury.



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South Abaco Farmers Association meets in August

By Mirella Santillo

The August 9 meeting of the South Abaco Farmers Association was held on the patio at Central Abaco Primary School. Only a handful of members attended the meeting, among them a group from the Horticultural Society, but it was non-the-less informative.

Chairman Leslie Thompson invited the members of the Horticultural Society to introduce themselves and state the reason for their presence. Barbara Foreman explained the purpose of the Society and said that it was the group's intention to give back to the community by trying to organize the development of a Botanical Garden. The idea was well received by all present and the Horticultural Society members were given some advice on how to find a location as well as further help.

The guest speaker was Pastor Etienne who made recommendations on what to grow in order to make money from farming. He told people to find and target two or three niche crops such as sweet potatoes, onions or bananas. He instructed them on which type would be the best for Abaco and gave them tips on how to safely get rid of potential insect attacks.

For example, to control sweet potato weevils he suggested making a trap with oil that will attract the males and destroy them. No more male weevils, no more weevils he explained. Bananas are often the target of nematodes. To get rid of them without pes-

ticides one trick is to dip the banana corms in boiling water for 30 seconds, no more. He also offered to show interested parties how to multiply bananas suckers.

He talked about which species of onions to plant. A short day species is recommended for our island. In some cases a mid-day type will do, but not always, he warned. The seeds for these onions have become hard to find as Monsanto has a lock on the market. But he parted with the name of a few growers from whom he buys his supply of seeds.

He offered to give young or new farmers information on farming, from seedlings to processing, should they need it. Before ending his presentation, Pastor Etienne reminded the audience about the popularity of coconut. There is a demand for young coconut trees, so start growing some, he advised.

It was getting too dark for Treasurer Jacqueline Estevez to give her report, so the other matters on the agenda were deferred until the next meeting.

The August meeting followed the July meeting, which, according to several members was the best one so far. Three presenters, Pat Smith, Nick Miaoulis and Kareem Knowles, talked about land preparation. Preparation topics included what is needed in the soil, good and bad insects and plants that do well together. There was a display of potted plants with beautiful foliage.

Mr. Kareem son displayed corn used for fuel. There was also a step by step demonstration of the advantages of having green houses.

The presenters recommended that the

farmers have weekly meetings instead of monthly to stay ahead of what everybody in

the industry is doing. Ms. Estevez thought it was very motivating for the farmers.

Entrepreneur Watch

Edwards Evergreen Lawn Services

By Samantha Evans

Deon Edwards is an experienced landscaper with over 15 years of experience in the business. His first business was started in Nassau in 1992 with his brothers then they decided to start a security business which took up more of their time than the landscaping business. In 2009 they got back on track with the landscaping business which was doing well. He explained that his interest in the field developed from viewing lawns in the United States and how well homeowners keep their yards well-manicured.

It was at this time that he also began studying the field more so that he could improve his skills. Now that he and his family have moved to Abaco and have settled in, he has now opened Edwards Evergreen Lawn Services. He started his business on August 1 in Marsh Harbour with business partner Kirk Demeritte. They specialize in lawn mowing, edging, hedging, tree trimming, weeding, trash and debris removal, and property management.

Right now they will focus on the maintenance side of the business but later plans to get into gardening. According to Mr. Edwards, his goal is to study architectural landscaping before they branch out

into this area. The motto of Edwards Evergreen Lawn Services is "Guaranteed to save you money and keep your lawn looking good."

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Further Business

Owner reflects on journey to broadcast

On July 2 two new radio stations came on air in Abaco. Y 98 (FM 98.7) and 100 JAMZ (FM 100.3) are the two channels which are being broadcast on Abaco. The stations are currently rebroadcasts of the Nassau stations of the same name, but that will change in the near future as more local content and advertising opportunities are inserted into the broadcast. The effort is managed locally by Robert Malone of Hope Town.

"While managing Out Island Internet in late 1998 I began the process of applying for a license to operate a radio station in Abaco," Mr. Malone recalls, "Back then, all applications for radio station licenses went through the Ministry of Tourism and decisions were made at Cabinet level. So, to say the least, obtaining a license was not easy. The Cabinet met only once a week, and my application was not a matter of national importance."

In January 2007 the license was approved and the process of setting up the first station was under way. Mr. Malone said, "Upon paying all the necessary fees, and filling out mountains of forms, a frequency, FM 98.7 was assigned to me. I immediately considered my options, and decided that a station in Nassau should be my first effort, as the financial viability there seemed more sound. Abaco would be next."

By June 16th, 2007 Y 98.7 hit the airwaves, and became one of several other FM stations operating in Nassau. The

station soon became popular with Nassau listeners and businesses recognized the station's popularity. Sponsors for airtime soon followed.

In 2012, after some delays in the applications process locally, permission was finally granted for a tower to be erected in Marsh Harbour.

"Pulling together all the elements of such a venture can be quite daunting," explained Mr. Malone "On the one hand, in Nassau I simply rented space for a studio, space on an existing tower, and trained talent was readily available. On the other hand, here in Abaco I had to start with a clean slate."

After obtaining the approval, the base for the tower had to be engineered, excavated, and constructed with a great deal of precision. Twelve six foot long rods had to be set in several tons of high strength concrete in order to receive the base of the 'free standing', or un-supported tower.

"Mr. Al Key and his crew was contracted to handle the tower base, and did an excellent job for me I might add," said Mr. Malone. Supporting services such as electricity and high speed fiber data lines were laid in underground conduits. The data lines bring in the signal from our main station in Nassau. Back-up emergency power had to be installed.

Robert Malone continued, "At this point it was Mr. Dale Key's turn to come through for me, which he did, and continues to offer support on an ongoing basis."

It was now time for the tower to go up. A group of Tower Riggers was brought in from Nassau, and with the help of a large crane provided by Mr. Steve Albury

of Yamaha, the job was expertly completed in short order."

The transmitters and antenna were installed and tested and, on July 2, the new stations were on the air.

"With this, we are now another step along the road to our ultimate goal which is to have a broadcast studio here in Abaco, where we can originate local programming. That will come in due course."

Mr. Malone and those involved remarked on the long journey, almost twelve years, involved with the business and the lessons of patience that were learned.

"In the short time that we have been on the air, the response from the local community has been gratifying. The words of encouragement mean a lot to us. For those wishing to purchase advertising time, we have a salesperson who can be contacted at 242-458-5817."

However, there is the report of a fisherman from Mount Hope who brought home over five hundred pounds of fish on the first day.

But others, such as Robin Albury who went at sea for two weeks, said that so far the season was pretty average. The weather has also proved uncooperative. For part of August fishermen were confronted with lightning and squalls and on many occasions found a lot of undersized crawfish in the traps. Also, there were reports by several fishermen that traps were worked before the start of the season, though no arrests could be made.

According to Leon Pinder with the Department of Marine Resources in Cooper's Town, fishermen who had prepared traps brought back an average of 100-150 pounds a day. The ones who did not have traps and went spear fishing reported to catch half of that amount. None-the-less, he thought that so far fishing around Little Abaco and Grand Cay had gone fairly well.

Ronald Russell, who runs M & R Seafood in Fox Town, confirmed that the numbers of crawfish brought by fishermen were slightly down, but he thinks that when the water cools down the season will pick up

Most of the fishing in the North is done around Little Abaco within twelve to twenty miles of shore.

Fishermen face reduced crawfish stock Hope remains that season will end strong

By Mirella Santillo

One month after the start of the crawfish season the consensus among the fishermen seems to be the same from one end of the island to the other: the crustaceans are in slightly less number than last year.

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CRIME REPORT

Housebreaking. (U.I.)

At 11:15 a.m. on 24 August a 43 year old female of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 23 August, 2012, and 10:00 a.m. on 24 August, some unknown person/s broke into a into her motel and stole a radio and a few towels. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Murder. (One person taken into to custody.)

At about 4:18 a.m. on Sunday 26, August, a local male of Sandy Point Abaco contacted Sergeant 381 Darville at the Police residence Sandy Point and reported that a 26 year old male known to him was shot while at a local Motel located Sandy Point Abaco. Police assistance requested.

Update.

Police Officers and Detectives from the M.H.P.S. immediately departed Marsh harbour enroute to the scene. Officers confirmed the information as reported. The male in this incident later succumbed to his injuries that morning while at the Sandy Point Government Clinic. Police Officers have taken one person into custody who is believed to be involved in this matter. A team of Detectives from the Central Detective Unit New Providence are also on the Island of Abaco assisting in this matter. Investigations continue.

Causing Damages. (U.I.)

At 10:00 a.m. on 24 August, a 45 year old female of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime between 8:00 p.m. on 23 August and 8:10 a.m. on 24 August, some unknown person/s smashed the rear southern bathroom window to her business located Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking and Stealing. (U.I.)

At 9:00 a.m. on 24 August a 43 year old female of Central Pines Estates, Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that some unknown person/s broke and entered her business located Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The culprit/s gained entry through a rear bathroom window and stole an assortment of female shoes and white T-shirts: a total value of \$230.00. Police action requested

Investigation continues.

Causing Damages. (U.I.)

At 8:40 a.m. on 25 August, a 39 year old male of Guana Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime between 10:00 p.m. on 24 August, and 8:00 a.m. on 25 August, some unknown person/s broke into his vehicle, a 2007 Ford Ranger Truck, while same was parked at the Union Jack Dock located in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. The culprit/s smashed the left window to gain entry but nothing appears to be stolen.

Investigation continues.

Stealing from a vehicle

At 9:15 a.m. on 25 August, a 27 year old male of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime between 8:50 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. on Friday 24 August, he observed several black males breaking into his white 1997 Oldsmobile car while same was parked in The Mudd, Abaco. The culprits, one of whom he recognize stole his Toshiba Laptop valued at \$440, a magic-jack phone valued at \$61.00, Drivers license and National Insurances card. The culprit/s fled the scene on foot. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Housebreaking. (U.I.)

At 11:00 a.m. on 25 August, a 67 year old female of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between April and 11:00 a.m. on 25 August, while she was off the island, some unknown person/s

broke into her residence located Dundas Town, Abaco. Entry gained through an eastern door. The culprit/s stole three (3) pots valued at \$65.00 each. Police action requested.

Investigations continue.

Causing Damages. (U.I.)

At 9:35 a.m. on 21 August, a 31 year old female of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime between 5:00 p.m. on 20 August, and 9:30 a.m. on 21 August, some unknown person/s broke the glass door to a local sports store located Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Police action requested

Investigations continue.

Causing Damages & Stealing. (Suspect arrested.)

At 5:05am on 22 August, 2012, local Police Officers at Hope Town Police Station reported that some unknown person/s broke several glass windows to a residence located Hope Town, Elbow Cay, Abaco and stole a rental gulf cart from the residence. The gulf cart was later discovered abandon on the side of the street. The home owners were off the Island at the time of the incident.

Police action requested.

Suspect arrested:

The officer on duty at Hope Town was able to arrest two brothers age 12 years old of white Sound Elbow Cay reference to this matter. They admitted to stealing the gulf cart. Investigation continues.

Stealing from a vehicle. (U.I.)

At 7:30am on 21 August, 2012, a 40 year old male of Man-O-War Cay reported that some unknown person/s broke the rear window to his 1999 Ford 250 truck and stole his Pioneer stereo valued at \$400.00 and one Sony walkman valued at \$100.00. The same was parked at the Union Jack Dock, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking and Stealing. (U.I.)

At 3:10am on 23 August, 2012, an anonymous caller contacted the M.H.P.S. and reported that some unknown person/s is breaking into the store name Kara's Fashion located Marsh Harbour Abaco. Police action requested.

Police Officers responded immediately to the scene where they observed the front glass window smashed. The complainant, a 32 year old female of Central Pines, Abaco who reported that an undetermined amount of clothing items were stolen.

Investigation continues.

Threats of Death. (Suspect arrested.)

At 7:25pm on 22 August, 2012, a 36 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 7:20pm on Wednesday 22 August, 2012 while in Dundas Town at his residence, his cousin threaten to kill him putting him in fear of his life. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

Police Officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested and charged the accused in this matter a 30 year old male of Dundas Town.

Housebreaking. (Suspect being sought.)

At 2:03pm on 20 August, 2012, a 38 year old female of Central Pines Estates, Abaco, reported that sometime around 1:00pm same date upon arriving home in Central Pines Estates, she observed a young man known to running from her residence. The culprit entered her residence through a rear kitchen door and searched but nothing appears to be missing. Police action requested.

Police Officers from the M.H.P.S. immediately responded. Investigation continues.

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Further Business



Crawfishing provides the livelihood of many Abaconians. The crawfish, a Bahamian staple, has seen an apparent decline in recent years. Harvesting of undersized crawfish, poaching out of season and illegal foreign commercial fishing are all contributing factors.

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If the results were slightly down in the North, according to long time fisherman, James Green from Sandy Point, it was more like a 10% drop in the South.

His traps released much less craw fish than last year. From the second day, he said, he had to depend on spear fishing for his catch up until now. Even going as far as Bimini he did not catch as much as in the previous years. The crawfish are big but in less numbers than last year, he commented. The largest amount brought back to shore by a single fisherman in Sandy Point was approximately 300 pounds on the first day. The average daily weight retrieved from traps is approximately 60 to 70 pounds.

He too attributes the low number to the heat and warm temperature of the water and hopes that when the weather cools down, there will be more fish around.

Starting at \$7.00 per pound the first two weeks of the season, the price for crawfish went up to \$8.00 the third week of August.

Central Abaco

Attempted bank robbery in Marsh Harbour

By Timothy Roberts

The Royal Bahamas Police Force in Abaco report that two men abducted a banker and a fellow employee and attempted to rob a local bank in Marsh Harbour on Monday, August 27 but were unsuccessful.

The Officer in Charge of the MHPS, Noel Curry, reported that a local banker was robbed by two masked gunmen at his home of a small amount of money late Monday evening.

He was then reportedly abducted by the two gunmen who proceeded to another home where another bank employee was also abducted. They were then carried to the bank where the gunmen forced the banker to enter the establishment.

Upon entry the alarm sounded and the two gunmen fled in the direction of the Mud, leaving the bank employees behind unharmed. The Police received the call just after 10 p.m.

Mr. Curry said the two men have are described as being about five foot nine inches tall and spoke in both English and Creole. Police are continuing their investigation into this matter.

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Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

Albury's Ferry Service

Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch

Marsh Harbour>Hope Town	7:15am	9:00am	10:30am	12:15pm	2:00pm	4:00pm	5:45pm
Return:	8:00am	9:45am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War	10:30am	12:15pm	2:30pm*	4:00pm	5:45pm		
Return:	8:00am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:15pm*	5:00pm		

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn

(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30am	1:30pm	3:30pm	5:45pm
Return:	8 am	11:30am	2:30pm	4:45pm
6:30pm				

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

* Not on Sundays or holidays

Green Turtle Ferry

Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

T Cay Airport>Green T Cay	8:30am	10:30am	11:30am	1:30pm	2:30pm	3:30pm	4:30pm*	5:00pm
Return:	8am	9am	11am	12:15pm	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:30pm**	

* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some GT Cay docks

Abaco Adventures

Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs	11:00am	& returns	3:30 p.m.	\$40 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs	9:30 am,	\$45 Round Trip		

Pinder's Ferry Service

Between Abaco & Grand Bahama

Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah.	Daily	7:00 am	&	2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily		8:30 am	&	4:30 pm

Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Bahamas Ferries

Summer Schedule only (April to Dec)

Sandy Point & Nassau Every Friday & Sunday, except holidays, under 4 hours. Call 225-3376 or 366-4119
Call for rates.

The Great Abaco Express

Eco & Historical bus tours • Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

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
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	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 (most exposed to ocean)

- 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

Charter Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

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

Man-O-War Marina	26	F	365-6008
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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
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Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina	158	F	365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37		577-0003
Orchid Bay	64	F	365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour	367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024

Bikes & Scooters • Boats Cars & Cart Rentals

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796
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Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0530
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay

Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

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Bonefish Guides

Casuarina Point		Marsh Harbour	
Junior Albury	366-3058	Jody Albury	375-8068
		Sidney Albury	477-5996
Cherokee		Richard Albury	367-0367
Noel Lowe	366-2107	Terrance Davis	375-8550
Marty Sawyer	366-2115	Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Randy Sawyer	366-2284	Justin Sands	367-3526
Will Sawyer	366-2177	Danny Sawyer	367-3577
		Jay Sawyer	367-3941

Crossing Rocks

Tony Russell	366-3259
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Green Turtle Cay

Rick Sawyer	365-4261
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070

Hope Town

Maitland Lowe	366-0234
Tom Albury	366-3141

Man-O-War

David Albury	365-6502
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Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)
+ Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza	\$	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$	367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$	367-4444
Gino's	\$	367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$	367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$	367-4005
Snappas	\$\$\$	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	\$\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$\$	366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$\$	366-0087
H T Coffee House (B & L)		



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VISION HEIGHTS \$55,000
New Price! Affordable lots of approximately 9,000 sq. ft. Ref. AS11810

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SCHOONER BAY \$1,895,000
Traditional Bahamian harbour village with beach lots, *plus* 'to-be-built' 4 bdrm luxury home. Ref. AS11766

BUSTIC BIGHT \$149,000
56,604 sq. ft open zoned lot in a high traffic location. Ref. AS11488

MURPHY TOWN \$145,000
Well priced, 3 bdrm starter home in need of TLC. Ref. AS11868

GREAT CISTERN \$76,500
30,000 sq. ft. hilltop lot with available utilities. Ref. AS10866

BAHAMA PALM SHORES \$22,500
Affordable, 10,000 sq. ft. lots near the beach. Ref. AS11739/AS11740



CASUARINA POINT \$275,000
A 3 bdrm, 1 bath canal home on almost 1 acre with 391 ft. of water frontage. Ref. AS11648

HOPE TOWN/ELBOW CAY

WHITE SOUND \$199,000
15,500 sq. ft. lot with 75 ft. of beach and near Abaco Inn. Ref. AS11702

HOPE TOWN HARBOUR \$195,000
Private, 2,280 sq. ft. beach lot is priced to sell. Ref. AS11433



NORTH END \$399,000
New Price! 19,974 sq. ft. lot with 120 ft. on the beach. Ref. AS11568

NORTH END \$170,000
13,005 sq. ft. property near the beach and dock. Ref. AS11694

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One-of-a-kind, 3 bdrm home with Sea of Abaco views. Ref. AS11746

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This 4 bdrm home was built with entertaining in mind. Ref. AS11511

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One of 3 lots available near Long Bay beach. Ref. AS11825



LONG BAY \$795,000
This low maintenance 2 bdrm beachfront cottage on 1.5 acres has room to expand. Ref. AS11322

GUANA CAY

BAKER'S BAY \$4,250,000
1.14 acre site offers a signature beachfront lifestyle at Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club. Enjoy resort amenities including a clubhouse, tennis courts, boutique shops and much more. Ref. AS11503



SOUTH END \$175,000
20,424 sq. ft. ocean view lot with beach access. Ref. AS10624

SANDS ROAD \$265,000
Tucked away 2 bdrm cottage near the beach. Ref. AS10648

DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES \$165,000
18,200 sq. ft. lot on a hillside with views of the Atlantic. Ref. AS11722

DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES \$149,000
25,703 sq. ft. lot offers panoramic sea views. Ref. AS11639



OCEAN RIDGE ESTATES \$79,700
7,723 sq. ft. hillside lot with ocean/bay views. Ref. AS11764

SHIPWRECK SUBD. \$70,000
A fantastic value, this 6,811 sq. ft. lot has potential sea views, *plus* dock and beach access. Ref. AS10891

TREASURE CAY



ROYAL PALM CONDO 2337 \$450,000
Fully furnished, 2 bdrm, 2 bath canal front unit with its own dock space and boat lift. Ref. AS11777



LUKKAI SPLIT ROCKS \$1,050,000
15 acre waterfront tract. Ref. AS11554

ROYAL PALM CONDO 2314 \$350,000
2/2 furn. with boat and dock. Ref. AS11897

OTHER CAYS

JOE'S CAY \$2,225,000
30 acre Private Island has beaches stretching 1,500 ft., and possibilities for a marina. Ref. AS10800

BASIN HARBOUR CAY \$194,500
8 acre parcel on secluded cay is the perfect getaway. Ref. AS10897

RENTALS



MARSH HARBOUR \$3,800/month
Exceptional 4 bdrm home is furnished and pure luxury. Sleeps 8 Ref. AR10619

MARSH HARBOUR \$2,500/month
3 bdrm hilltop retreat with sea views in the Pelican Shores community. Sleeps 6 Ref. AR10600

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Fully equipped 2 bdrm condo overlooks pool and tennis courts. Sleeps 6 Ref. AR10620

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A weekend of games solidifies rivalries and sportsmanship



Thomas "Machine Gun" Kelly nicknamed for his "heated" fast pitches throwing the ball against a Destroyers player during their game on August 10. For this and other sports stories see page 8.

Min. of Education revisits schools to examine repairs



On August 23, Min. Fitzgerald toured Abaco to view repairs and improvements to different schools across the island. Due to partnerships within the community, according to District Superintendent Dr. Lenora Black, work has been completed at an accelerated pace. Above: Min. Fitzgerald and others inspect an Abaco school.

By Canishka Alexander

The Honourable Jerome Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, said that when they visited Abaco a few weeks ago they were concerned about some structural issues at Abaco Central High School, and he wanted to ensure that they were addressed.

During his return on August 23, there were one or two remaining issues, however, Min. Fitzgerald said they expected to start painting the school by that weekend to ensure that it was "spruced up and ready for the students when they came back to school."

Throughout the repair season, District Superintendent Dr. Lenora Black said they were particularly pleased because of the partnerships with persons in the community who have gone over and beyond their scope of work to include additional items in the repairs.

Additionally, they have established a partnership with the Dept. of Social Services and the Magistrate's Court for students who would have been given community services for minor offences.

"Those persons are going to assist us in the final stages of preparation for back to school namely the painting and the yard

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cleaning," Dr. Black said. "They're delighted to serve in that way, and so we're pleased about that."

She had a special message for parents for the upcoming academic school year.

"We want parents to know that the extent to which our schools are successful speaks directly to the extent of their involvement in the lives of our children"

"We want parents to know that the extent to which our schools are successful speaks directly to the extent of their involvement in the lives of our children, so we invite them right at the very outset to become actively involved in the life of the school," she expressed. "Further, we also want them to wholeheartedly embrace our one goal that being the pursuit of excellence for each student in each classroom in each school."

To the 184 teachers who have been employed for this year, the excitement that she felt from them the following day encouraged her to look forward to seeing groundbreaking results.



Above: Dr. Black, left, touring the school with Min. Fitzgerald, right, and inspecting repairs to the infrastructure.

"Coming to the Abaco district is a group of young individuals who are passionately concerned for the success of this nation, firstly the success of the students at the classroom level, so I'm excited as to what this new year will hold for education."

Meanwhile, Belinda Wilson, president of the Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT), was pleased about Min. Fitzgerald's proactive approach in coming to see firsthand what was happening at the school.

"Recently between 2005 and 2010, we did a lot of sit-ins for the state of the

building and there was a fire, and it took forever for the building to be built, so we're happy that the staff room is there along with the administrative block," she recalled. "They've done the repairs that we're quite aware of because there were spillings coming from this building and cracks in the columns, so we're glad that those repairs are done."

Final remarks were made by Charles Wildgoose, president of Bahamas Educators Managerial Union (BEMU), who was joined by Ishmael Smith, a union executive. Speaking to administrators who are BEMU members, he said that after their

last meeting they have been working diligently on their behalf.

"I know that you will continue to make Abaco Central a school of great example and promise," Mr. Wildgoose encouraged. "To all the parents and the students of Abaco and of this school, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that will be presented to this school because together we as Bahamians will do well."

The remainder of the visit took place in North Abaco where Min. Fitzgerald visited Cooper's Town Primary, S.C. Bootle High School, and Treasure Cay Primary.

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<p>Great Abaco Club</p>  <p>Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 7ton lift, 60' protected yacht slip. #13711 - USD\$899,000</p>	<p>Great Abaco Club</p>  <p>Lea-Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 3B/4.5B + bonus rm. 50' secure dockage. #2009 - USD\$875,000</p>	<p>Pelican Shores</p>  <p>Alcatraz - 3B/2.5B, Elevated, 117' harbour frontage, 16,862 sq. ft. lot. #2005 - \$655,000</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour</p>  <p>Below appraisal - 2B/2B + 2 bonus rooms easy duplex conversion. #2010 - \$235,000</p>
<p>Eastern Shores</p>  <p>Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, turn key, waterfront. #1374 - USD\$1,199,000</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p>  <p>On Da Rocks - 2B/2B + Lot 16, 9,381 sq. ft. Sea-to-Sea. #13808 - USD\$849,000</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p>  <p>Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' Sea of Abaco. #2007 - USD\$700,000</p>	<p>Eastern Shores</p>  <p>Tween Waters - House & Cottage 28,000 sq. ft. lot sea 2 sea 90' dock. #2011 - USD\$1.2M</p>
<p>Guana Cay</p>  <p>Fishers Bay - Lot 29 Dolphin Bch. 10,505 sq. ft. lot. 81' waterfront. #13871 - \$129,000</p>	<p>Guana Cay</p>  <p>Coconut Tyme - 3B/2B up 1/B1/B down. 18,601 sq. ft. lot. #1103 - \$499,000</p>	<p>Guana Cay</p>  <p>Dolphin Bch Est - 3B/3B 130' protected waterfront 1.165acre lot. #12387 - \$1,185,000</p>	<p>Bustic Bight</p>  <p>Bustic Bight - 2B/2B + Ctg. 1.26 acres 373' seawalled waterfront. #13817 - \$349,000</p>
<p>Tilloo Cay</p>  <p>High on Tilloo - 4.3 acres Sea-to-Sea 243'+ dual waterfront. #15003 - USD\$995,000</p>	<p>Guana Cay</p>  <p>23,250 sq. ft. lot w/ 169' protected harbour waterfront & dock slip #13792 \$279,000</p>	<p>Gilpin Point</p>  <p>10 acres 435' beachfront. Approx. 5 miles south of Schooner Bay. #13468 - \$349,000</p>	<p>Great Cistern</p>  <p>Great Cistern -106' Elevated Waterfront 14,248 sq. ft. lot. #13791 - \$189,000</p>

THE CAYS
 Guana Cay #13807 Interior \$49,900 View \$49K+ Oceanfront. \$139K+
 Guana Cay #13017 103ft. oceanfront, 20,200 s.f. lot. \$239K
 Guana Cay #1150 92A & 93B - 3/4+ acres, 200' from water. \$99K
 Guana Cay #13710 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$249,900
 Guana Cay Fishers Bay Lots 28 & 28B #11029 94' waterfront. \$299K
 Guana Cay #1276 17,460 s.f. lot. lot in The Village \$200,000.
 Tilloo Cay #13500 2.7 acres sea 2 sea, 50' deep dock. \$435K
 Tilloo Cay #13709 #47 #48 #49 11,000 sq. ft. 100' to beach. \$99K eck.
 Tilloo #13999 Lot 19 wtrfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 sq. ft. \$185K

MARSH HARBOUR AREA
 NEW Murphy Town #2013 & #2014 TWO 80'X90' adjacent lots \$23,400 eck
 REDUCED Marsh Harbour #13903 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$195K
 Pelican Shores #1127 163' Harbour frnt 90' dock 26,200 s.f. lot. \$700K
 Royal Harbour #1005 Lot #26 off front street 14583 s.f. lot. lot. \$175K
 REDUCED Stede Bonnet Road #13901 Res. Lot 8,125 s.f. lot. \$68K
 Sunrise Bay #1066 Lot 12 13,226 s.f. lot. Gated community. \$238K

SOUTH ABACO
 Casuarina Point #1777 Lots 90 & 91 10,000 s.f. lot. each. \$44,500
 Gilpin Point OWNER FINANCING Interior \$40K+ Beachfront \$225K+
 Long Beach #1224 Lot 31 12,600 s.f. lot. elevated views. \$125K
 Long Bch #13970 Lot 396 Hilltop near bch 10,800 s.f. lot. \$79K
 Long Beach #13018 Lot 315 Vacant Corner Lot \$55K.
 Long Beach #1074 Lots 413 & 414 near beach \$79K each.
 Long Beach #13907 Lot 410 Hill Top \$79K
 Old Kerr #13987 14 acres 209' of bchfront, 45'+/- elevations. \$248,500

NORTH ABACO
 Joes Creek #1100 Lot #12 Utilities near, 18,000 s.f. lot. \$35K
 Leisure Lee #1002 Lots 27, 28 29 & 30 "Open to Offers". \$43,900 eck
 Leisure Lee #17201 Interior Lot 22 10,000 s.f. lot. \$45K
 Red Bay #13021 5 acre parcel off S.C. Bootle Highway \$150K
 Treasure Cay Lot 44 Blk 167 multi-family \$45K
 REDUCED T.C. #13018 Lot 8 Block 190 "Open to Offers". \$59K
 REDUCED T. C. #13019 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$59K
 REDUCED T. Cay #13020 Comm. lot adjacent school 9.4 acres \$175K
 Treasure Cay #14798 Lot 78 Block 1 Section 1. 10,000 s.f. lot. \$59,900
 OWNER FINANCING Turtle Rocks #2001 Hilltop lot. 16,969 s.f. lot. \$50K
 Turtle Rocks #2012 10 Acre 60%+ BELOW APPRAISAL. \$335K
 Turtle Rocks #10771 2.28 acres \$150K

LEASES / VACATION RENTALS
 3 Bed/2 Bath - Bahama Palm Shores, beachfront - \$1,200/mo
 3 Bed/2 Bath - High Rocks, waterfront, fenced yard. - \$2,500/mo
 3 Bed/2 Bath + Bonus Rm - Pelican Shores, dockage. - \$2,300/mo
 2 Bed/1 Bath - Sweetings Vlg, private home, fenced yd. - \$1,100/mo
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School and Youth News

Basketball scholarships keep two in college



Above: left is Kevin Altidor, on the right Kingsley Cajuste with "Stretch" Morley who was their coach at the time. These two young Abaconians worked hard to keep their athletic and academic performance high enough to continue with a scholarship.

By Mirella Santillo

Two young Abaconians- Kevin Altidor and Kingsley Cajuste- who went to junior college on a basketball scholarship three years ago, have managed to keep their academic and sports performance to earn another scholarship to continue their studies in the United States.

Kevin Altidor has returned to Roane State Community College, in Harriman,

Tennessee at the beginning of August to pursue his studies in science, sports and fitness.

Kingsley Cajuste, who had graduated from Sunland Baptiste School in Freeport has been attending Truett McConnell College in Georgia, where he returned at the end of July. He is studying business management.

Dr. Chervon Mackey-Morley appointed as the Coordinator of College of The Bahamas for Abaco



Above: Dr. Chervon Mackey-Morley who is now the coordinator on Abaco for COB. There will be an open house some time in September regarding the new programs that will be rolled out in the coming months.

By Mirella Santillo

Dr. Chervon Mackey-Morley has been appointed new Coordinator for Abaco for the College of The Bahamas. Her work will consist of implementing new programs on the island to help high school students prepare for attending COB after graduating and offering continuing education for interested adults in a variety of topics.

Dr. Mackey-Morley explained that she will be trying to implement college preparation for eleventh and twelfth graders who wants to attend the College of The Bahamas. The requirement to be accepted at COB is to have passed five BJCSEs including Mathematics and English. If students are in doubt whether they will pass five BJCSEs, Dr. Mackey-Morley recommends that they take the preparation courses.

Academic upgrading courses for adults will also be offered on Abaco, including Mathematics and English.

Another program for Abaco, called CEES- Center for Continuing Education and Extension Service- will offer continuing education including professional development as well as certification or licensing in various curricula. Some of the subjects are of technical nature such as plumbing or electrical, others are academic: people could become a licensed teacher or learn a new language to mention only a few of a series of topics.

Dr. Mackey-Morley is planning to hold an open house at the beginning of September to disperse information to the general public. She is also hoping that retired teachers or other retirees with proper qualifications might be interested holding instructors positions.

Dr. Mackey-Morley can be reached on her cell phone at 242 426-1420 or by email at: chervonmackey1@hotmail.com

Focus meeting held for instructors of Myriad Minds Hospitality and Technical School

By Samantha Evans

As the new academic school year approaches many organizations have been making their final preparations on courses they will be offering to the Abaco community. Even though most preparations will be done by schools that cater to kindergarten to Grade 12 learners, adult learners can begin enrolling for technical and hospitality classes at Myriad Minds.

On Tuesday evening August 21, potential instructors met at the Old Lowe's Building to finalize plans for the start of courses. According to owner Bekera Taylor, all of the instructors have been con-

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tacted and have submitted their course outline and supply list. At the focus meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening most instructors were in attendance. At the meeting each instructor received a packet which contained all of the forms, price lists and programs that will be offered. Some seventeen courses will be offered in the evening along with after school tutoring and homework assistance being offered for \$5.00 daily. The instructors were very excited about this new venture.

Even though the courses are first level courses, the instructors are all committed to offering second level classes to those who are interested especially the sewing and Creole classes. The response to registration has been great as more and more persons are seeking to engage in self-help courses whether it is to just learn how to bake bread, cook gourmet style meals or learn a needed foreign language.

Taylor stated that the Hospitality and Technical School will cater to persons ages 16 and older. Each course will be six weeks in length and range in price from \$120 to \$275.00. At the end of each course the participants will receive a certificate of completion. Taylor hopes that recent high school graduates will take advantage of the opportunity to take these classes which will give them an inside look at various careers too so that they can make more decisive career choices.

During the day, she told the instructors that a pre-school will be operated from

the community center and cater to toddlers ages 2 to 5 years of age. The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All programs are recognized by the Ministry of Education.

On Saturday, September 1, a back to school event will take place at the community center as a way of the Taylors giving back. Male students can come in to get free haircuts by Barber Owen Taylor. All school aged kids are welcomed as free movies will be shown all day.

Ricardo Ferguson takes office as new principal of Abaco Central High School

By Mirella Santillo

During the last week of August a new captain, Mr. Ricardo Ferguson, took the helm of Abaco Central High School. Outgoing and dynamic, the new Principal seems to have the right personality to take over the leadership of the most crowded high school on Abaco.

Previously occupying the position of Senior Master at R N Bailey, one of the largest high schools in The Bahamas, Mr. Ferguson is used to the challenges presented by a populated school.

His first short term goals, he tells us, will be to improve on the students' academic performance and to address discipline problems. The new principal would like to see an increase in the overall GPA. To implement new measures to that effect,

he intends to hold a general testing at the beginning of the school year to assess the academic level of the students. That will be followed by a mid-term testing around March or April, accompanied by a progress report.

To support students in their daily learning, he will establish a tutoring program which will offer help to students having difficulties understanding certain topics.

On a practical side, he would like to have a proper computer lab up and running. Keeping the school band performing and organizing a strong sports program are also part of Mr. Ferguson immediate objectives.

So far three new teachers have joined Abaco Central High School's faculty: Michaela Thompson will teach Religious Studies, Hermina Selvan from Costa Rica will teach Spanish and Audley Dean, a former student of the Principal, will coach Physical Education.

More information will follow after the start of the school year on September 3.

The Glow Garden provides after-school care

By Samantha Evans

The Glow Garden After-School Care was started this summer by Nadine Been to help students who were struggling with penmanship, reading, mathematics and biology. The penmanship and reading was for the primary aged students and math-

ematics and biology was for high school students. Since Mrs. Been is a certified teacher, having taught at Abaco Central High, Cyber Learning Center, and other schools, she also offered tutoring in general science, health science, and combined science.

She noticed that many parents were concerned that their children were being advanced to the next level but were still struggling to write on three lines. Now that school is about to open for the new term, she will continue with those services after school from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Each session is for one hour and range in price from \$5.00 for primary aged students and \$15 for high school students. The material is included in the fee for reading and penmanship but science and math students must bring their own material. However, past papers are provided.

Ms. Been said she noticed that some parents are not making time like they should to help children master the fundamentals. She is a parent too, so she wants to make a difference in the lives of these children. This is why she home-schools her three daughters. She hopes that parents will help their children with basic things such as coloring in the lines, looking over their work after school, reading teachers' notes, and having them read regularly.

Ms. Been is very concerned that so many students in grades 8, 9 and greater cannot read well or at all. She appeals to parents to make the sacrifice to help their children succeed. The business is located in Central Pines across from Central Abaco Primary School.

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Athletics lead to scholarships for youth

By Mirella Santillo

On August 8, Whelma Colebrook of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture organized a press release to acknowledge eight of the students who had qualified for scholarship because of their performance in track & field. Only four of them- Shane Jones, Delicio Stuart, Elroy McBride from Moore's Island and Larinique Saunders, from Murphy Town- could attend to receive the congratulations and the words of encouragement of Administrator Preston Cunningham and Administrator Joshua Smith.

The other four students are Anton Davis, Shandira Stuart, Blair Johnson and Bianca Knowles.

Two of them will attend Essex College in New Jersey, four of them will go to Langston College in Oklahoma, Bianca Knowles will go to Texas and Blair Johnson has already left for Campbell University in North Carolina.

These students from various schools on Abaco- Moore's Island All Age School, Abaco Central High School and Forest heights Academy- have distinguished themselves throughout their last years in school for their achievements on the national level and in the case of the Moore's Island relay team, on the international level.

Track & Field was not the only sports in which students' performance have allowed them access to scholarships.

Two students, Basil Johnson and Shaquil McDonald from the Agape Christian School basketball team, the Eagles, are also going to college in the United States and Canada thanks to a sport scholarship.

Basil Johnson will be going to Jarvis Christian College in Texas to study computer sciences; Shaquil will attend Niagara College in St Catherine where he hopes to further his training in athletics to eventually become a professional.



Above: Basil Johnson and Shaquil McDonald, two of the youth receiving scholarships due to their athletic achievements. Others honoured on August 8 included: Shane Jones, Delicio Stuart, Elroy McBride, Larinique Saunders, Anton Davis, Shandira Stuart, Blair Johnson and Bianca Knowles.

Hope Town School's Top 10 Activities for the 2011 - 2012 year

Submitted by Principal Candace Key

1) Became the FIRST government school in the Caribbean to be awarded the prestigious certification of Green Flag Eco-School because of all the environmental activities the school has done for 30 years. Presented by the Ministry of Tourism and BREEF (Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation) who are the Bahamian sponsors for this United Nations Program schools all over the world vie for.

2) Enjoyed visits from the Governor General, Minister of Education and the American Embassy Charge de Affaires who spent Earth Day at our school taking part in activities with the students.

3) Summer Aberle, Gr. 3 student who won the 7-9 age category in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Writers Competition, read her winning poem in November at Government House for the Awards Ceremony and was also a guest reader at the Hope Town Writers Read evening.

4) Hot off the press are this year's winners in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas national writing competition -- our Samara Cole won the middle age category with her creative short story, Bessie Lowe placed second in the younger category and Summer Aberle placed third and Ethan Adderley placing in the Top 10. Also in the mid-age category Robin Jeantil, Joey Gale and Eloise Albury all placed in the Top 10 Awardees.

5) Our Head Girl, Lilly Higgs, placed fourteenth in the Top 20 Finalists out of 115 top Grade 6 students throughout the Bahamas in the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Competition.

6) Grade 1 student, Luke Prosa, placed third in the Abaco District Grade 1 Spelling Bee and Jasmin Aberle won a third place trophy in the Grade 2 District Spelling Bee.

7) The school placed second in the Annual Perry Cooke Memorial All Abaco School's Swim Meet. In June during the National Swim Meet held in Nassau each year, sisters Stella and Lilly Higgs were placed on the All Bahamas Scholastic Swim Awards having maintained a 3.5 grade point average throughout the year. Stella won 2 Silver Medals at the National Meet and Lilly won 3 Gold Medals at this meet.

8) Seven students were honoured in Nassau at the Minister of Education's Literacy and Numeracy National Award Ceremony for placing at the very highest levels nationally on the Literacy and Numeracy exams given annually. Madisyn Cole, Samara Cole, Charlie Cash and Eloise Albury each won an award. Lilly Higgs, Stella Higgs and Joey Gale each won an award in both Literacy and Numeracy.

9) Student leaders Charlie Cash and Lilly Higgs along with Principal Candace Key, were invited to be among 96 top achieving student leaders in the Bahamas to have the thrill of lunching with Prince Harry during his historic visit to Nassau celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee of reign. We were also proud of our former Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year, Anna Albury who spoke on behalf of the thousands of students present at the rally and sat on the stage and chatted with Prince Harry for hours, making several US morning shows, newspapers and every paper in England.

10) We are very excited about the new Media Centre built for the school by a generous American home owner. It was necessary to add space for the growing school and now it will house our computers and library and still provide us with a multi-use facility. We are very grateful.

James A. Pinder school accomplishments for the 2011-2012 year

Submitted by Principal Brenell Higgs

1) 20% improvement in Science & Social Studies GLAT.

2) 20% improvement in Grade 6 GLAT Mathematics.

3) 20% improvement in Grade 3 Language Skills

4) 15% improvement in Grade 6 Language Arts

5) 1st Place Primary Division BAIC Essay Competition

6) 3rd Place District Religious Knowledge Speech Competition

7) 7 students made the Abaco All Star Track 'n' Field Primary Nationals

8) 4 students were honored at the Minister's Literacy & Numeracy Awards in Nassau.

9) All 7 Graduates received a G.P.A. of 3.0 & above (All Honour Roll Students)

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Abaco District Back to School Message 2012/2013

From the Superintendent
Lenora J. Black
(Ph.D.)

With a renewed sense of commitment to the children of the Abaco District in particular and by extension those of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, I greet you on the threshold of yet another exciting year; one that holds great promise for our children.



Above: Dr. Lenora J. Black, Abaco District Superintendent of Education. She hope to continue the growth and development of Abaco's students and to strive for higher goals.

Throughout the past year, Administrators, Teachers, Technical Officers, parents/guardians and concerned stakeholders have combined their efforts to ensure the success of our children. Successes have been many yet they served as but an indication of what is possible when we unite around a common goal.

With the former in mind, then, we must continue to reach farther and do what is necessary right now so as to ensure the continued growth and development of our various communities beginning first with our children.

Assured of your continued support of the varied initiatives of our Department, kindly accept our appreciation for your ongoing support as we seek to build schools and communities stronger, more productive and civilized despite the perplexing times in which we live.

Knowing the splendid performances of many students of our District during

the past school year, permit me to express thanks on the behalf our District Office and School Personnel who highly value the support of parents and the Abaco Community. As a District at large, we have every right to be extremely pleased with the performance of numerous students in both

G O V E R N M E N T
Maintained and Privately Operated Schools throughout the Abacos. While we rightly celebrate, know that there are yet many opportunities which we must embrace to further improve our educational system.

With the former in mind, I, therefore, pause to encourage all parents to ensure that each home becomes an extension of the school. Parents and Guardians alike must endeavor to create a stable, nurturing environment where learning can take place beyond the four walls of the classroom on a daily basis.

Further, parents and guardians are encouraged to become enthusiastically involved in the varied activities at their child's/children's school thereby building a strong bond with teachers and administrators. This, parents/guardians, could only hasten the realization of the District's 'One Goal' of 'Excellence for Each Student in Each Classroom in Each School' to become a reality indeed.

Additional, I am hopeful that all

stakeholders in the Abaco District would make a lasting commitment to the success of this nation by playing an even greater role in the success of our schools. Kindly remember, partners, the future will outlast all of us. However, we will all be duty-bound to live in the future that each of us creates.

In conclusion, I encourage all students to seize every opportunity to maximize their God given potential. Know that there is full access to education in our Bahamaland, therefore, there is no justification for anyone not to do well. Know that the future of our country belongs to those who diligently take the time to prepare for it today. By the grace of Almighty God, I have all confidence to believe that the new school year 2012 - 2013 will be a bright one indeed as we seek to 'Foster Competence, Character and Citizenship in Pursuit of Excellence in Education'.

That the Abaco District will continue to attain abundant successes, I have no doubt!

Tips for easing back into school

By Jennifer Hudson

Although the summer heat and humidity will be with us for a while longer, the long, lazy, relaxing days of summer will soon be over for school students. Many parents are breathing a sigh of relief and while many students are looking forward to the new school year and the opportunities it can offer, some may be a little reluctant to get back down to work. Whatever the feelings of parents and students towards the beginning of the new school year, there are several things which can make the transition from holiday to school a much easier one.

Adjust to the new routine:

Children have probably been staying up much later during the summer holidays so instead of suddenly telling them they must go to bed earlier the night before school, move the bedtime to an earlier time several days before so that the child can adjust to the new routine. If your child is anxious about going back to school, listen to them and discuss their concerns and give them reassurance. Talk about the old friends that they will meet up with again and new ones they will make.

School supplies:

Not all the things your child will need for school can be bought in advance since textbooks etc. will be advised on by the teachers once school begins but any sup-

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The Abaconian wishes all students returning to school a great semester. Work hard and achieve!

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Lady Sluggers, Destroyers win two weekend games in August



Above: Rhonda Penn Eldon pitching for the Lady Sluggers to Runners player Cicely Parker. The Lady Sluggers won 6-5.

By Canishka Alexander

During the month of August, players enjoyed a successive round of softball games at the Murphy Town Ball Field and Baker's Field in Cooper's Town. The first of the games took place on August 10 between the Destroyers and the DNR Sluggers after the game was cancelled for the F.E.S. Peacocks and R.J. Runners women's teams.

The Destroyers were merciless in their game against the DNR players and won 10-0 with Freddie "Skipper" Cornish as the winning pitcher. Shortstop Nigel Bootle Jr. achieved the most hits going 2 for 3.

Cornish said that the game did not go as well as they had planned. He added that some of the players got lucky on the fast balls thrown by DNR Pitcher Thomas "Machine Gun" Kelly, and that in their next practice they would work on hitting fast balls and getting around the bases properly.

"The pitching tonight was up to par, and they held us down pretty good, but we came out on top by a small, marginal score," Cornish concluded.

On August 11, the R.J. Runners met up with the Lady Sluggers for a close game at the Murphy Town Ball Field. The Lady Sluggers got away with a one-point lead to beat the Runners: 6-5. The winning pitcher was Amanda Pyfrom.

In the next game, it was the DNR Sluggers vs. the Creter's Bulldogs. Once again, DNR players suffered a devastating loss when the Bulldogs beat them 14-0 with Winning Pitcher Tyler "Josewale" Russell at the helm. William "Lefty" Weatherford went 3 for 3 to earn the most hits in that game.

Then on August 12, DNR finally recorded their first win in a game against New Vision. Holding the hot bat for the DNR Sluggers was Densil Pinder, who has 4 out of 5 successful hits. DNR scored 19, while New Vision accumulated 17 points.

Third Jeffrey Rodgers Basketball Camp teaches skills and discipline

By Mirella Santillo

For the third time Coach Jeffrey Rodgers came to Marsh Harbour to share his knowledge of the game with the local children. Coach Rodgers recently celebrated his twenty fifth anniversary of teaching basketball summer camps in Nassau as well as on other islands of the Caribbean.

Approximately thirty kids aged 5 to 16 attended the camp which was held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting August 6 at Agape Christian School's Grace Gymnasium. It ended in the evening of August 10 with a demonstration for the parents of what their children had learned during their five days participation.

The coordinator, Tony William Davis, explained that he had asked Mr. Rodgers

"It was a good game with little ups and downs, but we played well," DNR Player Kevin Hicks commented. "We're finally getting all the players out to practice and coming together to gel as a team."

The following weekend on August 17, another doubleheader was held at the Murphy Town Ball Field. First up were the Lady Sluggers and the F.E.S. Peacocks. Winning Pitcher Rhonda Eldon took her team to victory as they scored 15 runs against the Peacock's four runs.

The featured game between the Bulldogs and Destroyers saw the Bulldogs' Shortstop Willard Gardiner making the most of his hits as he went 3 for 4. In the end, the Bulldogs scored 9 while the Destroyers grabbed four points for their team.

Finally on Aug.18, the Destroyers beat DNR - 12 to 2. Destroyers Catcher Todd Thompson garnered 3 for 3 hits, and Oscar "Togo" Rolle was recorded as the winning pitcher.

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Above: Jeffrey Rodgers along with Leonardo Davis and Tehran Cox, his assistants at the camp.

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Above: A young boy at the Jeffrey Rodgers Basketball Camp practices dribbling.

First Abaco boxing team soon to participate in tournament

By Mirella Santillo

Basketball, swimming and track are among the most popular sports practiced on Abaco, but for the last few months Coach Daran Miller has drawn the attention of a group of young men who enrolled in his daily boxing training sessions. When he first started at the beginning of the year there were less than ten students. Now twenty young men have registered for Coach Miller's boxing training.

They meet for practice early morning or late afternoon at the Murphy Town Park to participate in fitness exercises and learn the basic principles of boxing. Mr. Miller's goal is to prepare them for inter-island competition, eventually in New Providence.

After four months of daily training, he selected a group of six young men aged eight to fifteen who will represent the first Abaco Boxing Team. These fighters are Jose Roldan who is 8 and his brother Antonio who is 15, Terran Albury, 10, Rufus Martin, 14, Abraham Minns and Tyler Davis, both 15.

Coach Miller said that they were chosen for their manners, their determination and focus. "They are not quite ready for a tournament in Nassau," explained the coach, "they still have a few areas they have to practice on, such as sparring, jabs and uppercuts." But Coach Miller is non-the-less planning to enter them in a tournament.

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ers to come to Abaco again to expose the local kids to professional basketball techniques. Before relinquishing the stage to the children Coach Rodgers thanked the parents present, reminding them how important it was that they support their children by sharing some of their experiences. Watching them as they practice and play creates a lasting bond between parents and children.

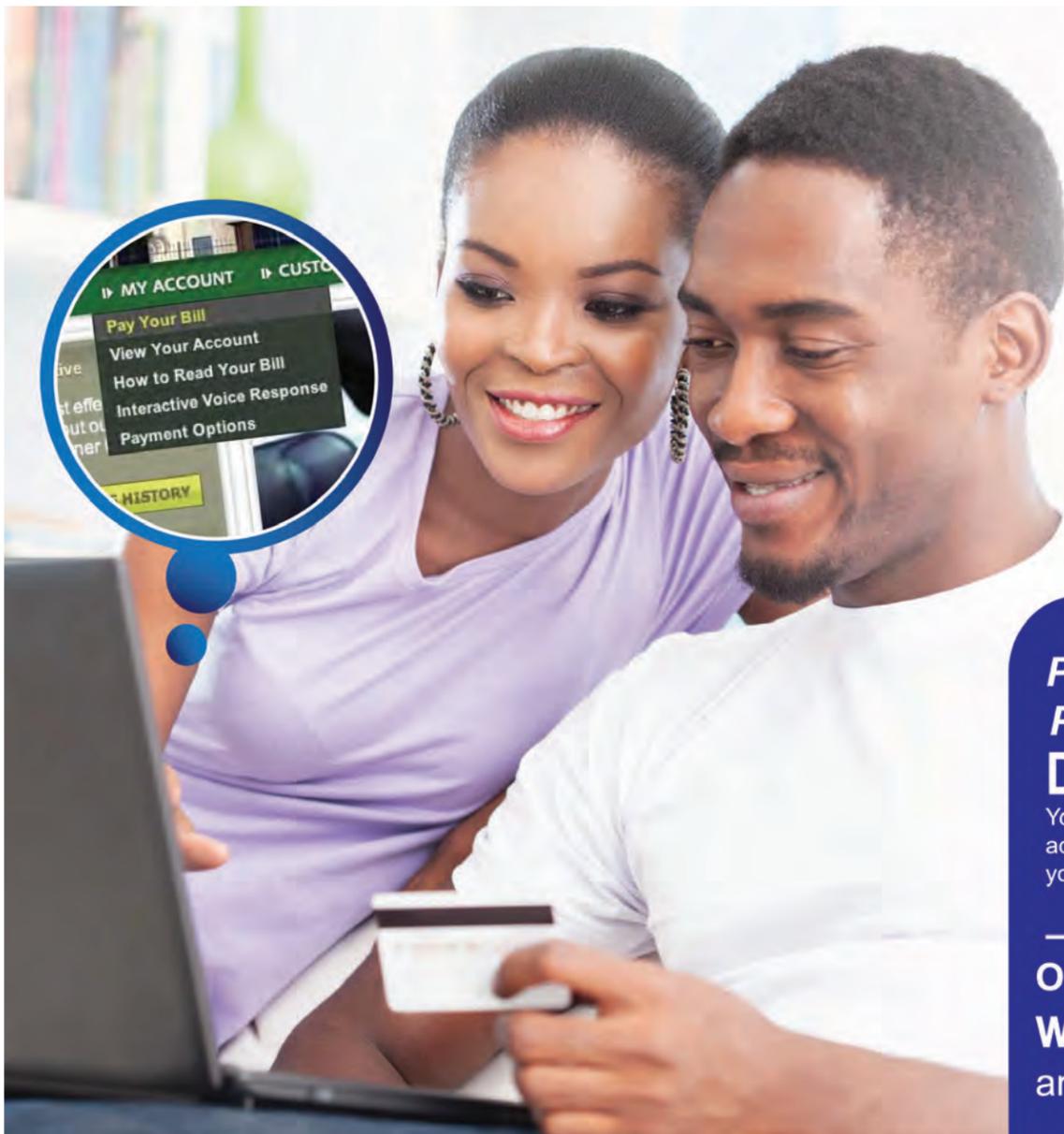
He explained that, for him, holding the summer camps is like a ministry, during which he not only teaches the game but also instills notions of integrity, respect and discipline. He said that he was going to be more involved in the program. Next year he is trying to bring some of the MBA players he knew to Marsh Harbour. He further mentioned the availability of scholarships for gifted players.

During their demonstration the children were lined up. One was called to do the invocation. Then they all sung the National Anthem, saluted the flag and recited the Pledge. They were then separated into age groups to demonstrate a series of drills aimed at showing how to move on a basketball court. The demonstration continued with exhibition games. The children had learned an impressive amount in a short time.

The many parents who attended that evening expressed their appreciation on many occasions. They clapped and cheered as their children demonstrated all the techniques they had learned. Coach Rodgers was accompanied by Leonardo Davis who is a professional player in Canada. His second helper was Tehran Cox, who just finished college at High Point University, N.C. He too intends to return to the United States to play professionally.



From left to right: Coach Daran Miller, Tyler Davis, Terran Albury, Jose Roldan, Antonio Roldan, Rufus Martin and Abraham Minns



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School and Youth News

Ryerson students reflect on time spent at Every Child Counts School

Compiled by Jennifer Hudson

In May, 2012, seven students from Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada volunteered for five weeks with the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour. The five students were recent social work graduates; two were on academic student placements in Early Childhood Studies. Here are their reflections on ECC and Abaco.

April Pisani

Ryerson BSW graduate

Many weeks have passed since I returned home to Toronto, Canada from Every Child Counts School. I have not been able to stop thinking about my experience in Abaco. I miss the amazing scenery, the lovely weather, the calm and quiet that came with being surrounded by so much natural beauty. However, what I miss most is the feeling I had each morning when arriving at Every Child Counts, being greeted with smiles and laughter. ECC is the most positive atmosphere I have ever encountered: the interaction and relations among staff and students are like a loving and supportive family, and the student volunteers from Ryerson University were made to feel so welcome. The children expressed so much appreciation for my help, without knowing just how great their impact on me would be. For the gratitude, love, positivity and joy that the children at ECC carried with them and shared each day, I am forever inspired and grateful. Thank you- I miss you all dearly!



Above: Professor Jean Golden, center, with her group of volunteers from Ryerson University. The Toronto group spent several weeks with the students of ECC as volunteers.

Heather Cox-Gurdon
Ryerson BSW graduate

My experience in Abaco volunteering at Every Child Counts was filled with learning, laughter and life-long memories. What stood out for me was how welcoming and kind the school and community were to our volunteer group. Staff and students openly shared their stories of struggle, success and goals for the future of the school. It was very powerful to have the opportunity to listen to people's stories and be part of the process of making future goals

a reality.

I travelled with ECC student athletes to the Bahamas National Special Olympics. It demonstrated to me how sport builds self-esteem and empowers people of all ages and abilities while promoting acceptance of diversity. It also showed me how the Abaco community came together

to turn the dreams of children and youth into reality through raising funds and encouraging students to persevere in the face of adversity.

Rachel Gillis
Ryerson BSW graduate

The most amazing thing about Every Child Counts, and Abaco for that matter, was the sense of community. Everyone was connected and invested in each other. Whether at the school, or at the grocery store, or even at the beach, we were always at home. I've traveled to many places around the world as a student, but none have been so warm and embracing. The school exemplified this in the way it involved students in the care of the school and each other. I'll always have a little Abaco in me wherever I go.

Amanda Lewis
Ryerson BSW graduate

Travelling to Abaco was easy for me. I had more trouble leaving the quiet island surrounded by beautiful ocean, kind people who made me feel truly appreciated and the smiling faces that greeted me every single day at ECC. It felt like home. Walking

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into the classroom the first week I would double check the time to make sure I was not late because there were so many students sitting at their desks ready to learn. I learned quickly most students arrived early every day, sometimes even before the teachers. It is a safe haven for them, free from discrimination. Their smiling faces and conversations would turn my entire day around. The memories from the five weeks I spent in Abaco are ones that will stay with me for a long time.

*Stephanie Henthorn
Ryerson BSW graduate*

Volunteering in The Bahamas was one of the greatest experiences I have ever had in my years of working in the disability field. It was a life changing experience. The Abaco community was very welcoming and genuinely happy to have us there. The ECC teachers and volunteers were often working with limited resources in the classroom, but it did not impact the level of support and attention that was given to the students. There were students with a range of abilities and the teachers always ensured that all of the students had an active role in getting the work done. There is a vocational program that makes soap to sell in the community and plans for expansion of vocational training opportunities. I came back to Canada over two months ago and think of Abaco daily. I can't wait until an opportunity presents itself for me to go back again! What a beautiful and welcoming community.

*Archana Kathir
Ryerson Early Childhood Studies student*

At ECC I helped a teacher run daily routines, transitions and plan lessons. I also

worked one-on-one with multiple students who were in my classroom. I participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run in Abaco alongside ECC students and local members of the community. This was an amazing opportunity to meet a number of the students' parents, siblings and supportive community members. Within ECC student fitness is an important component and is incorporated in the morning activities. With my dance background I decided to create an activity that focused on bringing more movement into the classroom. This activity allowed the children to express their own creativity, moving to the beat and rhythm of the music.

My favorite memory at Every Child Counts is helping children build confidence in their learning. Through previous experiences with children, I learned that being patient with children allowed them to truly strive in their learning. One child in particular needed guidance to help him focus on his work. Because I was able to provide him the support he needed along with positive encouragement he was motivated to complete his work. I saw a huge improvement in his work habits.

*Erikka Dal Bello
Ryerson Early Childhood Studies student*

The ECC teachers and the students helped me grow as an individual and a professional. The teachers taught me ways to be flexible when working with so many children with different needs and abilities. The students showed me how different and talented every child is and how they can achieve wonders with a positive attitude and encouragement

What surprised me about Abaco was the friendliness of everyone. Many people knew that we were volunteering at ECC and always had the nicest things to say to

say. It was surprising to see how friendly people there were to us, yet know how students with disabilities are not always treated the same way in the community. Coming from university study that focuses highly on inclusion with children with special needs, it was a big change to see how many children are not given the support in the Bahamian public school system to learn and be successful. It was a really great experience to be able to work with all these students at ECC where they are all welcome and encouraged to do their best.

*Jean Golden
Professor of Sociology at Ryerson University*

I have been travelling to Abaco for over twenty five years and have made many wonderful friends. It is a community of beauty and warmth. Two years ago Mary Gottlieb introduced me to Lyn Majors, the principal of Every Child Counts School. I quickly learned the exceptional story of ECC since 1998 through the leadership of Lyn Majors and the support of the Abaco community. I realized Ryerson University had human resources, -students, faculty and community contacts, -to assist ECC in its educational work, and ECC had the educational environment to help Ryerson students develop professionally.

This May the first group of Ryerson student volunteers arrived. By the end of the five weeks in the school, none of them wanted to leave. They learned much about the warmth of the Abaconian people, the extraordinary commitment of the ECC teacher and volunteers, the absence of educational and vocational support for children with disabilities by the Bahamian government and the need for community disability awareness programs. Most importantly, their experiences in ECC and

Abaco reinforced for them the value of every human life, the beauty in human diversity, and the importance of giving back to others. It is a joy for me personally, as their teacher and mentor, to have been part of this learning process in Abaco. In turn, I learned much from these seven students and from the principal, teachers, students and staff of Every Child Counts.

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plies, such as number two pencils, erasers, ruler, notebooks and binders should be bought in advance so that the student is well equipped and prepared. The Local Government Committees in each of the areas normally hold a 'Back to school get together' for the children in their constituency at which they donate bags of many of the items needed so it is good to take advantage of these events.

Nutrition:

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Many children are sent to school without breakfast and are unable to perform satisfactorily in school because their brains do not have the nutrition they need and the children are sleepy, lethargic and unable to concentrate. No matter how much your child may beg for the fancy cereals which are packed full of sugar it is absolutely undesirable to allow them to eat these for breakfast as all they will do is give them a sugar spike which can make them hyperactive and cause behavioural and concentration problems. A breakfast which includes protein, such as eggs and milk, is the best start to the day.

Lunch: Mrs. Lovely Reckley organizes a lunch program for three schools, Every

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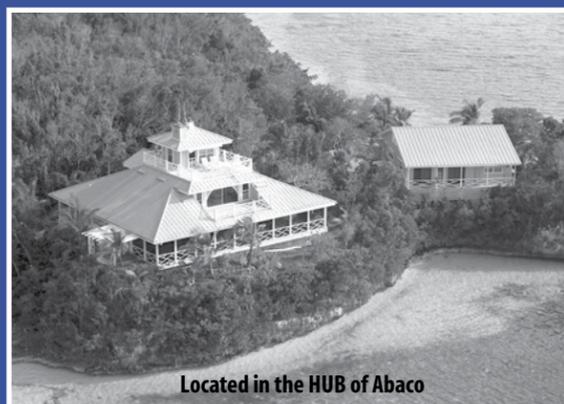
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Child Counts, Central Abaco Primary and Abaco Central High where nutritious and tasty lunches can be purchased for a small price. In the case of certain students whose parents are suffering hardship, lunches are provided for these students free of charge but the students have to be recommended by the school's guidance counselor. In schools where parents and students cannot take advantage of this program then a good nutritious lunch should be packed. This should contain sandwiches, vegetables and fruit with fruit juice or water to drink. Do not pack sodas for your child as these are chock full of sugar. Snacks full of trans-fats should also not be packed; these include cookies, snack cakes and regular chips. Older children should be encouraged to pack their own lunches.

Homework:
Having set routines and a set place

to study at home will make it much easier for children to be organized and successful at school. Distractions such as television, radio, the Internet and telephone during homework time should be totally discouraged.

Extra-curricular activities:
Children should be encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities such as band, science projects and sports but care should be made to leave enough time for homework and family time. It is very important for parents to show an interest in their child's school life so they should become involved in the school's PTA (Parent Teachers Association), fundraising activities and offering volunteer help whenever needed. Always attend parent teacher conferences. Parents often do not realize how taking an active interest in their child's school can positively affect their child's performance. *Happy school year to all students.*

Angels Academy under new ownership

Angels Academy, located on Front Street, Marsh Harbour, is under new ownership. Michelle Roark, previously Michelle Albury, has purchased the school from the previous owner, April Parotti, and has been working hard for the beginning of the new school year. The staff at Angels Academy will remain the same with Barbara Johnson continuing as principal.



Michelle Roark, who attained her degree in Early Childhood and Special Education in Georgia, moved back to Abaco with her husband, Evan, and is the new owner of Angels Academy.

Considering questions parents might have about the new ownership Ms. Roark explained some of the improvements and changes that will be coming to the school starting this year and moving into the future.

"We've tripled the amount of books in the library," Ms. Roark explained, "thanks, mostly, to many generous donations from people who want to see this school succeed. We are also adding a sixth grade this year, but that will be the final grade we add. Angels Academy will remain strictly an elementary school."

She is also adding internet to the school this semester and is working on having at least one computer per classroom.

Ms. Roark commented, "There are so many tools, effective technologies that have proven to bring advantages to students despite the size or limited resources of a school. Internet access and education about computers is going to be more and more important for Bahamians in the coming decades. Even more so than it is now."

Ms. Roark also planned on keeping

the small class size per grade, explaining how important it is for students to have adequate time with the teachers.

"I really believe in the staff we have," Ms. Roark said, "and one of the strengths of this school is the close interaction between our kids and our teachers; there are a lot of opportunities for on-one instruction. I also have the utmost respect for Principal Johnson and what she has been able to accomplish."

Going forward Ms. Roark expressed excitement over new classes- Music and Spanish- as well as the offerings of a partial scholarship for some students. She also explained that she and the staff would look at the tuition to find ways to help parents out either through discounts for up-front payment or across the board tuition cuts depending on enrollment.



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For your Health: Habits and Beliefs

Submitted by Dr. James Hull

What does "preventative care" mean? The phrase seems self-explanatory: stop a disease before you get it. However, you can take it one step further: prevent a disease from causing a problem that will lead to a shortened life and impairments during that life. I have been practicing medicine in Abaco for over a decade. When I started my career I had a vision that I would be able to educate my patients and they would make the appropriate changes in their lives leading to healthier, happier and longer lives. What I have found however, is that most of my patients listen to what I say in the office but then don't end up doing what we talk about.

In the beginning it frustrated me to have a patient come back for a visit only to find that they stopped their medicine with the firm belief that they were cured. I have heard so many reasons why a patient has not come back for blood work, stopped taking their medicine, why they can't lose weight or why they smoke that I could write a book. I have thought about my patients and why they do what they do and it comes down to two simple facts. We are all creatures of habit and we have beliefs which dictate how we act.

We have spent our lives developing habits and beliefs which have usually been passed down to us from our family or friends. The challenge for me as a physician and my patients is that we must be honest about our habits and beliefs and how they affect our lives. Firstly, so many people do not see the connection between how they lead their lives and how it affects their health.

The lack of exercise, over eating and drinking can only affect us negatively. Most of us are guilty of at least one, if not all three of these. We all must face the fact that as we get older our bodies are less capable of taking the abuse and eventually it will take its toll on us and lead to reduced quality of life and earlier deaths. I have heard many false beliefs such as high blood pressure gives us a headache so you only need to take your pressure medicine when you have a headache or double up on your medicine when you have a headache. There are so many erroneous things people believe.

If we combine these false facts with poor habits then we have a formula for disaster. The next time you look in the mirror be honest with yourself and say "I know some of the things I am doing can

and will hurt me." Please talk to your doctor and establish a plan together that helps you create better habits. Please erase the false beliefs that you have grown up with and replace them with accurate ones. Over time, you can get to a place where you are no longer hurting yourself but actually helping yourself and increasing the odds that you will live a long and healthy life.

Insights for your Innerspring "Cure Yourself of The Failure Disease"

Submitted by Whitney Bain

Excuses, excuses, excuses! Don't you just hate them? In the last issue we discussed the power of belief and how it can launch you to success. Now we will focus on one of the biggest hindrances to attaining success - excuses.

Dr. Schwartz calls the failure disease 'excusitis'. Excusitis is a mind-deadening thought disease which can be observed in people. He encourages the reader to "study people very carefully to discover, and then apply, success-rewarding principles to your life." He further contends that every failure has this disease in its advanced form. So I ask you, what's wrong with a little excuse?

Haven't you noticed how excuses make you feel - comfortable, justified, let off the hook? Excuses are convenient; they allow us to avoid some things; they don't put any pressure on us; in fact, they relieve pressure. If we are honest with ourselves, excuses are a tool used to put things off. And if we are further honest we could make a long list of things that we have put off over the months and years (present company included). The funny thing is that the more you put things off, the easier it becomes, and eventually putting things off becomes the norm and trying to get things done becomes more difficult. We can see examples of people all around us who are experts in creating excuses, and their lives reflect it.

Dr. Schwartz mentions that "thoughts, positive or negative, grow stronger when fertilized with constant repetition." Clearly, those of us who want a better existence tomorrow must cure ourselves of this dreaded disease called 'excusitis' today. Schwartz further stated that "the thinking that guides your intelligence is much more important than how much intelligence you have." Our way of thinking is the key to moving forward and being consistent. In high school I had a friend who was weak in almost every subject. Instead of settling for his state at that time, he and I made a pact to come to school one hour early and I would help him with his studies. He was

a man of his word and we studied together for some time. Needless to say, after a while his results started to change. Consequently, in his senior year, he was able to meet the requirements and graduate high school. Even more impressive than that great transformation is the fact that this gentleman went on to become an independent, successful business owner. I was so proud of him! He did not allow his former condition to dictate to him, and he drew from the confidence gained in our morning sessions to gain more and more confidence as time passed by. He did not allow excuses to stop him. This is a clear example of someone who, rather than being thwarted by what appeared to be his lack of intelligence, allowed his thinking to guide his intelligence. What can you accomplish if you just put in some extra effort? How far can you rise if you cast off the well-worn and familiar excuses?

Some people may feel that because of their age they have very little time left to accomplish anything of value; this too is an excuse. You can accomplish whatever you want at any age, and we all can contribute to the overall development of each other by our moving towards those things that we desire. What if the many notable persons in this world had looked at their age or circumstances and stopped pursuing their desires? We would not be the society that we are today. You have something of value and worth to give to the world, and the next transformational invention or thought process could very well come from you! Words well said are like soothing medicine to an aching wound and many of those who are older in our society have this ability to speak positive words into the lives of other people and need to start doing so. Those of you who are older should

not make the excuse that young people will not listen to you or apply your advice because of the age gap or inability to relate. The world is yearning for true leadership. Your years of experience could be a gold mine for many persons needing guidance. On the other hand, there are many who have so much knowledge and wisdom that they long to offer, but they are so beaten down by negative "self-speak" (negative speaking) and debilitating "self-think" (negative thinking); that they tend to resign themselves not to say anything at all. This posture of failure does no one any good. Start to listen to positive words and get good information into your mind. Your body's external presentation of itself is directly reflective of the state of your mind. When failure becomes comfortable in your mind your entire body reflects it, but when failure and excuse are pushed out day by day then you find your entire outlook changing. Bad things are allowed to happen when good people stand around and do nothing. There are so many ills that thrive in our country; I believe that the solutions to many of these problems lie right in our midst; in the minds of people who refuse to say or do anything.

Failure will continue to be a prominent billboard on the highway of our existence if we allow it to remain. Stop excusitis in its tracks and create an environment of action so that success will be realized and failure will no longer be a factor. Remember, there is no such thing as failure, only resistance; and resistance can be overcome eventually.

The Innerspring Toolbox provides resources for readers that can assist in their studies, their businesses or in their own personal development. Enjoy!

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- (3) George E. Shepherd whose last known address was P1 Down Under, Scotland Cay Abaco

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Remembering Family and Friends



Funeral Service for **Deacon Hastin "Mr. West" Russell**, 86, of Cooper's Town Abaco, who died at his residence July

22nd, was held on Saturday 28th, 11:00 a.m. at Faith Walk Church of God, Cooper's Town Abaco. Bishop Archilaus Cooper assisted by Rev. Hubert Edgcombe officiated and interment was followed in Hill Top Public Cemetery Cooper's Town Abaco. Left to mourn his passing and treasuring precious memories are: His wife of 62 years: Evelyn Russell, Children: Florence and Elmore Sawyer, Raymond and Pamela Russell, Evelyn and Anthony Cooper Sr., Angelina and Hartman Cooper, Errily and Nebra, Pete Russell, Abigail and Doli McIntosh, Hastin Jr., D'mario and Patrice Russell, Adopted son: Charles Mills. Grand-children: Trevor and Gardinia Lightbourne, Tempelton Sawyer, Tara and Jamal Moss, Chuck and Koneka Sawyer, Amanda and Amico Sawyer, Jamal Russell, George, Mona and Sanfa Knowles, Anthony Jr., Antoinette, Anthronique, Samuel, Caramel, Calivia, Aresnio and Andrew Cooper, Pheisha and Angelo Poitier, Jade, Kaysha, Petra and Latacia Russell, Kristin and Deandra McIntosh and Shareze Russell, Great grand-children: Ashley, Tyler, Selina, Serene, Chuck Jr., Justin and Michael Sawyer, Sierra and Chase Moss, Kya and Christian Sawyer, Jamal Russell Jr., Tayla, Santinio, Darren and Ieaha Knowles, Quashawn and Dashawn Smith, Bayla and Jayden Sawyer, Brandon and Cameron Cooper, Amari Ballou, Jayquan Sands and Kera Rolle, Great great grand-children: Sky Knowles and Malichi Sawyer, Sisters-in-law: Saveletha Reckley, Annie McIntosh and Lucie Davis, God-children: Curtis Cooper, Geo Poitier and Administrator Cephas Cooper. Many nieces & nephews, and a host of other friends and relatives.



Funeral Service for **Aramintha Curry**, 75, of Wood Cay, Abaco, was held on Saturday, August 11th, 2012 at 10:00

a.m., at St. Thomas Baptist Church, Wood Cay, Abaco. Officiated was Pastor Elon McIntosh, assisted by other ministers. Interment followed in St. Thomas Baptist Church Cemetery, Wood Cay, Abaco. Left to cherish her memories are: her children: Joseph Curry, Deborah McKenzie, Edwin Curry, V. Leashan Ferguson, Lydia and

David Curry; adopted son: Talbot Johnson; grandchildren: Julie Greene, Joemaine, Jasmine and Cameron Curry, Edoney and Evelisa Russell, Elvardo Butler, James and Jane Johnson, Cliphoriah Knowles, Nickeva Smith, Shevonne, Anishka, Marcia, Bradley Jr. and Britney McKenzie, Edron, Edmilderia, Edvandra, Edvinero, Edmilvanera, Edvanek and Kashan Curry, Dwayne Jr., Dweshanique, Dwenise and Daniel Ferguson, Renardo Brown, Tyronia and Tyroneka Albury, Berneisha Davis, Delvon, Davina, Demarco, Thonisha, Deon, Baron and Davon Curry, Aprilla, Talbertha, and Talbot Johnson Jr.; great grandchildren: Alvon, Alisha, Alvin Jr., Allanka Greene, Jalano, Jayden and Kalya Curry, Edoney Russell, Kalla Butler, Darrenique Woodside and Adryanna Rolle, Arianna Sands, Bradley McKenzie III, Allyssa Smith and Shania Wells, Shane Edgcombe, Tyquanya Albury, Renyi Brown, Shavonre and Bradley; two daughters-in-law: Judy Curry and Patsy Johnson; two sons-in-law: Dwayne Ferguson Sr. and Bradley McKenzie Sr.; three sisters: Geneva McIntosh, Betty Strachan and Monica Russell; four brothers: Victor, Donald, Roland and Delvin McIntosh; three sisters-in-law: Pricilla, Eliza and Rachael McIntosh; five brothers-in-law: Hermis Thomas, Sydney Russell, Elisha, Fredrick and Arthur Curry; numerous nieces and nephews. A host of other relatives and friends.



Funeral Service for **Rev. Merlin "Daddy Moe" or "Uncle Moe" McIntosh** Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, 76, of Fox Town Abaco, who died

at his residence July 24th was held on Sunday 28th, 11:00 a.m. at Zion Baptist Church Fox Town Abaco. Bishop B. Wenith Davis President of Zion United Baptist Convention officiated, assisted by Rev. Christopher Dean Superintendent of the Abaco District and Deacon Daniel Curry. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery Fox Town Abaco. Left to cherish his memories are: His Loving wife: Millie Admilda McIntosh, His children: Maria and Gersil Edgcombe and family: Nacia, Deangelo, Renece and Keva Edgcombe, Deandre and Jahmarie Farrington, Judymae and Ronald Russell and family: Omar(deceased) Shameaka, Meric and Justin Russell-Zyanne Riley King and Gayniah Russell, Ednamae(deceased)

and Gladwin Gardiner and family: Ferino, Aniska Albury and Valdez Gardiner-Gladena, Lathora, Shannon, Zander, Ethan, Ian and Jaquey Albury also Natassia Gardiner. Adopted children: Louise McIntosh- Lamando Curry, Taylia McIntosh, Jeron, Choia and Mia Leah McDonald Lawanda McIntosh- Gregory and Damario Stuart. Sister: Manvella Pinder. Brothers: Reginald Jr., Wilfred and Leaneth McIntosh. Sister-in-law: Evelyn Russell, Brother-in-law: Arnold Thomas. Many nieces and nephews. A Host of other loving family and friends.



Memorial Service for the late **Horace Arnot Pierre** Age 28 years, of Marsh Harbour, Abaco and Nassau was held on Wednesday,

August 22nd, 2012, at 7.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church, Meeting Street. Left to cherish Horace's memory are:-His Father, Horace A. Pierre Jr., SISTER Schano Pierre, Stepmother: Dianne Pierre, Grandmother: Barbara Pierre, Adopted mother: Angela McDonald, Aunts: Bridgette King, Patti Cox, Adopted brothers; Osbourne 'Ossie' Pintard, Brando Gibson, Ricky Bowleg, Ralph & Nebat Williams, Uncles: Herman King, Gary Cox, Fred Bowleg, Vincent, Calvin, Benson, Derek, Gary, Floyd, Lenny McDonald, Junior Riley, James Dawkins, James Clarke, Roosevelt Porter, Erskine Woods, Jeffrey Collins, Charles Maillis Aunts: Margurita McDonald, Catherine Clarke, Luzera Woods, Rosie Collins, Marina Maillis, Deann Christie, Judith McPhee and Tonya Gibson; Virginia Bowleg, Ivy, Patsy, Eulease, Francine Jerry and Marsha McDonald, Olga McDonald of Tampa Florida and Joan Michelle. Many other family and friends.



Funeral Service for **Micieze Remy**, 48, of Marsh Harbour, Abaco and formerly of Dessalines, Haiti was held on Saturday

August 18th, 2012 at 10:00 am at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Officiating was Father Rodger Madrazo. Interment followed in the Public Cemetery, Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Left

to cherish her memories are her children: Dady Dauphin, Daniel Dauphin, Mercila Andrevil, Marie-Gertha Dauphin, Remy Sertil, Mochenique Sertil; Mother: Mercilia Andrevil; Father: Taleron Remy; Grandchildren: Dieumilkeus Esticar, Hermano Esticar, Kenberly Pierre, Lovethana Moleon, Carlos Dauphin, Spenser Dauphin, Kely Sertil; Sons and daughters in law: Jeaneloude Moleon; Clauvis Pierre; Frans Philippa, Pierre Flermond, Sterjdy, Jandson; Brothers and Sisters: Philogene, Osiface, Louisiana and Michere Remy, Jackson and Nehemie Absolu, Mirlande Pierre; Rouldolph, Anocia, Nira, Menaee, Jociase, Anderson and Pierre Rodette Aristide; Phelix, Legene, Yousemis, Deziner, Jakeus, Abdias and Ivena Sertil; Yolette, Eliakens, Remise, Ecclesiast, Mercilia, Fidelity and Papouche Remy; Rodenson, Crisla, Jean Pierre and Louisiana Flermond; Dorceus Sterdy, Mesidor Markenley; Orthe Diejist, Jean Pierre Absolu; Sister in law: Marie Dona Dauphin; Aunts: Maurise Flermond, Anserne St. Louis, Cartrine Remy and Dolce St. Amand; Numerous cousins, friends and other family.



Maurdee Albury 63, of Marsh Harbour was suddenly called home to the Lord's side, peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday morning August 7th, 2012. Left to cherish the many happy, priceless memories are: his loving

wife Cindy; his daughter Sonia and her husband Ross and beloved grandchildren Landon and Taylor; his daughter Margo; his mother Flossie; his father J. Wilson (predeceased); his mother-in-law Beverly; father-in-law John (predeceased); brother-in-law Philip (predeceased). Seven brothers and sisters: One brother (deceased at birth) /sister Eleanor/sister Sherilyn and husband Kenneth (predeceased) and their three children: niece Marcia; nephew Myron and wife Gracie; nephew Colin (predeceased)/ brother Lowell and wife Eleanor and their three children: niece Heather and husband Randy and their daughter Alora; nephew Ryan; niece Ashley/ brother Andre and wife Alice and their child Dexter (deceased shortly after birth)/ sister Janice and her two children: nephew John-Ross and fiancé Elizabeth; niece Isabella/sister Bonnie and husband Luis and their two children: niece Sabrina and husband Josh; niece Lisa and husband Neil. The majority of Maurdee's Aunts and Uncles are predeceased: Grandparents George and Mary Albury; Milton and Sadie Albury; Uncle Anthony (Pump) and wife Ena; Uncle Hubert and wife Ruth; Uncle Mertland and wife Lyndal; Aunt Hattie and husband Bill; Aunt Mabel and husband Ancil; Uncle Roscoe and wife Roslyn; Aunt Lola and husband Reginald; Aunt Nina and husband Ivan; Aunt Ephemia and husband R. Lucien; Aunt Lily and husband A. Stewart. He is survived by his Aunt Thelma and husband Jack. Sharon's family remains in Australia: father-in-law Donald (predeceased) and mother-in-law Betty/ brother-in-law Don and his three children: Nathan, Cara and Zachary/ brother-in-law Dudley (predeceased)/ sister-in-law Frances and husband Fred and children: Jodie, Stacy and Ryan/ sister-in-law Doris/ sister-in-law Theresa and husband Shannon and children: Laura, Matthew and Emma. Left also are numerous relatives and friends far and wide.

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SPORTS

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nament within the next two months. They were to participate in their first sparring match and receive their first hit before the end of August.

Coach Miller has already ordered the uniforms that will be red and silver: the colours of the Abaco Boxing Club. Boots, gloves and mouth piece are to be supplied by the parents. The travel expenses are another obstacle for which he hopes to find sponsors. Coach Miller can be contacted at 456-2011.

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Politics and Gov't

Hope Town District Council meets in August

By Timothy Roberts

During the August 17 meeting of the Hope Town District Council the new Island Administrator, Preston Cunningham, was welcomed as they dealt with budgetary and other matters.

Chief Councilor Jeremy Sweeting told Mr. Cunningham that he looks forward to developing a strong working relationship between the council and the new administrator.

Mr. Cunningham told the councilors that he has spent 41 years in public service and worked on ever island except two. He added that he is looking forward to good things here in Abaco and asked the council to keep an open mind, reminding them that they are there to do the business of the people.

Chris Prewitt, representing the homeowners of North End, noted that the Council has a contract for maintaining the roads between Hope Town settlement and Dorros Cove which does not extend as far as North End.

He said the road is in deplorable condition and the bushes on the sides of the road are overgrown. Presently the fire truck would not be able to pass.

He said that the homeowners on North End pay taxes like everyone else and should get the same consideration.

Mr. Sweeting said he feels the council should be able to put more focus on that area and though the budget is tight the council would see how they could assist.

Mr. Prewitt also stated that he has been trying for years to get the telephone junction boxes upgraded as the conditions of the phone system is terrible; sometimes as many as 12 phones are out. Mr. Prewitt asked the administrator if he could do something to which the administrator said he would see what he could do.

Harold Malone said that a man and his family at Hope Town is donating mon-

ey to build a community library and has already opened an account with large deposit in place. It is estimated that he will be donating over \$200,000 to complete the project.

The man is asking to also be permitted to do renovations on the government building - specifically lowering the wall in front of government building and removing western bathroom to other side of the building.

The Administrator suggested that there be a town meeting to get public opinion which the Council agreed they would do. Concerning the wall of the government buildings the administrator said seek the opinion of the people and based on that bring the information to the central government as it is their property. Mr. Sweeting said they will aim for a meeting at the end of August.

Mr. Sweeting noted that they had to do a lot of cutting to accommodate Guana Cay's dump situation and they also are adjusting to account for the inclusion of North End Road in the Maintenance Contract.

Danny Trembley, who holds the contract for the road maintenance said they would need an additional 200 dollars per month extra to include it the North End Road

Johnny Harold Bethel was contact-

ed about his barge that was stranded on a beach at Guana Cay during Hurricane Irene in 2011. He informed the Council that he is waiting to get the boat licensed in order to be able to move it. He hopes to have it moved by the end of August.

Some council members visited Cornish Cay after receiving information that there were things happening without the necessary permits. Their inspection didn't reveal any issues; however, there appeared to be some questionable dredging which may have been done several years ago.

According to the Port Department, Lobster Rock and Porgi Rock will receive warning lights which was welcome news to the Council. The Royal Bahamas Defense Force has requested it be done immediately.

Abaco Tug and Transport and SUNCO Builders submitted applications to carry out sand mining. Abaco Tug applied for an area at Tilloo bank. The council said that because it is a tourist attraction and it would cause shifting of the beach they would decline it. Both applications were declined.

A forty foot long freight service dock for Joe's Cay was granted after review.

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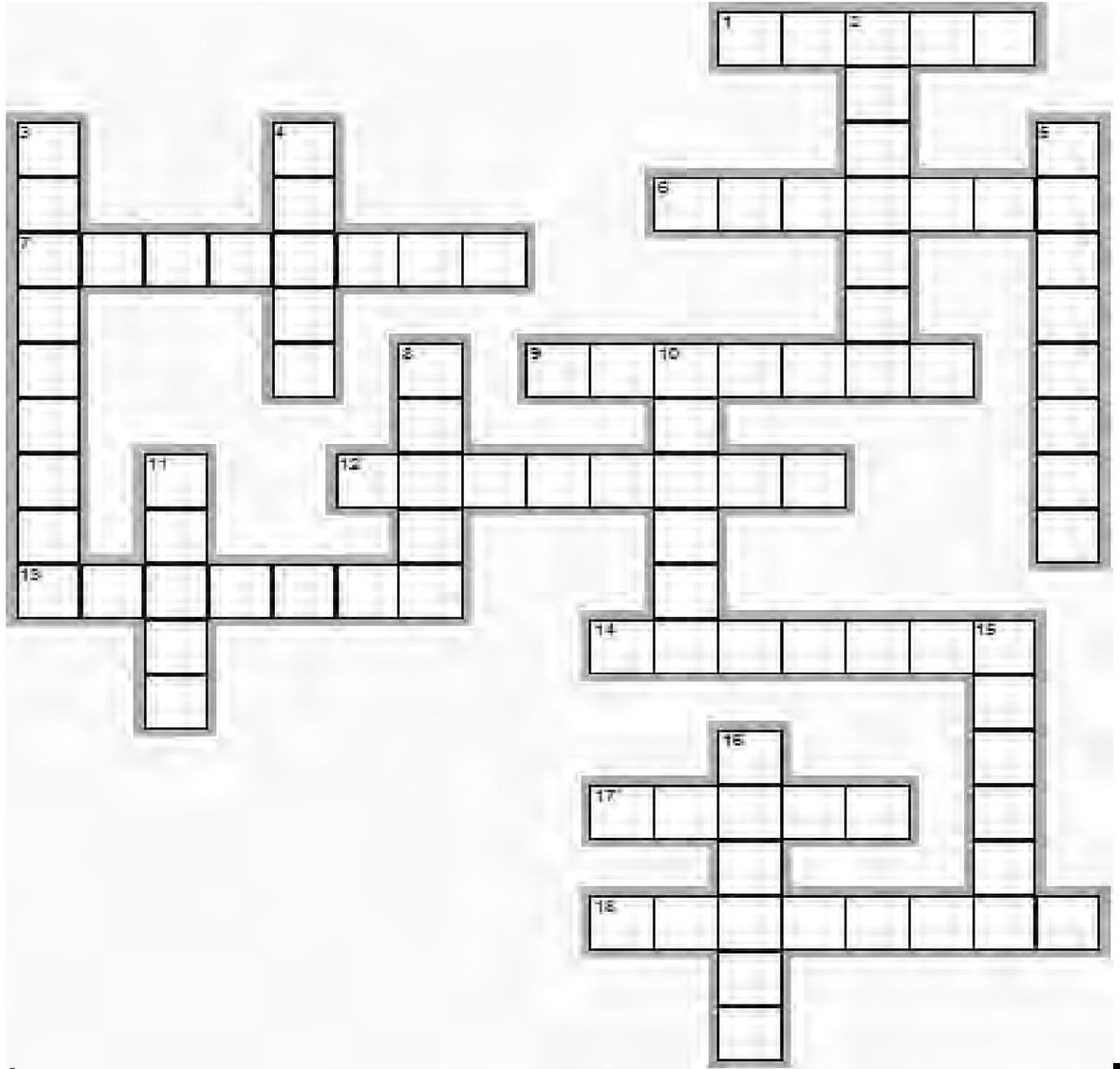
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Across

1. Used on blackboards.
6. _____ reef; Abaco home to the third largest in the world.
7. Ten year old charity beach party.
9. Opposite of simple; a cluster of buildings or offices.
12. Most schools fall into this two _____ system.
13. A type of coral; not staghorn.
14. Golden _____; Nickname given to the four Bahamian gold medalists at the 2012 Olympic Games.
17. _____ land; a bejeweled head-piece.
18. A concern with the appearance of strange moles and freckles; Too much sun a large factor of this.

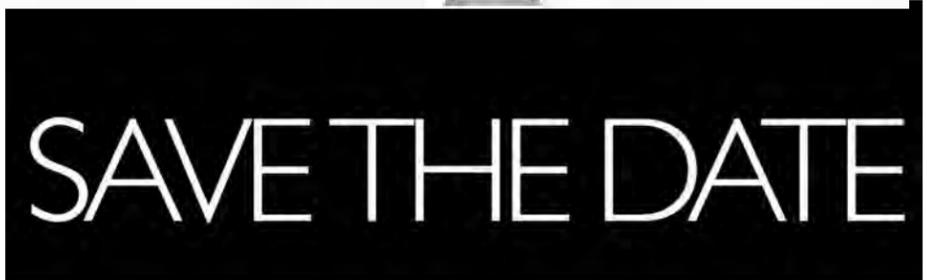
Down

2. Being typical.
3. Purchased for a vehicle, a house or your health.
4. Green _____; Rare phenomena relating to sunsets,
5. Introduction of a document; _____ to the Constitution.
8. "God save the _____"
10. Lamb; a type of snapper.
11. Famous victim of Nassau murder conspiracy.
15. salt; _____ chloride.
16. Method of preparing fish; 212 degree fahrenheit water.



August 15 Crossword Answers

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| <p>Across</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. GOLF—Sport involving putting. 4. CURIOSITY—Name of rover that recently landed on Mars. 7. PROVIDENCE—New _____; Nassau. 10. GREECE—Original country of The Olympics. 12. FRENCH—Official Language of The Olympics. 15. PADDLING—Method of propelling a kayak or canoe. 18. BALLAST—Heavy material used to stabilize ships. 19. DOMINOES—Start with a double-six. <p>Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BGCSE—Acronym; Bahamian high school exams 3. LYNLYARD—_____ Cay; location of the wrecked "Peter Mowell." | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. INDIA—Most populated commonwealth nation. 6. BRAZIL—Country of the 2016 Summer Olympics. 8. VANDERPOOL-WALLACE—First Bahamian athlete to reach the finals in an Olympic Swimming Event. 9. MERMAID—A mythical creature; A popular reef. 11. CRABBING—Verb; The act of chasing down these decapods and catching them in a croaker sack. 12. FRITTERS—Way to eat conch using batter and deep frying. 13. HARD—Describing water with a high mineral content. 14. ROYALTY—A king, queen, prince or their family. 16. DARTS—Game involving a bullseye. 17. GRAY—Minister of Agriculture. |
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Church News

Cookout held at Soul Saving Ministries for church bus

By Samantha Evans

Saturday, August 25 was an exciting day for the church family of Soul Saving Ministries as they held a cookout fundraiser in aid the purchase of a much needed church bus. According to Assistant Pastor Marvin Mills, this church bus will assist them in many ways especially providing transportation for members on Sunday for service and during the week for Bible Study. For a long time members of the church have been using their personal vehicles to pick up members which sometimes limits the level of participation of many.

The bus will also allow more members of the church to fellowship with other churches and to support the senior pastor at speaking engagements at other churches. Items sold during this event were provided by the church and several businesses in Nassau. Pastor Mills is extremely appreciative for the support received from members and churches that assisted with the sale of tickets. Senior Pastor Arnette stated that the church bus will allow them to engage in evangelism, feed the hungry and cloth the naked. He believes that one word of encouragement can make the difference in the life of a hurting or discouraged person. Hence, they are elated about the many opportunities this new bus will open for his church family.

Items on the menu were: Oxtail and rice, conch and rice, crab and rice, beans and rice, barbecue chicken and ribs, fried fish, cracked lobster, and various sides. Conch fritters, cotton candy, popcorn, and various beverages were on sale as well.

While the adults enjoyed the Christian music played the kids enjoyed the bouncing castle. Thanks to the support of those mentioned above, the event was a huge success. The event was held from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at the church grounds on Forest Drive.

Grace Baptist Church has Newly Appointed Youth Pastor

By Samantha Evans

Pastor Shawn Robbins, former youth leader of Grace Baptist Church, became the Senior Pastor of the church over a year ago and since then the youth department has not had a stable leader. He stated that they have numerous youth leaders at the church but none who could take over the Youth Ministry at the church. Therefore, that Department has been dormant until Minister Fyodor Mullings became a member of the church and expressed interest in this ministry. Once he and his wife joined the church and Pastor Robbins had a chance to speak with Pastor Mullings about his interests, Pastor Robbins had no reservations about allowing Mr. Mullings to serve.

According to Pastor Shawn, he wants to see the youth find their passion, become educated, build relationship with Jesus Christ and reach their full potential in what they strive to be. This appointment of Mr. Mullings as Youth Pastor will help to make this happen.

On July 27, Pastor Mullings became the official Youth Pastor at Grace Baptist Church. He has a passion for youth having been raised in the church at Faith United in Nassau. He graduated high school at age fourteen then went off to college to play basketball a few years later. This is when his life changed and he abandoned his Christian roots. However, after years of deviation, he was able to find his way back to Christ. Mullings believes that he will be great in this role because he went through challenges that many youth are facing today.

Minister Mullings has a history of serving in leadership roles and working with youth. He was the Royal Ambassadors' president, in charge of the basketball league at Faith United among other roles. It was always his goal to work fulltime in ministry and as a result of the mentoring he is getting from Pastor Shawn, he is well on his way. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to his pastor who opened the door to

mentorship when others would not. He and his wife, Simmone Mullings, are excited to serve in the church.

His department will be offering free tutoring classes one day a week for the community in the areas of Math, English and Computer Science. Interested persons can call the church for details. Finally, once he gets the youth department more established, he will begin to serve as president of the men's ministry.

Baptisms performed in Cherokee

By Lee Pinder

Members of the Assemblies of God in Cherokee gathered at the Long Dock on the July 28 to witness Baptismal Rites on eight of their congregation.

A group of around forty local residents and visitors enjoyed a cookout of hamburgers and hotdogs. The picnic was held out of doors on a perfectly beautiful afternoon in a tranquil and peaceful location by the sea. The weather was a near

perfect 85 degrees; the sun was shining and the water clear and inviting. They had come together to participate in and be a part of the Baptism of some of their Fellow Church goers.

Brother Darrel Pinder, Lay-Preacher of Cherokee's Assembly of God, performed the ceremonies. On hand to give support were his grandfather and long-time Minister in the same church, Brother Bateman Sands. Also present at the ceremonies was Brother Bob Cornish of the Assemblies of God in Marsh Harbour, along with his wife Phyllis, to give their Blessings, as well as many family members and friends.

While the group prepared themselves for the purification by the submergence in water and the admittance of the recipient into the Christian community Brother Darrel read various passages from The Bible pertaining to John, The Baptist and Teachings. Then the eight persons entered the water and stood in a circle around Brother Darrel while he performed the somber ceremony on each person individually and accepted eight new spirits into the Kingdom of God. It was a festive and joyous occasion.

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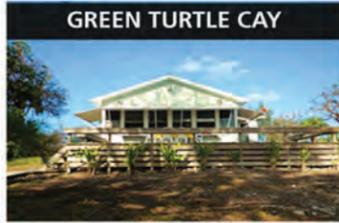
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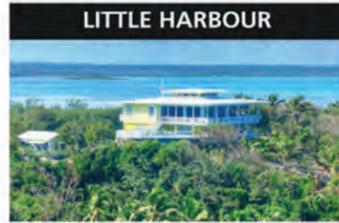
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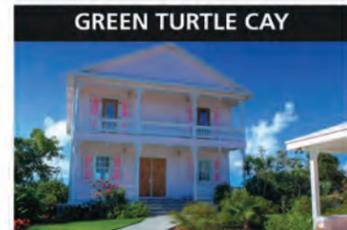
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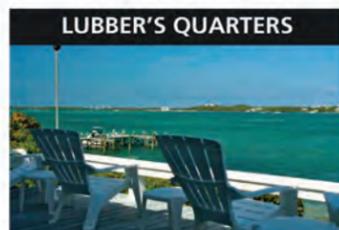
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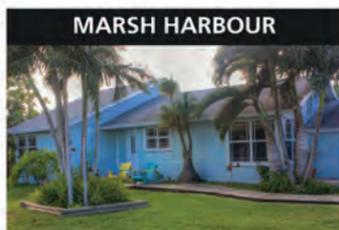
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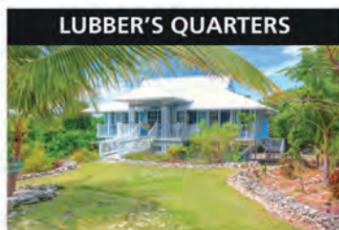
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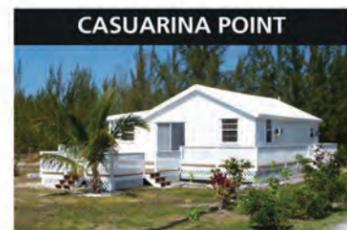
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