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Delta envisions Marsh Harbour as new commercial service location



By Canishka Alexander

Representatives from Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club and Delta Air Lines joined government officials for a tour of the new Marsh Harbour International Airport on December 18. Once completed, the airport will be renamed the Leonard M. Thompson International Airport.

According to Bill Wernecke, director of Delta's Charter Department, they were looking at Marsh Harbour as an opportunity to primarily conduct charter operations.

"We're doing charters today into Treasure Cay with Airbus A319 product as well as CRJs, and we're looking at potentially coming to this airport as well or instead of Treasure Cay," Wernecke revealed. "There's just more infrastructure, and the new terminal here looks fantastic. It's not open yet obviously, but it looks very nice."

Additionally, he envisioned the Marsh Harbour airport as a new commercial service location. While Delta has provided charter service to Abaco, the company has never provided commercial service here.

"I can't believe how magnificent this structure is; I didn't expect anything like this," Wernecke expressed. "The planners built a beautiful building, and

Representatives from Delta Airlines along with Bakers Bay and representatives from government toured the new airport terminal on December 18. Delta noted the impressive structure and indicated surprise that Marsh harbour had such a "fantastic" facility. Delta further hinted at the possibility of opening Abaco as one of their regular commercial routes. Above: representatives from different organizations, including, James Edgcombe (FES Construction), Dr. Livingston Marshall (Baker's Bay), MP Renardo Curry, Sen. Gary Sawyer, Craig Blumenthal (Discovery Land Company), Wynsome Ferguson (Tourism), Bill Wernecke (Delta) and Bobby Jones (Manager of Civil Aviation in Abaco.)

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Prime Minister officially launches Urban Renewal on Abaco

Government ministers lay out goals



The Prime Minister came to Abaco on December 21 to initiate Urban Renewel 2.0 on Abaco. Above and left to right: PM Christie, DPM Davis, Dr. Nottage, Hon. Wilchcombe, MP Curry. For the full story see page 11.

Road works and airport terminal are on the way



The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Philip 'Brave' Davis (above), was on Abaco during the Dec 21. Urban Renewal launch event. The ABAconian took the opportunity to get an update on some of the infrastructural projects happening on Abaco, especially with regards to the delays in the new airport terminal and the situation with road works on Abaco. The DPM indicated that the airport was on track for an opening in 3-4 months with an additional ~\$12 million needed to address specific concerns about the airport that had arisen. Mr. Davis also said that a new contract for work (to begin in January) had been awarded to the same company that had received the \$1 million contract back in October 2012 to repair the roads in Murphy Town, Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town. For more on the story see page: 6.

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they've thought about everything for the passengers as well as the airlines. I think this is a top-notch facility, and I am certain that you're going to lure in lots of

commercial carriers over time."

Wernecke explained that they currently provide charter services for Baker's Bay. The airport's location in Marsh Harbour allows for closer access to the luxurious property located on Guana Cay,

so Delta was called in to review the facilities. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the airline provides domestic and international service to all continents except Antarctica.

Even with their focus primarily on

charter service to Abaco, Delta has a busy holiday season in store from now until May of 2013 with roughly 15-18 flights scheduled.

Meanwhile, Craig Blumenthal of the Discovery Land Company, was grateful to Delta for transporting passengers from New York to Abaco. He said that 12 such flights will be operated throughout the season, so their objective for the day was to determine if flights could be connected through Marsh Harbour.

"Hopefully this will be the start of a relationship that will blossom into what I can see as a scheduled commercial service from the northeast," Blumenthal said.

Like Wernecke, he added that the terminal is outstanding.

"If you haven't been here before, you would never believe it is such a wonderful piece of modern, architectural design that is incorporated in this structure. It's a wonderful facility, and it's going to, no doubt, attract airline service such as what we're trying to build here today."

During the tour, Senator Gary Sawyer accompanied MP for North Abaco and Parliamentary Secretary - Renardo Curry, and shared that he was delighted that Baker's Bay and Delta would be upgrading flight service on the island.

Curry also commended the Ministry of Tourism, Delta and Baker's Bay representatives as he looks forward to an increase in flights to Abaco that will benefit all businesses.



Above: The new airport terminal in Marsh Harbour nears completion. While touring, Mr. Wernecke, of Delta Airlines, said, "I can't believe how magnificent this structure is; I didn't expect anything like this." Though Delta currently only provides charter service for Baker's Bay, Mr. Wernecke expressed optimism about future commercial flights as well, making Abaco a new destination for the Atlanta-based airline.

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Police arrest men on armed robbery, drug charges



Above from left to right: Michael Francois for possession of dangerous drugs; Ismite Belfort for armed robbery; and John Titus for armed robbery alongside police officers.

By Canishka Alexander

Three men were arraigned at Magistrate's Court #1 before Magistrate Ancella Evans-Williams on December 13 on charges of armed robbery and possession of dangerous drugs.

The first was an armed robbery charge against John Mark Titus for possession of a firearm with the intent to put another in fear. Prosecutor Perkins Collie alleged

that Titus went to the home of Ronald and Bridgette Sands at 6:55 a.m. on December 7, and robbed the couple of \$6,089. According to police reports, a slim, dark male dressed in dark clothing and a purple wig entered the Sands' residence armed with a hand gun.

The case was moved to the Supreme Court by Voluntary Bill of Indictment, and is set for February 11. Magistrate Evans-

Williams told Titus that he was not required to enter a plea to the charges, and that he could not be granted bail in this matter. He was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

The next person to be arraigned on armed robbery charges was Ismite Belfort. Police reports state that Elroy Moss withdrew \$350 from his bank account, and while returning home in the area of the basketball court in the Mudd was robbed. Prosecutor Collie told the court that Belfort was armed with a shotgun and robbed Moss of \$350. Belfort was not required to enter a plea, and was also given a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Meanwhile, Michael Francois was charged with possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply. Complicating matters for him was that the person, who signed for his bail, withdrew their application. Magistrate Evans-Williams suggested he apply to the Supreme Court for bail. He was remanded to prison.

Rotary Club brings Christmas to the needy

By Mirella Santillo

In spite of a weak economy or perhaps because of it, the annual Rotary Club of Abaco's Bell Ringing was again a success. People, who could afford it, were generous enough to give. Through the efforts of the many Rotarians, Interactors and Rotaractors who rang the bell at the Christmas Festival, in front of Maxwell's Supermarket, Abaco Groceries,

Standard Hardware and Abaco Hardware, The Rotary Club of Abaco collected over 5,000.00.

The three weeks of Bell Ringing, which started the first week of December, were followed by two days of packing and distributing. Rotarians, often accompanied by their children, as well as family members or friends, showed up at Aldersgate Methodist Church to process the parcels in the afternoon of December 20 and the morning of December 21, filling over 150 boxes with dry and canned food, plus a chicken as a bonus. Boxes were then delivered throughout Abaco, from Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks, Cherokee Sound to the Central and North Abaco communities.

The Interact Club of Forest Heights Academy had collected extra food contained in what they call Boxes of Love, as well as toys for children that were wrapped in pink and blue paper. They were distributed with the food boxes to the needy families with children, adding a little something extra for the youth.

Members of the Club who distributed the parcels said that they encountered many desperate situations this year, with monetary problems added to emotional problems caused by the loss of a family member or sickness.

The 150 boxes were a blessing to many, but more food parcels would have been welcomed by many more people throughout the island, prompting the newly formed Rotaract Club's members to start Bell Ringing for a few days until December 31 to start collecting money for next year.

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Continued calls to patch potholes receives response from Deputy PM



A common site throughout Abaco, which is the nation's third largest, and fastest growing, economy, is the deterioration of this basic component of infrastructure. Above: a pothole partially hidden in water makes for a dangerous hazard.

By Timothy Roberts

According to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Renewal, Philip 'Brave' Davis, Abaconians may get a late Christmas present in early January 2013 as he revealed at the

"The roads of Marsh Harbour and neighboring settlements... will be started very shortly"

launch of Urban Renewal 2.0 in Abaco that funds have been approved to begin paving the roads in Central Abaco.

"The roads of Marsh Harbour and neighboring settlements Dundas and Murphy Town will be started very shortly," he said; possibly as soon as the first week of January.

The contract was awarded to Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Company Ltd., the same company granted a contract in October for the repair of roads in Murphy Town, Dundas Town and Marsh Harbour for a total of \$1 million. The total for the new contract had not been verified by press time.

Mr. Davis also commented on the Marsh Harbour International Airport Terminal, assuring Abaconians that despite delays it will soon be ready to open.

He said the government understands Abaco's potential for massive economic growth and wanted to ensure the airport was complementary to the islands growth, not just for the present but for the future as well.

"A lot of the components of an international airport were not taken into account in the original design and we can't open it as is otherwise it will not meet the standards to become an international airport," he said. "Those designs are almost complete; hence the airport opening will be delayed for another three to four months. Whatever there is to fix, we will fix it."

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Above: the central business district in Marsh Harbour. This heavily trafficked area of town has one of the highest concentrations of potholes on the island. The length of road from the airport to the ferry dock (the first, most visible stretch to most tourists) is, at best, an embarrassment and, at worst, dangerous. The Deputy Prime Minister indicated that a new contract with Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Company Ltd. had been reached with road work to begin as early as the first week of January. Funds for the project have been approved by Parliament.



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“the airport opening will be delayed for another three to four months. Whatever there is to fix, we will fix it.”

Mr. Davis also noted that they will “have a runway that is compatible with the investment.”

The proposed fixes will cost the government more

than \$10 million in overruns before it they are finished bringing the total cost of the

airport terminal to nearly \$40 million.

In an early statement the Minister of Aviation said the Leonard M Thompson International Airport in Marsh Harbour “with its checkered past of starting and stopping,” was first projected at \$27.3 million. Now, officials have said the needed repairs will run taxpayers into an additional \$11,930,000. With the hike, the airport comes up at a total cost of nearly \$40 million.

Included in that estimate are a \$6 million runway extension, \$3.8 million to build a freight building, \$230,000 for that building’s architectural fees and \$1.9 million in other architectural fees.



Above: an instance of flooding on the grounds of the new airport terminal. Several issues, such as the one above, will need to be addressed before the Leonard M. Thompson International Airport, as it will be called upon completion, will be ready to meet the standards of an international airport. The Hon. Philip Davis assured Abaconians that the necessary design changes were nearly complete with a 3-4 month window before opening. An additional \$12 million is needed for the project.

Dundas Town residents reflect on year, look to future

By Samantha Evans

It has become a tradition for the Local Government Townships to host Christmas Tree Lighting and Chorale Services during the month of December to bring in the Christmas season. In recent years, this event has been well attended by locals. This year the event was not well attended with just under fifty persons sharing the evening with the committee on Saturday, December 15 beginning at 6:30pm at Friendship Tabernacle Church.

Pastor Silbert Mills expressed disappointment with the attendance, but strongly believes that God was in the midst with the few souls that were present. Faron Newbold, Chairman of the Committee, gave an overview of the year and outlined some of their plans for the upcoming year. He stated that the committee has had a trying year with several storms devastating the community. The latest one, Hurricane Sandy, caused considerable damage to Brown’s Bay, Ocean View Park and some of the property of residents in the Dundas Town and Central Pines communities.

In spite of these setbacks that left the committee financially challenged, he assured the residents that they will remain vigilant as plans are being drawn to address the restoration of Brown’s Bay Park and decisions are being made to continue

the Cultural Center at Ocean View Park. He told the residents that they were happy to be able to assist them during their times of need after devastation disrupted their lives. He thanked them for their prayers, support and words of encouragement especially during the trying times.

Renardo Curry, Member of Parliament for North Abaco, was in attendance and brought brief remarks. Mr. Curry said that Dundas Town should be proud to have young leaders on their team who have vision for the community. He wanted them to be mindful of the hard work that goes into building communities even though it is often overlooked. He stated that this committee in Dundas Town is unselfish and committed to working hard to advance and improve their community.

Mr. Curry encouraged the committee members to persevere and address concerns of the community one day at a time. He wished all of the residents a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. He stated that he hopes that they get the desires of their heart.

The speaker for the evening was the Pastor of St. Andrews Methodist Church Reverend Marie Neilly. She spoke on the topic “Are you still looking for baby Jesus.” She began by saying that one of the

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From the Editor's Desk // Resolutions



Happy New Year Abaco! Never mind that this January 1 edition of The Abaconian actually was published prior to 2013, we can pretend. We seem to be good at that these days.

We pretend a lot. We pretend that crime will be curbed because it should be. We pretend the youth of this island are all growing up in loving homes. We pretend they have outlets for their creativity and frustrations. We pretend the burglaries and assaults are being caused by an outside force and not by things within our collective, and perhaps individual, influence.

We pretend everything is the government's responsibility; that any social ill falls directly on the shoulders of the current or previous government. We pretend that our voice as an individual is lost shouting across the Tongue of the Ocean, that Nassau won't respond even if we tried.

We pretend that we have already put our best effort forward. Why try harder?

We pretend that because we vote one party in and the other one out, and then do the reverse the next go around, that the leaders of our parties actually respect us. But on the other hand, we pretend our leaders are too high above us to reach out to for help.

We pretend someone else will step up to the plate and shoulder the bur-

dens of our island's problems.

There are shanty towns, humanitarian disasters and breeding grounds of neglect and crime right in the middle of the most populated areas of town? No, pretend that idea away. Make-believe it's thirty or forty years ago when the situation was, perhaps, easily manageable.

Pretend those areas of town don't exist; drive around and around them only paying enough attention not to strike an innocent child as he wanders along the side of the street. Pretend that child will always be innocent and won't grow up and be, at least minimally, affected by his deteriorating environment. Or worse, pretend he is already a lost cause: nothing can be done at this point. He's just another one living in "The Mudd." Add that extra 'd' to the name so it gets classed-up a bit.

Pretend your job in fixing the situation is to ignore it and only talk about it at home, when the problem is faceless.

Pretend there are no solutions.

Pretend I never said that.

Business marches on. Money is not pretend. Empty bank accounts aren't pretend either. Pretend the tourists will come back in the numbers they were in the heyday just because. Pretend our work ethic and education doesn't matter in that arena. Pretend we are the best, just because we always have been.

Pretend if we sit still, quiet and deaf, our government will fix the roads and ensure our best interests are served. Or pretend the only answer is aggressive party loyalty with no compromise, and only angry things to say to those who might seek to reach out.

Pretend there is nothing we can do.

So, what are your New Year's resolutions?

Community Calendar

- Dec 28: Junkanoo @ Sea Spray
- Dec 29: green Turtle Boat Parade
- Jan 5: Horizons Academy Project H.O.P.E.

Parent's Seminar

- Jan 12: Rotary Club Golf Tournament
- Jan 12: The 700 Experience Boutique Grand

Opening @ Hope Town harbour Lodge

- Jan 25-27: Art for the Parks @ Boat Harbour
- Jan 31 Hope Town Inn & Marina New years Eve

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- Jan 31: Sea Spray New Years Eve Dinner Party
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Letters to the Editor

Jerk Syndrome

Dear Editor,

This letter could be titled [Jerk] Syndrome. It's alive and well in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. I have, for a long time, tried to avoid writing about a common problem, which has been shown in the May 15th issue, I think, where a young man was seen on the side of the road with a plastic bag in hand picking up other people's trash doing a good service to the community and for Abaco. Some visitors say "thanks" to me for picking up while some locals call me almost everything but a gentleman saying that I'm nasty and crazy, etc., but I've tried. So far, I ignored the bad words, but now in the past few days, this is the last straw!

Nasty can apply, but I wonder if a crazy person can spell as correctly as I can. I'm not so well, but I can spell. Self-praise is no recommendation. How's that? I did attend Marsh Harbour All Age School way back when. BJC's! Old school on the hill, no, not Fox Hill! Smile. My English teachers have long gone back home. Our ABC's teacher, Marshall, passed on a few years ago, but, Rosemary – still in Nassau and Nadeen and Astrid in Marsh Harbour.

Please bear with me – a little side-tracked. I don't need extra attention; I get plenty enough. How's that? Ok I don't want to be like politicians, and most preachers who seem to crave so much attention especially on the media: television, radio, etc. like kids. Hee, hee.

The adverse criticism I get for picking up of trash almost every day and some nights, and cans to mash to carry away to send to the U.S. to recycle. I'm not on the government payroll for that, but we receive pay, time to time for old age. Hee Hee. Thank God, not Obama. Yes thank the Bahamas Government for many things: FNM and PLP. Things had to change.

I had cancer in 2002; our old

mom sold land to pay for seven months of chemotherapy, etc. and I survived 10 years. For some or many it's too much that I survived! Many are mean! Many others have gone a long time – old and young. God is speaking! Is anyone listening? Amen.

I had cancer, so no alcohol, no sips! I said that to say this, I saved the beer bottles for a nice Haitian elderly lady to give to her friends that help her. She always says "thank you." Many Bahamians don't say "thanks" or "merci!" They send bottles to Nassau and Haiti for reuse. Talk much, write much, but listen, too. Hee, hee.

I might add the late "Out Island" Doctor Cottman with Green Castle small clinic told me of one publisher that refused to print his first book and said no violence, no sex, etc. He said to him that that criticism was the best compliment of all! How's that for you? Nice.

Friday, I decided to write a little letter to say that I, like many others, must be doing something right when the devil has his workers so busy blasting me instead of them getting involved. They are so smart to do their jobs, but at least pretend to be ignorant and stupid about some of what I do. What kind of pill could they take that might help? Of course, they need the Great Physician, which is God, as I still do. Amen. Check.

I like to remember 2 Chronicles 7:14. Seems too many government departments, but I do wish all chiefs and staff well. We do need some money and help from some cousins that are not stingy here and in Nassau and in Grand Bahama. We're not starving, but maybe soon, smile, as some have cut us off! Scripture says that I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor etc., but I'm sure not righteous! Seriously, so well I hope you can print all this – perhaps in two parts, but try. Hope it's grammatically correct, and if my critics think they are bad, let them spell that. Ok, thank you, Enjoy. Merci y gracias. Au revoir y adios.

Yours etc.,

P.S. On Friday, I was verbally abused by a gang near the post office at the dumpster. I think what is nasty is some people's attitudes, and what is really unhealthy, is the stress it causes. I like my job – recycling. I ain't dead yet. Thank God. Thank you editor.

Signed,
Lee R. Lowe

An open letter to the Prime Minister

Perry Christie, when you ran for Prime Minister you said you were for the Bahamian people. What a joke. The only people you are for are the illegal immigrants. I am a Bahamian – born and lived in Marsh Harbour all my life now nobody wants to buy my two houses, so I can get the [heck] out of this country.

But I am moving out of my home because I can't live with these people anymore. The garbage is so high it is falling into my yard. There is nobody you can go to for help. My lawyer sent letters to everyone, but the immigrants seem have everyone in government in their pocket, so there is nowhere else to go.

Local radio and tv always shows how poor they are, but some have been in the Peas for 40 years and still

live the same way. There are poor Bahamians and still they don't live like that. Well it is a shame I have to leave my home because you don't want to do anything with them. They can build on land they don't own; they can do anything they want to do and nobody says anything to them.

Well, Mr. Christie, please buy my two houses, so I can get the [heck] out of this country. I am so ashamed of it. Well if you don't do the right thing, and buy what I have to sell, well, maybe, I will see you [later] along with everyone who takes up for the nasty people.

I don't have anybody in Dundas Town. Tell these people they can make them move out of the Peas and stop the children from being a thorn in my [side].

– Martha Russell

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Island Waves holds workshop on women's empowerment

best gifts a person can be given is the gift of a baby.

When she thinks of the Christmas Story, she said that she can recall how diligently and religiously the wise men searched for the Christ-child. She wonders if we are still searching for baby Jesus today. She added that these men traveled 100,000 miles to find the Christ-child and to bring Him gifts. She told the residents to not be surprised if following Christ results in people thinking that they are out of their head. She told them that today is the time for us to search for baby Jesus more than ever as only He can bring peace and harmony to this chaotic world we now live in.

After her address dinner was served in the fellowship hall of Friendship Tabernacle Church. The children were given treat bags at the end of the fellowship dinner. Musical selections were provided by Friendship Tabernacle and Latter Rain Praise Teams.



Above from left to right: Tamonica Murray, Ta-Tanisha Murray, Ashley Murray, Ashwell Murray, Shanishka Bain-Cambridge, Garnell Limperres, Julianne Riviere, Mr. Murray and Leanne Russell.

By Mirella Santillo

On Saturday, December 15, Garnell Limperres, President of Island Waves, held the first of a series of workshops on Women's Empowerment. A few women, and two men, attended the session featuring Ashley Murray, Ta-Tanisha Murray and Leanne Russell as speakers.

Ms. Murray, Ta-Tanisha's daughter, is a very articulate young lady who spoke on "Good Health and Happy Women." She covered healthy diet practices, such as drinking enough water each day, eating a lot of green vegetables, hygiene and

cleanliness and exercising regularly. Her mother made a presentation on "Woman, a Multiple Machine," which was a spiritual motivation speech. She gave her opinion on how the emancipation of women affected life around them and how women had to grasp at their spirituality to preserve a well balance family atmosphere.

Even though Ms. Murray thought that women had the same brain capacity as men since they can be leaders, warriors, civil engineers, designers and more; men and women, she said, have not been created to perform the same roles. A woman is the child bearer and the one who should be in charge of the household. A man, according to Ms. Murray, should be the one doing the heavy work and should be the bread winner.

Women, she stated, have the responsibility of teaching the children about emotions, spirituality and practicality. Ms. Limperres mentioned the shift of men and

women responsibilities in modern society. She asked the speaker how she felt about men staying at home taking care of the household, Ms. Murray answered that she did not believe in that.

"Overcoming Abusive Relationships" was the topic of Leanne Russell's discussion. She thought that inequality in men and women could lead to an abusive situation.

She began her presentation by giving disturbing statistics: 1/3 of all women in the world have been subjected to some kind of abuse. Domestic violence accounts for 25% of murders in The Bahamas which has also, still according to statistics, the highest ratio of rape-per-capita in the world. She deplored that women were not protected by legislation. The subject became a topic that led to a group discussion. Ms. Murray advised couples to wait a long time before getting in a close relationship in order to know the person you wanted to marry.

Ms. Limperres thought that many times the dual personalities of a couple can lead to violence. Ms. Russell said that realizing that the abused person is not always at fault and regaining self-esteem help end an abusive relationship.

The workshop ended with Island Waves Vice-President, Shanishka Bain-Cambridge, speaking on "Enhancing Your Wellness Potential." Ms. Bain-Cambridge is a consultant at the Government Clinic and has conducted many workshops on dietetics and healthy living. More than an advice on what to eat or what not to do, her talk focused on statistics relating to diseases caused by an improper way of life, be it not eating properly or not exercising regularly.

She said that changing one's way of life requires a preparation period. There has to be a proper purpose behind the decision. It should not be only to lose weight for example, but to engage on a lifetime way of eating and exercising that will promote good health. One has first to acquire knowledge from appropriate sources on how to do it and on why certain habits have to be broken. Once you have the right purpose, the new habits become pleasurable and they take over, she assured.

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Urban Renewal billed as program of national importance



The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie speaking at the Urban Renewal 2.0 launch on Abaco on Dec 21. He urged that, in order for the programme to be a success, community support must be present. He also asked the officers in charge of the program on the island to make an extra effort to reach out and help bind the communities together.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Ministry of Works and Urban Development officially launched its Urban Renewal 2.0 Abaco Community Based Policing Programme on December 21. The ceremony was held in front of the Urban Renewal Office / Former National Insurance Building in Dundas Town. This is one of the most ambitious crime prevention programmes in The Bahamas and was be-

gun several months ago on Abaco.

Despite a cold front rapidly moving in bringing heavy squalls and the late arrival of the Prime Minister due to another engagement in Nassau, the spirit of Urban Renewal triumphed and the programme received its official launch during a well prepared and uplifting programme. Several persons spoke from the heart about the Urban Renewal project.

Following an opening prayer by Pastor Stephen Knowles and the singing of the National Anthem, led by Constable 3051 Oliver, welcome remarks were brought by Renardo Curry, Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, who expressed his pleasure in joining with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to address the social ills of the community and he stated that he is looking forward to working with the people of Abaco.

The Honorable Cynthia Mother Pratt, Co-Chairperson of the Urban Renewal Project, stated how excited she is about Urban Renewal. "It is about building, not destroying, lifting up not tearing down, about construction and arriving at the point when all feel good about each other. Putting people in a better environment is what it is all about. The Prime Minister's heart is in the right place and he demonstrates this. We will be able to identify people on Abaco who need help and many professional and corporate sponsors have come on board to see what they can do to assist," she informed.

Algernon Allen, Co-Chair of Urban Renewal 2.0., told the audience that he is sure the Urban Renewal Programme will go down as one of the most significant programmes in history, second only to the National Insurance Programme. "The programme should be about building one

country, one Bahamas and we are seeking to enhance, uplift and transform marginalized areas," he stated.

Mr. Allen mentioned the formation of the Urban Renewal band to bring the talent of young people to the fore stating that, "The goal is to build a band of 600 in the country with young people from different settlements all playing together."

The Honourable Dr. Bernard Nottage, M.P. Minister of National Security, expressed his concern regarding the number of repeat armed robberies and other serious crimes now taking place on Abaco and also the high number of traffic fatalities, many of which are the result of speeding. "Many social ills lead to crime. We want to prevent crimes on Abaco and we need to encourage friends and associates from committing crimes. We have a responsibility as citizens to share information with Law Enforcement; we can all do more and we must," he warned.

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#14359 BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 29 \$62,000. Leslie Pinder
#4632 MARSH HBR./HIGH ROCKS Waterfront lot. \$599k. Bill Albury
#7011 MARSH HBR./HIGH ROCKS 2 acres. \$1,250,000. Leslie Pinder
#7086 MARSH HBR./ROYAL HBR Canalfront lot. \$525,000. Bill Albury
#5899 N. ABACO Grape Tree waterfront lot. US\$100,000. Stan Sawyer
#5990 FIRE ROAD 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. \$368,500. Kristi Wong
#17130 LITTLE HBR Tom Curry's Pt #2 Waterfront 1 acre. #199,500. L.Schreiner
#6022 LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$49,000. Bill Albury
#7063 TURTLE ROCKS 18,000 sq. ft. beach access. \$65,000. K. Wong
#6085 REGATTAS #306 Views of pool, tennis. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder
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#11155 MARINA ENTRANCE #5 Choice canalfront. \$270,000. S. Sawyer
#16180 BRIGANTINE BAY Block 85 lot 2. \$59,995. Stan Sawyer
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#16257 BRIGANTINE BAY Lots 8, 9, 10 on Windward Beach. \$59,885 ea. Call for price on all 3 Lots as a package.
Also see MLS listings #16194 and #16298. Stan Sawyer
#16299 ROCK POINT LOT 8 90 feet of frontage. \$185,000. Package price for Rock Point Lots 7 and 8. Stan Sawyer
#12564 ATLANTIS 2207 2 BR 2 bath. dock. US\$ 450,000. Stan Sawyer

#13782 BEACH TOWNHOUSE - End unit. \$349,000. Stan Sawyer
#11148 PAPI'S PALACE 3b 2 two storey on TC beach. \$795,000. Stan Sawyer
#16176 THE ENGLISH HOUSE 3b 2b w/ 124 ft on TC beach. Great Views. Must See \$1,895,000. Stan Sawyer
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#14582 PINEAPPLE POINT #5 Canalfront furnished 2 bed 2 bath ground floor unit with dock slp. \$695,000. Stan Sawyer
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#16568 HIGH & DRY Canal View Home 1,344 sq. ft. 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. \$465,000. Stan Sawyer
#12965 ROCK POINT HOUSE Waterfront 3 bed 3 bath, 3,314 sq. ft., 2 storey, Furnished. US\$940,000. Stan Sawyer
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#12303 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2004 Beachfront furnished 5 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. US\$1,195,000. Stan Sawyer
#15595 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2032 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Excellent rental. US\$549,000. Stan Sawyer
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GUANA CAY

#5121 LOT 32 AND 32A 90 feet on water. \$500,000. Jane Patterson
#5120 LOT 26 22,000 sq. ft. corner lot. \$250,000. Jane Patterson



LUBBERS QUARTERS

A #10312 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOT 46 Large waterfront lot. \$250,000. Laurie Schreiner
B #13186 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOTS 21-22 Two adjoining lots, boat slip. \$149,900. L. Schreiner
C #10707 ABACO OCEAN CLUB LOT 152 Dockage. NEW PRICE \$99,000. Laurie Schreiner
D #15719 1 ACRE BEACHFRONT LOT Ideal dream home location. US\$125,000. Laurie Schreiner



TILLOO CAY

E #11897 TILLOO BEACH LOT 27 Superior elevation, shared dock. \$115,000. Kerry Sullivan
F #10287 1 ACRE WATERFRONT Great elevation, room for dock. \$220,000. Laurie Schreiner
G #16175 TILLOO BEACH LOT 17 Elevated, deepwater frontage. \$187,900. Laurie Schreiner
#10599 BEACHFRONT LOT Best beach location. NEW PRICE \$375,000. Stan Sawyer
#16284 SOAP POINT LOT 3 Secluded waterfront lot, ideal for a seaside home, elevated with 43,560 sq. ft. and dock. \$199,000. Laurie Schreiner

North Abaco

Emerald Ball raises funds for Lowe family



Above: Spinnaker's gingerbread house made by Chef Noel St. Claude. The event, put on by The Pilot Club of Abaco, was intended to help raise funds for The Lowe House Project (which is a project that the Pilot Club has partnered with Rotary Club and other civic organizations on the island for the rebuilding of Brent and Angela Lowe's home.)

Mr. Williams invited each guest to pose alongside a mammoth gingerbread house made by Chef Noel St. Claude before they took their seats in the dining area.

Dinner tickets were priced at \$50, and funds were raised to assist Brent and Angie Lowe in the construction of a new home. The Emerald Ball was the Pilot Club's way of contributing to the Rotary Club of Abaco's effort to assist the Lowe family. Mr. Williams noted that 95 percent of the persons in attendance were club members.

Leroy Thompson, master of ceremony, called for the blessing of the food before inviting Mr. Williams to make remarks. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for the attendance despite the inclement weather.

Inviting them to sit back, relax and enjoy their meal, Mr. Williams promised many prizes and surprises that would be revealed throughout the evening. Indeed, there were many opportunities to receive gifts from the door prizes and raffle tickets that had been purchased.

Mr. Thompson also kept guests entertained with a profusion of jokes before dinner was served. The menu boasted blackened mahi mahi with fruit chutney sauce and grilled chicken breast with mushroom sauce, and a delicious serving of raspberry cheesecake for dessert.

After dinner, a few of the women came forward to participate in a dance contest that featured "the twist" and the electric slide. More jokes were told by audience members, and Deborah Williams recited the poem "I am a Bahamian."

Finally, Christine Lightbourne, president elect, delivered the vote of thanks. She thanked all Pilot Club members, prospective members and sponsors for making the event a successful one.

By Canishka Alexander

The Pilot Club of Abaco held its first Emerald Ball on December 15 at the prominent Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay. As guests arrived for the auspicious occasion, they were greeted by esteemed Pilot Club President Augustine Williams.



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South Abaco

Audubon Society counts birds in South Abaco



Above: Reg Patterson (left) and Nile Primerose scout the pine forest for rare and beautiful birds that make South Abaco their home.

By Mirella Santillo

Nine people showed up at the “Y” on Ernest Dean Highway to participate in the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count that took place on December 15. In spite of the small number of participants, the results were very positive. Eighty species of birds were recorded and altogether over 700 birds were sighted.

The volunteers, all regular bird watchers, were divided into two groups. Reginald Patterson and four other people went north of the “Y,” to walk along some of the logging roads and further. Dr. Elwood Bracey, and three other bird watchers, took the direction of Sandy Point. It was the area where the greatest number of birds was recorded. The team which also was joined by Janene Roessler, Barbara Foreman, and Uli Nowlan spotted over 550 birds representing 112 species.

According to Ms. Foreman, the whole Sandy Point area was swarming with birds. The coastal mangrove swamp was the home of many wading birds; the flat was well populated with shore birds,

among them Brown Pelicans and many species of Sea Gulls. Around the town itself, Gray Cat Birds, Red-legged Thrushes and Northern Mockingbirds among others, responded to the calls of Dr. Bracey’s bird songs recorder. At the dump they spotted one the best sight of the day: a House Wren.

Gilpin’s Point was the most rewarding area for Mr. Patterson’s team. 120 birds representing 28 species were seen. That team encountered a few set-backs around Crossing Rocks. The pond where usually many species of ducks and water fowls could be observed was overgrown with reeds. Then a heavy rain shower developed just after lunch time and the garbage dump was burning; so they had to cancel scouting three well populated areas.

A belted Kingfisher, a Northern Harrier and a Merlin Hawks, a Jaeger and a Greater Yellow Legs were their most interesting sightings.

The outing ended around 2:00 pm, at which time the two teams met to compare and tally up the records.



Clockwise from top left: a Loggerhead Kingbird, Bahama Yellow Throat Warbler, and a flock of White-Cheeked Pintails.



Santa makes his annual visit to Cherokee

By David Ralph – Roving Reporter

Cherokee Sound celebrated its 66th year with Santa arriving by sleigh to give gifts to children. This was followed by a community dinner.

Native son, Hartis Pinder, is the most recent host of this popular event and has been a participant since it began in 1944. Gifts are put under the community tree earlier by parents and friends, and then given out to the excited recipients by Santa.

Following this event, which traditionally takes place next to Epworth Chapel, the ladies of the town served 250 dinners in the old restored school, now the W.W. Sands Community Center. All the food is prepared by Cherokee ladies.

Donations are accepted at the door for the purchase of the ham and turkey for the following year.

Christmas traditions strengthen Cherokee’s community

By Lee Pinder

Other settlements do indeed have their traditions over the holidays, but Christmas in Cherokee is one of the most popular. Every year Cherokee-roots families come back together from across the island to be a part of it.

On December 16, the Kids Korner kids put on their Christmas program. And on the Dec. 17 the tiny tots Fire Flies had their program in the Old Schoolhouse. Within the week before Christmas, carolers gathered and walked the streets singing

Christmas carols. On December 20 the Youth Group put on an evening of songs at the Old School. Then, the Sunday night before Christmas, the Methodist Church had its Candlelight Service.

And Special Fore-Day Services took place at the church Christmas Eve morn and Christmas morn at 5:00 am for the very early risers. Then there was the special lighting of the community tree and the long expected visit from Santa and his helpers with gifts for the children on Christmas Eve.

After Santa handed out all the presents and said his “goodbyes” there was a Christmas meal served at the Old School across the street for approximately 200 guests.

Watch Night is the time in Cherokee when the residents burn effigies of Guy Fawkes and church services were held at the Methodist Church at 11:00 pm just before the New Year rings in. Although the pranksters have been rather mild the last few years, they were out over the holidays, in the wee hours of the morning, doing their worst. Sometimes tying all the small local boats together and anchoring them off in the creek; putting lawn furniture on your roof; and generally moving and misplacing whatever they might find that has been left unattended. All done in good fun and hopefully taken in good humour.

In 2012 many lost family members and friends and presented Prayer Quilts to the families of those bedridden and ill. The church’s Soup Kitchen served 375 meals to the elderly and infirmed over the past twelve months and wish to thank all those individuals and businesses who donated towards that effort. Also two old local houses within the settlement completely gutted and rebuilt, which helps to maintain the settlement’s Out Island charm.



Above: pure joy on a child’s face as Santa hands out presents in Cherokee.

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The Cays

Dune restoration underway on Elbow Cay Byrle Patterson memorialized with Hope Town garden

Concerned locals contract Big Cat to battle erosion



A Big Cat bulldozer pushes sand at low tide in front of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. The work progresses between tides up and down the island to the various damaged dune areas.



Above: entrance to the Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden. The official opening brought many of the community together to remember Byrle Patterson.

By Dave Ralph - Roving Reporter

Hurricane Sandy badly eroded the beaches on Elbow Cay, particularly to the north and south of the Hope Town settlement. Concerned residents and businesses have contracted with Big Cat Equipment in Marsh Harbour to restore the dune profile.

A proven technique used after Hurricane Floyd was to use the naturally accumulated sand found at low-tide. Between tides a small tractor pushes this sand back onto the damaged dune. Affected homeowners and businesses contribute for the work.

Some residents there feel that this restoration work should be a continual process throughout the year and not wait for remedial action to be taken. However, that would require government support as the work would have to include the entire coastal beach area.

Several storms have threatened the road on the dune that connects residents south of White Sound to the Hope Town settlement. Several times damage has reduced the road to one-lane traffic as the erosion came right to the road's edge.

By Eric Albury

The Byrle Patterson Memorial Garden was officially opened on December 18 in Hope Town, to memorialize a woman remembered by the settlement to be a model community person.

The garden was so freshly done, that the base of the bird statue with a dedication to Ms. Patterson was still wet with concrete from having just been erected. But that did not stop the opening from taking place.

Ms. Patterson contributed to the revival of the St. James Methodist Church,

opening the Ebb Tide Gift Shop, and helping with the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, among other community projects and services.

The opening ceremony consisted of wine and cheese, sharing stories of Ms. Patterson and talk of what more can be added to the garden, which already contains local fauna to see and learn more about.

Future plans for the garden are to repair the remainder of the sea wall and to build seating in the grass area so that small parties and events may be held there.

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- "**Tranquility**" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, tastefully furnished 2 level canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks/balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, Great water views, excellent condition. **\$1,799,000.**
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- "**Hull's Landing**" - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch. Pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$1,499,000.**
- "**Rising Sun**" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**
- "**Camelot**" Windward Beach #1699 - Inspiring 3 bed, 3 bath, 2,600 s/f "turn-key" furnished beach home on 19,000 s/f parcel with 101' sandy beach frontage. Refurbished in 2000. Well Maintained, Includes 2003 Suzuki vehicle. **\$1,299,000.**
- "**Harbour's Edge**" - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof, 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage. **\$995,000.**
- # 2084 - **Thompson Beach Cottage** - 3 bed, 2 bath turnkey furnished beachfront home on Windward Beach. 19,000 s/f parcel with 103' sandy beach frontage. Spectacular sea views **\$975,000.**
- "**Our Paradise Place**" - Cottages 6 - # 2049 - 4 Bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 2,900 s/f under roof beachfront residence. Turn-key furnished. Excellent condition. Includes golf cart. **\$949,000.**
- "**Dolphin Watch**" - **Galleon Bay** # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (includes 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). 2,800 s/f living space. 74' canal frontage with dock. **\$895,000.**
- "**Full Moon**" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$ 895,000.**
- "**Yellow Coconut Cottage**" - # 2211 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay canal home. 1,541 s/f under air, plus balcony, patios & garage. Private boat slip & 20,000 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$799,000.**
- Palm Bay Harbourfront Townhouse** # 2 - #1071 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f. Great water views. **Owner Financing Available \$799,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Houses

- "**Sea Cliff**" # 2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level elevated sea view home. 2,550 s/f under roof, tastefully furnished & well maintained. 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental income potential. **\$599,000.**
- "**Laguna**" - # 1875 - Charming 1,750 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE. \$595,000.**
- "**Carrollville**" # 1352 - Near Treasure Cay - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,100 s/f hilltop home on 6 acres from highway to Sea. 165' water frontage. Spectacular sea views. **\$595,000.**
- Palm Bay # 9** - # 2108 - Newly constructed 4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip, Excellent vacation rental income potential. **80% 15 Year Financing Available! \$579,000.**
- Treasure House # 2** - #1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & beach views. Close to beach & pool. **\$569,000.**
- "**Elysium**" #1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 2 lots (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$525,000.**
- Treasure House # 11** - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$549,995.**
- Treasure House # 4** - # 1582 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath fully renovated & tastefully furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Many upgrades. Community pool, well maintained beachfront complex. **\$499,950.**
- Beach Villa # 715** - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa. Well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$499,000.**
- #1921 - **3 Marlin Dr.** 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,276 s/f furnished home near beach on 12,800 s/f parcel **\$399,000.**
- "**Toad Hall**" # 1373- 5 bed/4 bath, 4,000 s/f, Ocean Blvd. furnished ocean view home includes 1 bed/1 bath apt. on 12,000 s/f parcel. Private beach access. **\$399,000.**
- Beach Villa # 605** - # 1635 - 1 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades. Can be modified for 2nd bedroom. Close to beach. **\$365,000.**
- Ocean Villa 916** - #1737- 2 bed, 2 bath "turn-key" 900 s/f furnished villa. Unobstructed sea views, Close to beach. Good vacation rental potential. **\$349,995.**
- #1898 - "**Starfish Cottage**" **Beach Villa 503A & B** 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential **\$329,000.**
- Beach Villa 673** - #1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f. Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. **\$299,000.**
- Beach Villa 607** - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f villa, furnished near beach, pool, shops & marina. **\$229,000.**
- Beach Villas # 651** - # 2230 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping. **\$219,000.**
- Beach Villa 527** - #1852, Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished, near pool/beach, shopping **\$179,000.**

Condos

- Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condo # 2505-Phase 4** # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condo. 2,860 s/f under roof, 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$1,995,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2047** - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$887,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2020** - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1** - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **\$855,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2 & 4** - # 1620 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished 2nd level condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **EACH \$799,000.**

- Pineapple Point Resort, Unit 3** - #1700 - Newly built, furnished 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,100 s/f ground level luxury waterfront condo. Private deep water dock. Community pool. **\$679,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 3** - # 1984 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished ground level condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW \$639,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2025** - #2057 3 bed, 3 bath ground level condo, 1,650 sq. ft. Tastefully furnished, well maintained. Great views. Excellent rental income. **\$599,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2336-2436** - # 2160 - 4 bed, 4.5 bath turn-key furnished 3 level harbourfront condo, 2,214 s/f under air. Well maintained, includes private boat slip & boat lift PLUS 20KW auxiliary generator with auto transfer switch. **\$529,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2035** - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club **\$499,950.**
- Sandollar Condo # 3** - # 1599 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit, Sensational sea views, community pool, Golf course nearby. **\$499,000.**
- Atlantis Condo # 2202** - # 987 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished canalfront unit, w/ boat slip, boat lift, golf cart, garage. "Turn-Key", Near beach. **\$485,000.**
- Atlantis Condo # 2203** - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished waterfront unit, includes fully serviced boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Optional Boat Lift. Near beach. **\$464,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2511** - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$455,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2512** - #2060 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level furnished beachfront condo. Includes loft, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$425,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2435** - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$419,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2403** - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront condo. Totally renovated & refurbished in 2008. Many upgrades, well maintained, owner occupied. Fantastic marina views. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2477** - # 2052 - 3 bed, 3 bath, upper level 1,264 s/f tastefully furnished "end unit" condo. Includes 2 extra large private boat slips. Great water views. **\$399,000.**
- Sand Dollar Condo # 7** - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$389,000.**
- Royal Palm Condo # 2420** - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2306** # 1941 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f furnished ground level condo overlooking harbour & marina. Includes boat slip & storage unit. Beach nearby. **\$299,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2117** - # 1741 - Turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished unit. Well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. **\$295,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2317** - #1467 - 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 950 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes private boat slip & finger dock. Great harbour views, close to beach. **\$275,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums

- #1181 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo, tastefully refurbished **\$499,000.**
- # 2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2008. Close to beach & marina **\$399,000.**
- #2215 - Well maintained 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 800 s/f furnished 2 level harbourfront condo. **\$250,000.**
- #985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **\$249,950.**
- #655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$225,000.**
- #1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**
- #959 - 2 bed, 1 bath furnished 2 level condo overlooking marina, includes garage. **\$189,000.**
- #2073 - Best Priced Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great harbour views. **\$149,000.**

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The Cays

Man-O-War's Christmas tradition continues



The basketball court behind the Man-O-War Primary School comes alive on Christmas morning as children await a visit from Santa while the adults line up at the food tables. Kids dip into Santa's bag for a goodie. This event dates back to 1938 when an American boating couple, the Zwickles, gave out candy to children at Christmas. Without prizes or trophies, the ladies compete with each other to produce a vast array of food and treats. Photos courtesy of Dave Ralph.

Above: Children line up to reach into Santa's bag for a treat.

Below: The food assortment is vast and tempting. An old time favorite was the red-hot corned-beef that was a staple on mailboat travel. It brought sweat to many a brow and seemed to be more popular with the natives than the visitors.



Local Gov't

Dundas Town Local Government Committee updates

By *Samantha Evans*

The Dundas Town Local Government Committee had their final meeting for the year on Thursday November 29, 2012 at 6:30pm. The committee had not met in a while due to extensive damages to various key landmarks in the community, namely Brown's Bay and Ocean View Park.

However, as the year quickly came to a close, they had to make plans for the coming year and the completion of 2012. They planned their Christmas Chorale Service for Saturday, December 15, at 6:30pm at Friendship Tabernacle Church. For the upcoming year, work will begin to restore Brown's Bay and repair the damaged seawall at Ocean View Park where the Cultural Center is scheduled to be built.

According to Chairman Faron Newbold, the dream of the committee for the

Ocean View Cultural Center will still come to fruition and will provide jobs for many local food vendors, artisans, entertainers, and farmers. The committee will also organize events at the Burial society to educate residents in the form of seminars, meetings, health talks, and other such events.

In January, they plan to commence their BGCSE classes in Math and English to help more of their residents achieve good grades in these subjects. The classes will be made available to residents of Dundas Town and Central Pines. Interested persons can learn more from the Chairman or any of the committee members.

Finally, they plan to work closely with North Abaco Member of Parliament, Renardo Curry, who said he will support Local Government in its entirety on the island.

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CRIME REPORT

Remembering Family and Friends

Stealing From a Vehicle (Under Investigation)

At 4:00pm on 14th December, 2012, a 27 year old male of Central Pines, Abaco, reported that sometime between 5:30am and 3:00pm on Friday, 14th December, 2012, some unknown person/s broke into his 2000 Nissan Maxima which was parked at the Union Jack Dock, Marsh Harbour and stole a Blackberry Curve phone valued at \$350.00. Police action requested.

Detective at the Marsh Harbour Central Detective Unit are continuing investigations into this matter.

Drug Arrest (Suspect arrested & charged)

At 12:20pm on 14th December, 2012, Detective at the Marsh Harbour Central Detective Unit (C.D.U. and D.E.U. Officers), came in at M.H.P.S. with a 15 year old male of The Mudd, Abaco, under arrest for possession of dangerous drugs. He was searched at M.H.P.S. where he was found in possession of two foil wraps containing marijuana. He was charged for the offence.

Housebreaking (Under Investigation)

At 12:10pm on 10th December, 2012, a 28 year old female of Sweetings Track, Abaco, reported that sometime between 10:15am and 12:00pm on 10th December, 2012, some unknown person/s broke into her residence. Police action requested.

Detectives at the Marsh Harbour Central Detective Unit are continuing investigations into this matter.

Stolen Vessel (Vessel recovered in Andros Island)

At 2:50am on 11th December, 2012, a male resident of Royal Palms, Treasure Cay reported that at about 2:40am same date while he was at his residence, some unknown person/s stole his white Grady White 30ft boat with two 225 Yamaha engines attached and grey T-Top. The name of the vessel is "Milligan". Police action requested.

Detectives at the Marsh Harbour Central Detective Unit are continuing investigations into this matter. (This vessel

was recovered at Andros Island with the engines removed. Three (3) males from Abaco were charged and remanded to Her Majesty Prison in relation to this matter.)

Causing Harm (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 3:45pm on 12th December, 2012, Police Officers of the M.H.P.S. reported that while in the area of a local church located on Forest Drive, there was a fight between two male school children resulting in one of them receiving injuries. Police action requested.

At 4:05pm on 12th December, 2012, a 15 year old student of the Mudd, who attends a local High School on Forest Drive, turned himself in at M.H.P.S. where he was arrested in reference to the matter.

The accused was interviewed and charged and released on \$800.00 bail to attend court on 18th December, 2012.

Stealing (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 9:05am on 19th December, 2012, a 21 year old female of Sandy Point, Abaco, reported that sometime between 6:30pm on 18th December, 2102, and 9:05am on 19th December, 2012, some unknown person/s stole \$150.00 cash from out of her purse that was hidden in her bedroom.

At 11:30am same date Officers of the Sandy Point Police Station arrested the suspect in this matter a 19 year old male who admitted to the offence and was charged for stealing.

Shopbreaking & Causing Harm (Suspect arrested and charged)

On Saturday December 21st, 2012 at about 7:30am a 73 year old female of Sandy Point, Abaco contacted Sandy Point Police Station and reported that sometime between 10:30pm on Friday 20th November, 2012 and 7:00am on Saturday 1st December, 2012, Person/s unknown entered her business establishment, a local convenient Food Store located Sandy Point, Abaco and stole \$40.00 cash.

Police Action Requested.

At 11:30am on the 19.12.12. Officers of the Sandy Point Police Station arrested the suspect in this matter a 19 year old male who was charged with regards to these offences.

STEPHEN WINGSLOW CLARKE



Funeral Service for Stephen Wingslow Clarke aged 33 was held on December 1, 2012 at 10 a.m. at End Time Har-

vest Church in Cooper's Town by Pastor Tyrone Mills assisted by Rev. Elon McIntosh and Rev. Cedric Bullard. Interment was held at the Wood Cay Public Cemetery.

Cherished moments and treasured memories will always linger in the heart of his WIFE: Lathera Ambrister Clarke; MOTHER: Gwendolyn Bain; FATHER: Felix Russell; CHILDREN: Latheo, Lathesia, Lathesha and Latheavion Clarke; ADOPTED CHILDREN: Trenair Delancy, Rayshell Sands and Sanovia Cornish; GRANDMOTHER: Mildred Clarke; STEPMOTHER: Victoria Ambrister Russell; MOTHER IN LAW: Lovely Mills; SISTERS: Suzzette Morely, Erica and Ingrid Bain, Stacey, Rhonda, Shannon, Meka and Brenda, Deshawn Moss; BROTHERS: Osmond Munnings, Leonard Whymns, Clarence and Fredrick Bain, Cecil, Bradley, Ezra and Shawn Russell. Left to cherish his memories are a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to mention. May His soul rest in peace.

KENDRA CORNISH-LOUIS



Funeral Service for Kendra Denise Cornish-Louis aged 49 of Dundas Town Abaco was held on December 1, 2012 at 10

a.m. at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Dundas Town, Abaco. Officiating was Rev. Marie Neely assisted by other Ministers of the Gospel. Interment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery, Dundas Town, Abaco.

Left to cherish so many beautiful memories are her HUSBAND: Bousset Louis; CHILDREN: Karlson Bootle and Kenston Gedeon; FATHER: Victor Cornish; MOTHER: Pre-deceased Erbis Cornish; GRANDCHILDREN: Shaquille and Devonya Bootle; SISTERS: Andrea Newbold, Janice Jones Hutchinson, Marva and Keva Cornish; BROTHERS: Craig, Don and Chino Cornish; DAUGHTER IN LAW: Prescola Sawyer. A host of relatives and friends are left to cherish her memories.

SANDRA LEE ROLLE



Funeral Service for SANDRA LEE ROLLE aged 52 years of Cooper's Town, Abaco was held on November 3 at 11 a.m. at Re-

vival Time Pentecostal Church of God, Cooper's Town, Abaco. Officiating was Pastor Cedric Bullard assisted by Pastor Brunell Parker and Rev. George Rolle. Interment followed in the Southside Cemetery, Cooper's Town, Abaco.

Left to cherish her loving and gentle memories are her PARENTS: Alexander and Chriscola Rolle; CHILDREN: Ashford, Neja, Remeko, Phazon and Zaria Rolle; GRANDMOTHER: Ethilee Lewis; GRANDCHILDREN: Ashformique, Ciara & Ashaad Rolle; DAUGHTER IN LAW: Lashell Rolle; SISTERS: Judyann Riley, Latoya and D 'Audra Rolle; BROTHERS: Donald, Mackey, Warren, Anthony, Oscar and Patrick Rolle; ADOPTED CHILDREN: Keannah Russell and Montez Rolle; ADOPTED BROTHER: Alexander McIntosh; ADOPTED SISTERS: Portia and Kitty Rolle, Omese Allen and Jamaine Smith; SISTERS IN LAW: Verinique, Vernita and Lakeisha Rolle; BROTHER IN LAW: Daniel Riley; and numerous relative and friends.

OLIVE LORRAINE DAWKINS MILLER



Funeral Service for Mrs. Olive Lorraine D a w k i n s Miller aged 84 years, of Murphy Town, Abaco was held on November 17, 2012 at 11 a.m. at

Bethany Gospel Chapel, Murphy Town, Abaco. Officiating was Deacon Renardo Curry assisted by other Ministers. Interment followed in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

Left to cherish her memories: CHILDREN: Lambert, Danny and Cai Miller, Kendal Kemp and Robert Burrows, Joan and Janet Miller, Monaleta Knowles, Sharon Russell, Princess, Kateva and Polli; SISTERS: Maria Wallace, Alsaida Charlton, Winifred Carter, Nadine Feaster,

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DAUGHTERS IN LAW: Deborahae and Janet Miller, Coreisa Kemp and Sharan Burrows

SONS IN LAW: Arthur Mitchell, Darren Russell and Marvin Green, and a host of other relatives and friends.

ARETHA LOCKHART-MACKEY



Funeral Service for Aretha Lockhart-Mackey age 45 years of Compass Close; Carmicheal Road and formerly of Dundas Town, Abaco was held on

November 17, 2012 at 10:30a.m. at Friendship Tabernacle Church, Central Pines, Abaco. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Silbert Mills assisted by Canon Curtis Robinson Interment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She will be lovingly remembered by her HUSBAND: Duane Mackey; CHILDREN: Chandra Mackey, Duane Mackey Jr.; MOTHERS: Elvert Mills, Emeline Lockhart; BROTHER: Troy Mills; SISTERS: Henza Dawkins, Stephanie Campbell, Donna Burrows, Constance Bethel, Kayla Lockhart, Vanessa Lockhart Fraser, Indira Edwards, Tamara Johnson; ADOPTED BROTHER: Owen Parks; ADOPTED SISTER: Hazel Greenslade (and family); FATHER IN LAW: Bruce (Joe) Mackey; MOTHER IN LAW: Juliet Mackey; BROTHERS IN LAW: Hubert Campbell, Patrick Bethel, Clyde Fraser, Ricardo and Bruce Mackey; SISTERS IN LAW: Judith Mills, Vashti Woodside, Anya Russell, Heather Mackey; and a host of other family and friends including the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham and family.

ALPHONSO "FANSA" ROLLE



Funeral Service for MR. ALPHONSO "FANSA" ROLLE age 54 years of Cooper's Town, Abaco

was held on November 17 at 11 a.m. at Revival Time Pentecostal, Cooper's Town, Abaco. Officiating was Pastor Cedric Bullard assisted by Rev. Burnell Parker and Rev. George Rolle. Interment followed in Southside Cemetery, Cooper's Town, Abaco.

Left to cherish his fond memories are his FATHER: Edward Sr.; SISTERS: Roselyn Cooper, Olga Pritchard, Bernice McIntosh, Delsene Davis, Nancy Saunders and Maryann Williams; BROTHERS: Jackson, Cecil and Edward Jr.; SISTERS IN LAW: Cleopatra and Jennifer Rolle; BROTHERS IN LAW: Joseph Pritchard, Phil McIntosh, Wilton Saunders and Tom Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

NATHLEE LOUISE MILLER BROWN



Funeral Service for Mrs. Mrs. Nathlee Louise Miller-Brown, age 80 years of Dundas Town, Abaco and formerly of Nassau, New Providence was held on

November 24, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Bethany Gospel Chapel, Murphy Town, Abaco. Officiating was Bishop Bert Livingstone Williams Jr. Interment followed in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery, Murphy Town, Abaco.

Left to cherish her fond memories are her CHILDREN: Leslie Thompson and Henrietta Major; ADOPTED CHILDREN: Donna Patterson, Norma Bethel, Sylvia Smith, Eynell McKenzie, Julia Neely, Florence Pinder and Eunice Butler; GRANDCHILDREN: Franco, Sophia, Yolanda, Quincy, Leslie Louise, Lavarado, Nicole, Leslie Jr., Darrin and Zoya; GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: Nicolas, Keiden, Sean, Feleisha, Sophia, Davonye, Seveno and Makaya; GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILD: Jasonique; SISTERS: Areona Owens and Gertrude Lightbourn; BROTHERS: Ashton, William and Lawrence Miller; DAUGHTER IN LAW: Lu-eann Thompson; NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Allie Miller, Chrystal and Kenrick Hadaway, Tracy and Patrick James, Ingrid Gaitor, Uneka and Christian Perry, Iris, Margo, Collie, Mae, Maxcine Albury, Willis, Leon, Idell, Marilyn, Eardley, Gregory, Kennedy, Terry, Linda, Roseanne and Sean; and many others

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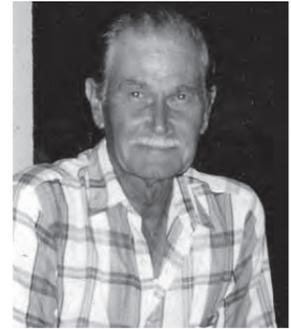
Funeral Services For Mr. Frisner Pierreluis age 53 years of Marsh Harbour, Abaco and formerly of Saint Louis Du Nord Haiti WAS HELD ON December 1, 2012

at 1p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, Marsh Harbour Abaco. Officiating was Pastor Antoine Joseph assisted by Pastor Anthony Swain, and burial took place at the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery, S. C.

Bootle Highway, Marsh Harbour Abaco.

The Radiance of this "Topaz of A Gem" will always glow in the hearts of his MOTHER: Philia Alexandre Noel; SONS: Moses, and Kisnel Pierreluis; DAUGHTERS: Witmerlin and Witlene Pierreluis; STEPDAUGHTER: Sherlene Pierre Philip; GRANDDAUGHTERS: Sinjreena and Sereena Joseph; BROTHER: Samson Eliazar; SISTERS: Denise Eliazar, Marie Eliazar and Barbara Pierreluis; BROTHERS IN LAW: Samuel and Eric Fenelus;

MELDON JOSEPH ALBURY



Meldon Joseph Albury was born in Cherokee Sound, Abaco to Hermus and Loretta Albury on the 15th of November, 1931 and lived in Abaco all

his life. He was the youngest of four children born to this union. He had one sister and two brothers who have all predeceased him.

He apprenticed to be a Mason at an early age under the guidance of Mr. Bert Williams and later began building the first block homes in Cherokee along with Mr. Brindley Albury. They built the Cherokee All-Age School and the teachers residence out on the hill. The schoolhouse is still in use today, but the teachers residence was abandoned many years ago but still strong enough to possibly be salvageable, a testament to it's fine construction.

Meldon married Linda Pinder on May 23rd, 1969 and they had two children, Beverly and Hartman, who each gave him a granddaughter. He kept his family near him and they all still live close by each other within Cherokee.

In his early days he and his brother-in-law Roger Pinder worked with Mr. Percy - Thompson to build The Great Abaco Club in Marsh Harbour as well as many other private homes and businesses throughout Abaco. They continued to maintain an exemplary reputation and do superior construction work.

Meldon's hobby was building miniatures of the old fishing smacks, a talent he passed on to his son. He was a lover of animals and had a soft spot in his heart for his two faithful four-footed friends Angel and Cookie which he loved taking out for long walks. It was only recently that he became bedridden and could not get out any more that he had to abandon the daily walks, but they continued to keep a vigil at his bedside. He was a quiet and modest man and never seemed to complain. He lived comfortably in his own home with his family around him until he died on the 5th of December, 2012. His funeral was held at the Assemblies of God Church in Cherokee Sound the following day. He leaves behind a host of satisfied customers, many family members and friends to mourn his passing. We have certainly lost a great Mason and a great friend who will be missed by all who knew him, may he Rest In Peace.



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Business

Chamber hosts Abaco's three administrators



Members of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting with the three administrators to discuss an array of issues facing the island. Above and left to right: Anita Knowles, Keith Bishop, Chris Roberts, Admin. Smith, Admin. King, Senior Admin. Cunningham, David Ralph.

By David Ralph - Roving Reporter

The directors of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce held an informative, interactive meeting on November 21 with Abaco's three administrators: Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham from Central Abaco, Joshua Smith from South Abaco and Charles King from North Abaco.

This was a part of the Chamber's outreach efforts to cooperate on issues with those in authority. The administrators voiced some of their concerns. It was an informative exchange related to common interests and responsibilities.

Disaster preparation and restoration was on everyone's mind as Hurricane Sandy had recently passed through Abaco. It was suggested that a closer relationship be fostered by the disaster committees, the

private sector and non-governmental organizations that all share in the aftermath of a serious storm.

A lack of concern by government for setting aside public parks was voiced by a Chamber director. Central Abaco is growing but there is a shortage of accessible public beaches and park grounds for recreation.

The Chamber's outstanding success was in noting shortcomings in the original architectural plans of the Marsh Harbour airport terminal that brought about interior revisions that are now incorporated.

The administrators appreciated the informal exchange and expressed the desire to maintain a relationship with the Chamber.

Entrepreneur Watch

The Magic Door

By Jennifer Hudson

A new boutique opened in Marsh Harbour at the beginning of December providing an excellent opportunity for people to purchase some very desirable Christmas or New Year gifts for friends and family or to treat themselves to a holiday gift. The 'Magic Door' is located on East Bay Street in the Simmons Plaza next door to Rental Wheels and is open seven days a week from 9:30 am to 6 pm. (Closed from 1.00 -2.00 p.m. for lunch). The inside of the premises has been completely redecorated giving it a spacious, airy feel and all of the stock is very well displayed making it easy to admire and select each item.

The proprietor describes the store as a women's handbag store and states that he decided to open this type of store "since women really love bags; the only thing they love more than bags are shoes." He carries several exclusive lines in bags and also wallets, make-up bags, belts and slippers. Brands displayed are Louis Vuitton, Jimmy Choo, Prada, Tory Burch, Michael Kors and Coach. The Rainbow Coach line is very popular with young people. There is a delightful selection of unisex fedoras, which are presently very popular with young people. These hats come in all colours and patterns to suit all

tastes and at an unbeatable price.

There is also a selection of summer dresses for women and children perfect for relaxing in at home or on the beach. Presently, there is a limited variety of sparkly Jewry on display which will later be expanded to include more jewelry and watches.

The proprietor states that he has the best prices on bags in the country and if anyone finds an identical bag cheaper anywhere else he will give back the difference. He is extending a limited opening offer to Cab drivers during which they will receive 15% of the price of purchases made by anyone they bring inside the store.

This classy little boutique carries a large variety of bags and accessories to suit all tastes for all occasions at any time of the year.

Trade Winds Air Freight Cargo & Courier Services

By Samantha Evans

Trade Winds Air Freight Cargo and Courier Services opened their doors in the Memorial Plaza on November 1, 2012 in Suite #103. Their motto is "You can depend on us for fast and safe delivery of your products."

Before they began their business, they did a test run to determine whether they could have their clients' products on the island in two days and to their amazement it was done without delay. They found this to be a great feature as they have been told that other local freight services take considerably longer to land the goods of their clients.

At Tradewinds they guarantee delivery of goods 48 hours after it arrives at their company's US address. Other ser-

vices they provide include: online credit card purchases, US mailing address access and US drop off and pick services. They make shopping easy. They aim to please customers. Their goal is to assure customers safe and fast delivery. They can be contacted at 225-9014 or 525-4285.

They are open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm. Owners are Godfrey Wallace and Re-Khanna Russell.

Abaco's Parliamentary Secretary hears from the Abaco Chamber

-Press Release-

A brief but informative meeting was held by Chamber director David Ralph and Parliamentary Secretary Renardo Curry on December 19. Mr. Ralph brought up various community concerns along with suggestions for possible remedies.

Budget constraints are often said to be a problem in moving forward. However, many suggestions were given that either do not require funds, use minimal funds or might be an investment that would pay for itself and give long-term operational savings.

Issues discussed included the new and old airport terminals, immigrant communities, public parks and local government. The Chamber offered its services in assisting government agencies where community input would be helpful and in areas where local knowledge and concepts could be beneficial to government.

The Chamber looks forward to a follow-up meeting with Mr. Curry in January with additional information that may be helpful in moving forward on some issues.



Abaco Cays Realty welcomes Paul D. Thompson

Abaco Cays Realty wants to congratulate Paul Thompson for successfully passing the BREA examination, and for being confirmed as a licensed Bahamas Real Estate Agent. Says Abaco Cays Realty broker, Christopher Plummer "We are tremendously excited to have Paul join our team. He will be operating out of his office on Elbow Cay, and will greatly expand and strengthen our capability to give our clients the highest level of service, not only on Elbow Cay, but throughout Abaco."

Paul came to the Bahamas from Canada as a hotelier, and has lived here for 32 years. He is married to Sharyn (Russell) who is an 8th generation descendant of Wyannie Malone of Hope Town. She can boast a family who have maintained residences in Hope Town for an unbroken period of 227 years!

During his time here, Paul has set himself apart as one of the most distinguished innovators in the field of Bahamian tourism management. For 25 years he was the managing director of the ultra luxury private Lyford Cay Club, with its 90 bedroom accommodations, Dick Wilson 18 hole championship golf course, 71 slip yacht harbour, 12 Har-Tru tennis courts, Luxury spa and fitness center and numerous private dining facilities. It is considered the finest resort Club in the whole of the Bahamas. He also managed the French Leave Resort on Eleuthera and now is the managing director of the Island Club on Joe's Cay, Abaco.

Whether as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, a past Senior Vice president of the Bahamas Hotel Association, or as Bahamas Hotelier of the year in 2004, Paul will bring enormous experience to his new involvement as a realtor with Abaco Cays Realty, in Abaco. "It is with great confidence that I can assure our present and future clients of the value Paul will bring to our company. He will very much look forward to meeting you all in the New Year and we feel blessed that we can go into 2013 knowing that Paul will be an added and important part of our team" said Christopher Plummer, broker.

Central & All Abaco

Renewal From Page 11

in the community when Urban Renewal is fully fledged. The Prime Minister wants government agencies to really find out what is happening in the communities. He has targeted the police to be significantly involved since they are a disciplined organization. Police are going house to house talking to residents and removing derelict cars which are a hiding place for criminals to conceal contraband and themselves. Many people are sleeping in derelict cars and they can be directed to some form of assistance," he continued and closed by urging people to give of their time and talents to the programme and to develop positive relations with the police.

"We have a responsibility as citizens to share information with Law Enforcement; we can all do more and we must"

to "build a kinder, gentler and prosperous country." He stated how happy he was to be on Abaco for the official launch of Urban Renewal 2.0 on the first island outside of New Providence and Grand Bahama and urged the people of Abaco to work together so Urban Renewal reaches its pinnacle.

He also touched on the subject of the airport, saying that there are challenges which must be met to bring the new terminal up to international standards and that a mid-year opening is being looked for. Also, he promised that work will begin on the roads of Central Abaco and Dundas Town early in the New Year.

Key note speaker, the Right Honourable Perry G. Christite, M.P. Prime Minister of The Bahamas, stated that history was being made and that the day should be used as a reference point for all we do. He stressed how he and his team were there to make Urban Renewal an integral part of the fabric of the Abaco community.

He placed special emphasis on those on Abaco with children with special needs

of whom he said there are many. He is himself the father of a special needs child; but while he has been able to afford a special teacher for his son he knows that there are many parents who cannot afford that and who do not know how to manage.

"The country has not caught up with the need for facilities for so many such children," he admitted. "Urban renewal is the effort of a government whose members represent disadvantaged people without the means to do for themselves. Urban renewal is an attempt to cut through the bureaucracy of government and lack of knowledge and try to bring in, in a real way, strategies to make lives better." He praised the indomitable spirit demonstrated by the people of Abaco.

Mr. Christie mentioned Abaco's excellent sportsmen with their potential to be gold medal winners but without any facility here in which to train. He announced the good news that, as a result of a request to Baker's Bay, they have made a major commitment to join with the government in providing a sporting complex in Marsh Harbour for Abaconians to become world leaders in sports and he is asking Urban Renewal to "put the pressure on to bring it about".

"Social Services is a vital strategic partner with the police" stated Mr. Christite when introducing Melanie Griffith, Minister for Social Security. She stated that she and her Social Services team are on board and that she will put extra people in the offices to assist.

In closing, Mr. Christie asked Urban Renewal to help re-sensitize and reconnect people one to the other, but added that UR can only thrive with the participation of the community. He thanked his team and directed the Deputy Prime Minister, who is responsible for Urban Renewal, to officially open the Urban Renewal Programme on Abaco.

Other dignitaries accompanying the Prime Minister were the Hon. Obie Wilcombe, Minister for Tourism; Keith Bell, Minister of State for National Security; Khaalis Rolle, Minister of State for Investments and Senator Gary Sawyer.

During the proceedings the Abaco Police team of W/Sgt. 2483 Jocelyn Smith, P/C3203 Kenton Clarke and WPC 3278 Vanessa Moss was introduced and a short power point presentation illustrating the work of Urban Renewal on Abaco was shown.



Above: the Abaco Police team in charge of Urban Renewal. Left to right: W/Sgt. 2483 Jocelyn Smith, P/C3203 Kenton Clarke and WPC 3278 Vanessa Moss.

Further Business

Burns House and Abaco Beach Resort host Wine & Jazz Night



Clockwise from to: The G-Note All Stars performing, Jo-Ann Bradley proudly displaying her art, A Burns House representative offering samples of popular wines.

On December 15 Boat Harbour hosted the 2012 Wine Art and Jazz Festival. Artists from across Abaco were present to display their paintings, photos and jewelry. The Bahamian Jazz Band, The G-Note All Stars entertained guests throughout the evening.

Burns House Group also had booths at the event, offering samples of different wines, white and red, that the chain carries.

Refreshments were served as well throughout the evening.



Hotels and House Rental Agents

+ agents with multiple cottages and houses

Area Code 242 unless listed otherwise			Lubbers Quarters		
			Sea Level Cottages	4 hse	366-3121
			Man-O-War		
Island-wide Abaco Listings			Island Home Rentals +	2 hse	365-6048
Abaco Cottage +	114 hse	366-0576	Schooner's Landing	5 condos	365-6072
Abaco Vacation Planner +	25 hse	367-3529	Waterway Rentals +	14 hse	365-6143
Cherokee			Marsh Harbour area		
Lee Pinder +	3 hse	366-2053	Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
Marina Albury Cottages	5 cottages	366-2075	Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse	367-2719
Grand Cay			Abaco Towns	16 apts	367-0148
Rosie's Place		352-5458	Ambassador Inn	6 rms	367-2022
Green Turtle Cay			Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms	367-3980
Barefoot Homes	14 hse	577-4092	Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
Bluff House Club	12 units	365-4247	Living Easy +	16 hse	367-2202
Cocobay Cottages	6 cott	800-752-0166	Island Breezes Motel	8 rms	367-3776
Green Turtle Club	35 rm	365-4271	Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff	367-2681
Island Properties +	34 hse	365-4047	Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott	367-3600
New Plymouth Inn	9 rm	365-4161	Regattas	32 apts	577-6764
Ocean Blue Properties +	34	365-4636	HG Christie +	11 hse	367-4151
Other Shore Club		365-4226	Sandy Point		
Roberts Cottages	3 cott	365-4105	Oeisha's Resort		366-4139
Guana Cay			Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119
Dive Guana +	11 hse	365-5178	Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm	800-628-1447
Dolphin Bch Resort	4 rm 10 cott.	365-5137	Spanish Cay		
Guana Sunset Beach	13 units	365-5133	Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083
Ocean Frontier	6 cott	519-389-4846	Treasure Cay		
Ward's Landing	4 units	904-982-2762	Bahama Beach Club	88 units	365-8500
Ruth Sands +	9 hse	365-5140	Brigantine Bay Villas	5 units	877-786-8455
Hope Town			Treasure Cay Resort +	95 rms	365-8801
Abaco Inn	22 rm	366-0133	Mark's Bungalows	4 units	365-8506
Crystal Villas	5 villas	321-452-0164	Abaco Estate Services +		365-8752
Elbow Cay Prop +	53 hse	366-0035	Island Dreams Rental +		357-6576
Hope T Harb Lodge	25 rm	366 0095	Turtle Rock		
Hope T Hideaways +	63 hse	366-0224	Villas at Palmetto Beach	3 villas	262-820-1900
Hope Town Inn	6 rm 4 Villas	366-0003	Wood Cay		
Hope T Villas +	3 hse	366-0266	Tangelo Hotel	14 rm 1 villa	365-2222
Lighthouse Rentals	4 cott	366-0154	Web Sites with Abaco Information		
Sea Gull Cottages +	4 hse	366-0266	http://www.abaconian.com	http://www.abacos.com	
Sea Spray Resort	6 villas	366-0065	http://www.abacoinet.com	http://www.oii.net	
Tanny Key +	43 hse	366-0053	http://www.abacoinfo.com	http://www.bahamas.com	
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Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560	•	911
Police - Hope Town	366-0667		
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911		
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048		
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133		
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667		
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518		

The following services are provided by volunteers

Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay 365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town	366-0549 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Integrated Medical Center	367-1304
Emergency	458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic, Fox Town	365-2172

Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4355
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic	365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour	367-2544
Chemist shoppe, Marsh Harbour	367-3106

Veterinary

Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour	367-3551
Island Veterinary Clinic, Marsh Harbour	367-0062

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Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Regional - Freeport	367-0446
Silver Airline - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0996
Western Air - Nassau	367-3722

Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida

Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops

Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco Since 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Dive Time, Man-O-War	365-6235
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each passengers above two

- Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08
- Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light,\$10
- Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry\$15
- Spring City\$15
- Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch\$15
- Murphy Town & Great. Cistern\$20
- Snake Cay\$35
- Casuarina Point\$60
- Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour\$80
- Bahama Palm Shore\$90
- Crossing Rocks\$105
- Sandy Point\$150
- Leisure Lee\$50
- Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry\$80
- Treasure Cay Resort\$85
- Fox Town\$165

- Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:
- Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel\$ 10
- Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern\$10

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.

- Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08
- Green Turtle Cay ferry dock\$10
- Madeira Park\$20
- Sand Banks\$25
- Treasure Cay Resort\$30
- Leisure Lee\$45
- Black Wood\$20
- Fire Road & Cooper's Town\$40
- Cedar Harbour\$60
- 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:	8:00 am	9:45am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	6:30pm

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
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Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs	11:00am & returns	3:30 p.m.	\$40 Round Trip
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McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily		8:30 am &	4:30 pm

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Attractions

Albert Lowe MuseumGreen 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 Service10F365-4033

Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina150F365-8250
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Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina26F365-6008
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Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina183F367-2158
Conch Inn75F367-4000
Harbour View Marina36F367-2182
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 Marina6F366-0154
Sea Spray60F366-0065

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina75F365-0083
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Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina158F365-5802
Guana Hide-aways37577-0003
Orchid Bay64F365-5175

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

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour367-2936
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Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay365-4411
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Bikes & Scooters • Boats Cars & Cart Rentals

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Sea Horse Boat Rentals367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals367-4887
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Green Turtle Cay

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Cruising Cart Rentals365-4065
D & P Cart Rental365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals365-4119
Kool Karts365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals375-8055

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	.....365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	.....365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals354-5175

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco321-220-8796
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Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals365-6024
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 Cart Rentals	.....365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	.....365-8749

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)
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Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza\$367-4488
Anglers\$\$\$367-2158
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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)	.....\$	.....366-0760
H T Harbour Lodge	.....\$\$\$	.....366-0095
Munchies	.....\$	.....366-0423
OnDa Beach	.....\$\$	.....366-0558
Sea Spray †\$\$366-0065
Sugar Shack +\$366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub\$\$366-3503
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Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's\$\$366-3139
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Man-O-War

Bradley's on the Harbour\$365-6380
Dock'n Dine\$365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar\$365-6501

Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place\$\$\$612-1021
Grabbers\$\$365-5133
Nippers\$\$365-5143
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Treasure Cay

Coco Beach Bar & Grill\$365-8470
Florence's Cafe\$365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant\$\$\$365-8469
Touch of Class\$\$\$365-8195
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Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House\$\$\$365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro\$\$365-4200
Green Turtle Club\$\$\$365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	.....\$\$	.....365-4389
McIntosh's Restaurant	.....\$\$	.....365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	.....\$\$	.....365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	.....\$\$	.....365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	.....\$\$	.....365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	.....\$\$	.....365-4234
Shorties Take-a-way\$\$365-4342
Sundowners\$\$365-4060

Sandy Point

Nancy's\$\$366-4120
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- 20,400 s.f. - 0.468 Acre
- 2,040 s.f. Residence
- 280 s.f. Guest House
- 3 Bed - 3 Bath
- 1120 s.f. Covered Decks
- 90 s.f. Open Decks
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- 1/2 mile to Settlement
#CSH1209 \$570,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 17,191 s.f. - 0.394 Acre
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- Covered Screen Porch
- Wood Floors
- Shellstone Tile
- Dead End Road/Private
- Community Dock Access
#GTH1149 \$499,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bd, 2 Bth
- 1,962 s.f.
- 2 Kitchens
- 30,874 s.f. - 0.708 Acres
- 360 views
- 30' elevations
- Centrally Located
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Elbow Cay
- Best Estate on Elbow Cay
- Beach lot 2.24 Acres
- 419' Atlantic Beachfront
- 395' on Canal
- 2 Cottages with dock
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Green Turtle Cay
- 1,190 s.f. Residence
- Land - 2.68 Acres
- 150.60' Atlantic Beach
- 196.60' Coco Bay Beach
- Dock - 50% Shared
#GTH1169



Green Turtle Cay
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
- 1,282 s.f. under air
- 887 s.f. ground floor - bed-bath-garage
- 1,597 s.f. decks
- 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre
- 200' on Coco Bay Beach
- 8,000 gallon cistern
#GTH1152 - \$1,285,000



Great Guana Cay
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
- 336 s.f. open decks
- Beautiful views of Atlantic Ocean
- 10,000 gal. cistern
- Close to town
#GGH1191 \$499,000

ELBOW CAY
"BERKLEY'S BLUFF" - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - BRING OFFERS **REDUCED** \$325,000.

GREAT GUANA CAY
"SEA TO BAY" - 148,104 s.f. - 3.40 Acre - Sea to Sea parcel - 201.87' on the Atlantic Ocean - 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour inclusive 2 boat slips - Great elevations - Can be Divided. #GGV1008 \$1,472,000.

"CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront building site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' of Atlantic beachfront - Dock access - good elevations superb ocean views. #GGV1006 - \$478,000.

"LOST SHAKER" - 36,839 s.f. - 0.847 Acre - 65' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - oversized parcel - good elevations easement to beach. #GGV1000 \$460,000.

"ATLANTIS" - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 **FORCLOSURE MUST SELL!** \$350,000.

"SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 24,292 s.f. - 0.557 Acre 136' prime waterfront - great elevations - fabulous views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Shared dock access or can build a private dock on shoreline - 8' depth at MLW - #GGV1118 - \$368,000.

GREEN TURTLE CAY
"COCONUT BEACH" - 63,815 s.f. - 1.465 Acre - Prime beach front lot - secluded beach cove on north end - driveway in place and approved building plans available - GTV1172 **NEW** \$675,000.

"PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime building site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public dock access - Beach access - #GTV1080 \$240,000.

"OCEANVIEW LOT" - 22,141 s.f. - 0.508 acres - corner lot Atlantic beach and ocean views - beach road access 30' away close proximity to Green Turtle Club. Snorkeling just offshore. #GTV1157 - \$275,000.

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Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bd, 4 Bth
- 4,948 s.f. / 2 levels
- 19,083 s.f. - 0.438
- Each level private living space/kitchen
- Sea of Abaco
- Dock/boatlift/10,000
#GTH1181 - \$1,699,000



Great Guana Cay
- 18,321 s.f. - 0.420 Acre
- 110' Atlantic Beach
- +/- 1000 s.f. - 3 Bd - 2 Bth
- master on second level
- Abaco's best beach
- golf cart
- 6 KW standby gen.
- Rental History
#GGH1204 \$675,000

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Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath
- 2,448 s.f. of Luxury
- 27,965 s.f. - 0.642 Acre
- 90' on Gilliam Bay
- Wood Floors
- Double Golf Cart garage
- 2,356 s.f. Wrap/decks
- Built 2009
- Tastefully Decorated
#GTH1179 - \$2,595,000



Great Guana Cay
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 1,558 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bth
- Crows Peak lounge
- Abaco's best beach
- Near Nipper's & Town
- Rental History
#GGH1190 \$735,000

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Marina Resort for Sale
- +/- 621' on Black Sound available
- +/- 378' Sea of Abaco frontage available
- +/- 2.78 Acres
- Restaurant & Pool Bar
- Shell Fuel Dock
- Great for private estate
#GTH1151 - \$3,470,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 7,264 s.f. - 0.166 Acre
- 877 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bath
- 12' x 16' Shed
- 90' L - Shaped Dock
- PGT Storm Windows
- Galvium Metal Roof
- 1/2 or Full Ownership Offered - #GTH1197 \$174,000 - \$347,000

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- 10,056 s.f. - 0.23 Acre
- 1,200 s.f. Residence
- 192 s.f. Snore Box
- 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath
- 16,000 gal. cistern
- 17 KW Diesel Gen.
- Central A/C + Split Unit
#MWH1024 \$499,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 1,823 s.f. - 0.0419 Acre
- 1,723 s.f. - 2 bd, 2 bth
- On Settlement Harbour
- Corner Lot
- Workshop/Garage
- Fully Furnished/turn key
- City water
- Great Rental Property
- Water views
#GTH1193 - \$375,000

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Man O' War Cay
- Sea to Sea property
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,096 s.f. Beach Res.
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 625 s.f. Guest Cottage
- Land 0.764 Acre
- Workshop/Laundry
#MWH1164 - \$1,090,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 928 s.f.
- 74,182 s.f. - 1.703 Acre
- 198' of Gilliam Bay Beach
- 478' on the Sea of Abaco
- Overlooks town flats
- Bonefishermen's Dream Property
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Another successful play will send orphans to camp



Every year, the children of Hope Town perform in the St. James Methodist Church. Their plays, often standing-room only due to their popularity, raise money for the Bilney Lane Children's Home in Nassau. This year they raised close to \$6,000. For the full story see page 5. Photo courtesy of Jamie Sweeting.

Patricia Curry crowned Miss Abaco



Above: the new Miss Abaco, Patricia Curry (left) with last year's Miss Abaco, Nevandria Rolle.

By Samantha Evans

This was the most anticipated event of the pageant season and fanfare was definitely present on Sunday, December 16 at Abaco Beach Resort. Each contestant had their cheering squad out in large numbers; some even carrying poster cards and whistles. It was clear that there was tension in the air as it became noticeable that there was a silent rivalry going on as the race heated up for the Miss Abaco title.

The pageant began at 9:30pm. Once the pageant began, the beauties did their introduction dance followed by the onstage interview. The ladies nerves played on them as some of them did not answer their question as well as they had hoped, but it was clear that a few of them were in it to win it as they nailed their answers each time.

However, as the night progressed and the top four were named, it seemed that not as much weight had been given to the answers as some in the crowd may have thought fair. Never-the-less, they remained calm in anticipation of the winner being announced.

After the on-stage interviews the judges were introduced followed by the display of National Costumes and Swimsuits which were previously judged. Throughout the night clips from Hollywood stars (former and present) were shown along with pho-

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Above: Lashawn Bevans, winner of National Costume, made it into the final four.



Above: Erica Pinder, Miss Abaco runner-up and the recipient of the Miss Photogenic and Miss Popularity Awards.

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tos from events modeled by the contestants as the theme for the night was "Abaco Goes Hollywood." Before the top four contestants were named, the ladies modeled their evening gowns ranging from old school prom dresses to elegant gowns fit for a queen.

While waiting for the results from the judges, TJ Stubbs gave out some special awards. The Miss Photogenic and Miss Popularity Awards went to Erica Pinder. The Lady of Elegance Award went to Aisha Jones. The top

three ladies received their medals and trophies for top model, national costume and swim suit which were previously named.

Keli Albury from Island Girl Boutique also received a special award for being a supporter of the pageant from day one and remaining a supporter of the pageant during year two.

Once the judges had tallied their scores, the top four were named as follows: Lashawn Bevans who won National Costume, Patricia Curry who won Swimsuit, Erica Pinder, and Ebony Bass. These results shocked



Above: Aisha Jones received the The Lady of Elegance Award



Above: Ebony Bass (left) won Miss Congeniality. She also won the Director's Award for most improved contestant.

some in the audience and delighted others. Despite the emotional narrowing down of contestants, the night continued and the audience remained cordial.

The ladies were then taken outside while, one by one, they were brought back in to answer the final question of the evening which was read by TJ Stubbs. The question related to crime

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<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pelican Shores</div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Fanny Bay - 3B/2B with 230' on water awesome views, must see. #15309 - \$650,000</p>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Marsh Harbour</div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">DUPLEX - 2B/1B each, central commercial/residential location. #2013 - \$190,000</p>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Murphy Town</div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">OFFERS WELCOMED - 2B/2B 900 sq. ft. home. 10,000 sq.ft. lot. #2014 - \$165,000</p>	<div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Great Abaco Club</div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Sea View - 3B/2.5B, Great views of Hope Town. Boat slip included. #13797 - \$579,000</p>
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LOTS & ACREAGE

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+ acre, 200' from water. \$85K
Guana Cay #13710 Orchid Bay Ctg Lot #4 80' waterfront. \$249,900
Guana Cay #13792 23,250 s.f. lot w/ 169' hbr waterfront & dock slip. \$225K
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.
G.C./Fishers Bay #13871 Lot #29 Dolphin Bch. 81' waterfront \$125K
Tilloo Cay #13709 #47 #48 #49 11,000 sq. ft. 100' to beach. \$99K ech.
Tilloo Cay #15003 4.3 acres sea to sea 243' dual waterfront. USD\$995K
REDUCED Tilloo #13999 Lot 19 wfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 sq.ft. \$169K

MARSH HARBOUR AREA
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Murphy Town #2013 & #2014 TWO 80'X90' adjacent lots \$23,400 ech
Marsh Harbour #13903 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$195K
Pelican Shores #1127 163' Harbour front 90' dock 26,200 s.f. lot. \$700K
Royal Harbour #1005 Lot #26 off front street 14583 s.f. lot. \$175K
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 #13970 - 10,800 sq. ft. lot Hilltop 320' from beach \$79K
Long Beach #1224 Lot 31 12,600 s.f. lot. elevated views. \$125K
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
UNDER CONTRACT Joes Creek #1100 Lot #12 18,000 s.f. lot. \$21.5K
Leisure Lee #1002 Lots 27, 28 29 & 30 "Open to Offers". \$43,900 ech
Leisure Lee #17201 Interior Lot 22 10,000 s.f. lot. \$45K
Red Bay #13021 5 acre parcel off S.C. Bootle Highway \$150K
NEW Treasure Cay #13791 Interior Lot 58 Block 3 \$35,000.
Treasure Cay Lot 44 Blk 167 multi-family \$45K
Treasure Cay #13018 Lot 8 Block 190 "Open to Offers". \$59K
Treasure Cay #13019 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$59K
Treasure 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
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ECC provides great entertainment at Christmas Assembly



Above: the students of Every Child Counts performing during their Christmas Assembly.

By Canishka Alexander

Every Child Counts (ECC) held its annual Christmas Assembly on December 14. Performances were given by all classes as ECC students, staff members and volunteers ushered in the holiday season with an upbeat selection of Christmas songs and skits. Cardesha Wright served as moderator of the program during the assembly.

Under the direction of Mrs. Vernelle Carey, her homeroom students stood before an enthusiastic audience wearing colourful headpieces, and were accompanied by "drummer boys" as they sang "It's Christmas Time Again." Next, Miss Ashley class recited the poem: "It Was the Night Before Christmas."

Miss Ellen's class was next on the list, and entertained the crowd with a Christmas rap song. A skit called Bethlehem Press was performed by students of Miss Kelly and Miss Cecilia's class. Soon, another group of students came together to sing "The Little Drummer Boy."

One of the final selections was by the ECC Christmas Coir under the leadership of Mr. Bill Gallo, music volunteer, and Mrs. Coops. The choir sang a medley and a selection from Music Doing Good, a non-profit organization that promotes philanthropy through music, for their guests.

As the assembly began to wind down, Treenil Brice contributed a divine rendition of Luther Vandross' "Every Year,

Every Christmas." At the end of his selection, Treenil thanked Mrs. Lyn Major and the teachers of ECC for helping them to become the best that they can be.

"ECC would be lost without the support of our community and volunteers, so we thank them from the bottom of our hearts," Treenil expressed.

Special thanks were given to Diane Solomons for treating the children to lunch from Kentucky Fried Chicken because of their hard work. Ms. Diane commended the students for their outstanding performance.

During her remarks, Miss Lyn, ECC founder and administrator, thanked everyone for their attendance at the assembly and for their continuous support of ECC as she wished them all a safe and Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Forest Heights Academy Pursues the 'Green Path'

By Catalina Albury - Grade 10

In changing times, people must adjust their ways of living to preserve the environment. In this spirit of thinking, Forest Heights Academy is striving to become the first high school in the Caribbean to receive its 'green flag'.

The whole school has taken great efforts to conserve energy by turning off the lights in a classroom when it is not in use, saving water by using toilets set to use less water, and encouraging reusable water bottles. Recycling cans, paper, and plastic containers are also a priority. Taking this a step further, the 'Eco-Club' has begun a recycling competition between the school's three houses to raise the school's awareness through positive reinforcement. Also, the Styrofoam containers once used to serve lunch have been replaced by a "green", compostable material at very little added expense.

As an important component in achieving a green flag, schools must maintain a litter-free campus, which has been implemented on a daily basis by staff and students of the school. In addition, a compost pile has been placed in the school to turn organic materials into fertilizer for the school's garden. Lastly, the school is working on removing all non-native plants and replacing them with indigenous species.

The 'Eco-Code' is displayed readily in the school and all students have learned it: 'We're First Class, We Recycle Our Trash. Not to Boast, but We Compost.' Lindsay Borsz, coordinator of the club and teacher at the school, said about the program, "It's a wonderful student-led organization designed to raise eco-awareness, not only in the student community, but in the local community as well."

Conference hosted by Latter Rain Youth Department

By Samantha Evans

There are so many obstacles and distractions in the world today that have contributed to youth losing focus and in some instances having strayed away from their purpose. To help provide direction and purpose to their lives, Apostle Alex Archer Senior Pastor of Latter Rain Church wanted to equip them with tools needed to help them. The theme chosen for this conference was "Going Back to God."

He and a few pastors joined forces to host a series of services for adults earlier in the year under the same theme and saw it as a fitting theme for youth as well. He wanted youth to know that God has to be in everything they do in order for them to achieve success, be fulfilled and happy. Once they have direction for their lives, they (youth) will be able to set goals that impact their lives and the lives of others.

The conference began on Friday night, December 14 with a service at the church in Dundas Town. DJ Counselor was the speaker and guest performer. He spoke to them on relevant topics such as being focused, peer pressure, the many vices out there that can pull them away from their purpose (such as drugs and sexual activities), the value of education and becoming a better person. The service appeared to greatly impact the youth.

At the end of the service he prayed for them and their parents. Apostle Archer also spoke to them and reiterated what was imparted earlier. On Saturday morning they had various sessions at the church. At 10:30am Youth Pastor Whitney Bain led the first session. He spoke on goal setting. He asked them some key questions such as where they are going in life, tools and resources required to get there, what they need to do know to get there, and what they need to do to reach future self. He gave them some practical guidelines to help them see the path they need to take, skills needed, network to follow, and mentorship needed.

Session two was led by DJ Counselor. He spoke to them about having values necessary to make it in life. He mentioned some core values such as manners especially since to some kids they (manners) are foreign. He hopes that the youth realize that having values are crucial to life because without them life will not be as accepting of them.

After the session, he took a few youth with him into Marsh Harbour and Sandy

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Point where he shot some footage for his new video. Later that night, a concert was held at the church. The opening act was Lyrically Blessed (Japheth Ferguson) and the feature artist was DJ Counselor. Lyrically Blessed travelled with DJ Counselor and is blessed with the ability to rap and sing gospel reggae. The turn out to the conference was good but could have been better but transportation issues prevented some churches from participating. The information was rich, so the youth were equipped with some positive information from spiritual leaders.

Staff of Central Abaco Primary School treated to a Christmas Luncheon

By Samantha Evans

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 1pm to 3pm, the entire staff of Central Abaco Primary School attended a luncheon held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour. This luncheon has become an annual celebration for the staff to give them a chance to un-wind, fellowship and relax before the school year ends.

They were treated to great music by Estin Sawyer and wonderful food provided by the school. Once they had eaten and played games, Principal Rodney Smith addressed them. He told the teachers that the first term of school was challenging but they made it to the end. He stated that all of the administrators are proud of the work they do and he knows that the children are too.

He reminded them of some of the rough days they all had and that he too thought they would not make it through, but he is happy to have a day that they can release all of the frustration and tension the term brought with it.

While on their break, he told them to reflect and give thanks. They should take

time to look at themselves, take care of loved ones and look out for one another. He encouraged them to do so in a loving way. He wished the staff a very Merry Christmas, reminded them not to eat too much and to get some much needed rest in preparation for the remaining two terms of the school year.

Miss Abaco Float Parade held on rainy Saturday

By Samantha Evans

There was no way around the rain on Saturday, December 15, 2012 as Mother Nature had other plans for the weather that day in spite of what the weather report stated. Never-the-less, the six beauties in the Miss Abaco Pageant were dressed in their lime green pageant t-shirts and jeans with their tastefully decorated vehicles all ready to drive through the Abaco communities so that their fans could see them before the finale on Sunday December 16, 2012.

The float parade began at Murphy Town Park shortly after 12 noon. Once they left the park, they headed down Forest Drive through Murphy Town to Front Street then through Dundas Town. Due to inclement weather, the float parade had to be cut short so they did not get to drive through Marsh Harbour as previously planned. Instead, they headed straight to Albury's Ferry to await their ferry to Hope Town.

Public school teachers receive annual Christmas gift cards

By Samantha Evans

The Bahamas Union of Teachers, under the leadership of President Belinda Wilson, has made it an annual occurrence to present all members with a gift card to a local supermarket on their respective islands. While the members in Nassau got a chance to take part in Belinda Wilson Day

and use their card at Phil's Supercenter on Gladstone Road on Saturday December 22, teachers on Abaco got a chance to redeem their gift card at any Maxwell's group of stores on the island.

Each year the value of the gift card has increased and this year it was valued at \$30.00. Members of the union were appreciative of this generous gesture especially since Christmas time is a very expensive time of the year with preparations for Christmas day and traveling. Nevertheless, President Wilson extended heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members on behalf of her executive team.

She thanked the teachers for always giving their best at their respective schools on a daily basis. She told them to enjoy their Christmas break but not to forget the reason for the season. She reminded them to give out gifts and enjoy all of the celebrations of the season but most importantly, she stated, that they must find time to worship together at a church of their choice.

Hope Town children raise money for Nassau orphans

By Eric Albury

To raise money for the Bilney Lane Children's Home in Nassau, the youth of

the St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town have been performing Christmas plays for the last 20 years.

The play was held this year during December 12 - 14, performing the act three separate nights so that everyone who wished to attend could have a chance to do so.

The \$5,904 raised will go towards sending orphans to a summer camp, which would be otherwise impossible if not for the church's assistance.

"Dude, You Hear What I Here?" told the story of a young girl named Taylor who is accidentally left in a supermarket around Christmas time when she discovers that the store's mannequins have come to life. The mannequins do not know the story of the birth of Jesus and the meaning of Christmas, so Taylor teaches them.

A portion of the funds raised also goes to sending the youth in Hope Town on mission trips to the U.S., where they provide construction labour for those who are unable or cannot afford to do so on their own.

The Christmas play is directed by Carrie Cash and Jane Engle, with both parents and youth from Hope Town and other islands contributing to the production in various ways.



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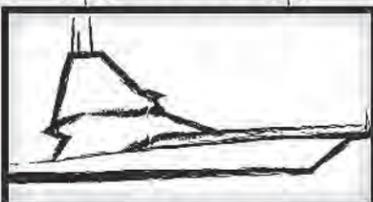
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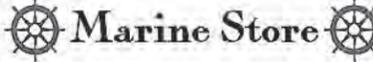
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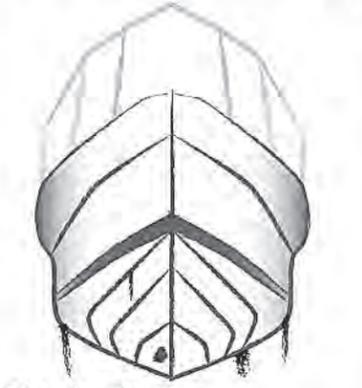
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MP distributes Christmas gifts at conclusion of Urban Renewal event



Above: M.P. Renardo Curry, Abaco's Parliamentary Secretary, concluded the inaugural Urban Renewal launch program for Abaco by giving Christmas gifts to a line of anxious children. Photo courtesy of Dave Ralph.

Church of Christ hosts children's Christmas party

By Samantha Evans

It has become a tradition at Church of Christ to host the children of the church and the community to a pre-Christmas celebration in December. This year was no exception as they hosted some fifty children to lunch, games and gifts on Saturday,

December 15, 2012 from 11:30 am until 2 pm. The theme character chosen for the event was Nemo, since he is loved by both boys and girls and they can relate to him.

Nemo also has a lot of great characteristics that the kids could relate too such as bravery, persistence, beautiful colours,

small in stature but big in heart, fearless, overly inquisitive, and in spite of him having a defective fin, he never allowed it to hold him back or make him feel like he was less of a fish than the rest. In fact, disability probably contributed to him being so fearless and curious.

This character was a great one for the

children to learn more about so that they can become more fearless and step outside of their comfort zone so that they can achieve more. Like Nemo, they may encounter danger but with good friends and family who love them, they will succeed in the end.

Christmas Holiday Camp held at Creative Studio Boutique



Above: children diligently working on their crafts at the Creative Studio Boutique's Christmas Camp.

By Jennifer Hudson

It was a time of fun and creativity for the young people who attended the Christmas holiday art camp at Stacey Adderley's Creative Studio Boutique located above Home Fabrics during the week of 18 to 21 of December. The camp ran from 9 am to 3 pm each day and catered to children ages 3 to 12 years.

Arriving on the first morning, several of the children were playing in the creative spot where they are encouraged to use their imagination. They can contemplate quietly on the comfy cushions inside the little house or they can be more robust climbing a ladder to the platform above and swinging down on the rope swing. Others were sitting at tables concentrating on their craft at hand.

During each morning, the children participated in craft programmes which included such activities as decorating cupcakes and cookies and making ornaments and decorations out of recycled materials. Donations of materials are always welcome, as well. The campers enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and the studio with the ornaments they made and on the final day were able to decorate and take home a ceramic item.

Eight year old MacKennlee is an enthusiastic advocate for the Creative Studio Boutique and said that she has been attend-

ing for "a very long time" and that "it is a lot of fun."

In the afternoons students participated in drama and dance programmes. Ms. Adderley, a certified dance teacher, teaches pre-ballet, tap, contemporary and folk dance. She is also a qualified art teacher, having received her degree from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and teaches art at the Agape Christian School to students from kindergarten to grade 12.

During term time, various after school programmes are offered at the Creative Studio Boutique from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Students participate in art or dance classes and extra help is provided with homework, reading comprehension, science activity and more. Saturdays are open studio days from 10 am to 3 pm when children can drop in for any number of hours during that time. For information on schedules and pricing please call Ms. Adderley at 242 559 9087 or e-mail her at creativestudioabaco@gmail.com. Birthday parties can also be booked.

Mrs Adderley's 'Little Ballerinas' (K3 - 5), 'Dancing Divas' (Grades 1 - 3) and 'Showstoppers' (Grades 4 and up) participated in the 'Sing n' Ting' at New Vision Ministries on December 18 performing a Christmas medley.

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School & Youth News

Miss Abaco Swimsuit Competition held in Hope Town

Abaco basketball players share their struggles and successes in college



Above (left to right): Ebony Bass, Lawshawn Bevans, Patricia Curry, Ramonica Hamilton, Aisha Jones and Erica Pinder.

By Samantha Evans

It was another rainy day on Saturday December 15, 2012 for the Miss Abaco Contestants as they anticipated a successful Swimsuit and Spokes Model Competition after the event was rained out the previous week. The event was scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm but was delayed due to rain; beginning after 5 pm.

The crowd was small but the energy was lively as the young women began entered the dining area at Hope Town Inn and Marina. The event began with the contestants modeling signature tops sponsored by Keli Albury of Island Girl Boutique and a swimsuit the ladies provided. Once they were done, they returned to the dressing area to prepare for the Spokes Model segment which required them to prepare a commercial for a product of their choosing. They sold products such

as Cocoa Butter Lotion, Vitamin C, a straw bag and Hope Town as the Hollywood of the Abacos.

Finally, the ladies modeled the official pageant bathing suit sponsored by Bahamian company Minka Swimwear. The navy blue swim suit had a low v-cut which helped to make the ladies look long and lean. The competition was very quick, lasting only an hour and a half but the casual inviting ambiance made it fun and relaxing for all present. The audience further relaxed by ordering dinner, snacks and drinks while being entertained.

The winners of these competitions were announced at the Pageant and are as follows. The winner of the Spokes Model and Bathing Suit Competitions was Patricia Curry-Miss Spring City. In second place for spokes model was Aisha Jones-Miss Double R. Services and in third

place was Lashawn Bevans-Miss Soraya's Boutique. In second place for swim suit was Lashawn Bevans-Miss Soraya's Boutique and in third place was Ramonica Hamilton-Miss Rosalyn's Fashion. The judges for this event were Dr. Latesha McIntosh, Willissa Nyobi, Dr. Nina Graham and Cindy Hollingsworth.



Patricia Curry, the eventual winner of the entire Miss Abaco Pageant, took first place in both the Spokes Model and Bathing Suit Competitions.

By Canishka Alexander

Kevin Altidor and McDonald Jean-Louis stopped by for a visit over the holidays with Ishmael "Stretch" Morley at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on Dec. 18.

Kevin, who attended Abaco Central High School (ACH), and went on to graduate from C C Sweeting Senior High School in 2009, is currently in his final semester at Roane State Community College in Tennessee. He has plans to transfer to a four-year college sometime next year.

Conversely, McDonald is also a former ACH student, and graduated from Sunland Baptist Academy. As a freshman at St. Thomas University located in Miami Gardens, he redshirted during his first year at school, and was therefore excited about his first game on Dec.28.

Both of their basketball careers began with the Youth in Action Basketball Program with Mr. and Mrs. Lynden Davis, which continued with Morley at the helm. Somewhat nostalgic, McDonald recalled feeling privileged to travel to other islands to compete because the exposure helped them to get better.

Career highlights for McDonald ranged from becoming Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the junior boys season for Abaco to making it to the Hugh Campbell Championships; becoming captain, and an all-tournament teams; and receiving

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Above and left: Lashawn Bevans, second place in the swim suit contest. Above and Right: Aisha Jones who took second place in the Spokes Model contest.



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“Basically us coming from the Mudd and the Peas that should be a bigger motivation for all the younger kids... If we can do it, they can do it also.”

his college scholarship. For Kevin, things began to take off in the twelfth grade when he became one of the top players in the country. This year, Kevin made team captain and is the leading scorer and

rebounder on the team. His main playing position is small forward whereas McDonald's is as a shooting guard. As they look ahead, Kevin and McDonald aspire to attend Division I schools with the hopes of eventually becoming professional basketball players.

Fortunately for them, they are excelling in their academics as well. McDonald graduated with a 3.42 GPA, and ranked 14 out of 48 students. He passed all of his BGCSEs with Cs and above and scored 1300 points on the SATs.

Meanwhile, Kevin said that he had never obtained a 3.0 GPA in high school. What he loves about college is that his coaches have made sure that his academics are a priority, so he is now taking his schoolwork seriously. He currently has a 3.06 GPA.

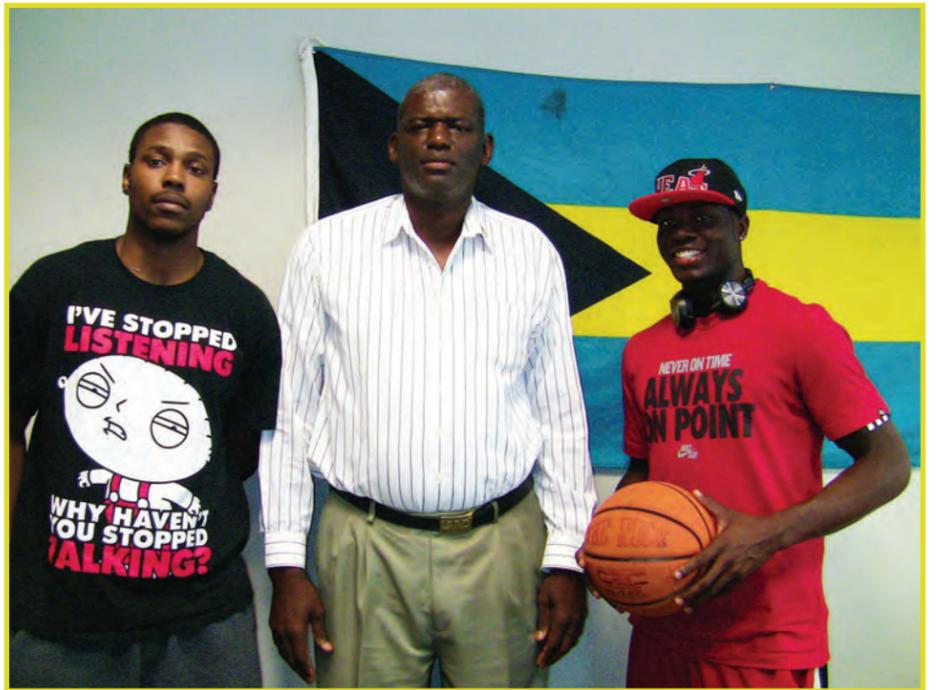
The young men paused to express their appreciation to their families, coaches and teachers for their support along the way. They also offered advice to those with similar aspirations.

“Put God first,” McDonald advised. “Success is hard work every day and be consistent. You can't just be a good basketball player without good grades – that won't take you far. Know God, your family, your books and just work hard every day.”

Kevin also shared an important point. “If you have a dream, [don't] give up on it. We've come a long way, and we're still going,” Kevin commented. “Basically us coming from the Mudd and the Peas that should be a bigger motivation for all the younger kids that are growing up over there right now to see that we made it this far. If we can do it, they can do it also. They should just keep working hard and [know that] anything is possible as long as they have God in their lives.”

Morley was also grateful to God for allowing him to help the young men and for allowing their parents to place them in his care. He said that in a community like The Mudd, it is given a bad stigma but that there are good people like Kevin and McDonald who come from there.

“For me, I respect the people who live there – that's the first thing you must do is respect the person's lifestyle and help them to improve on that lifestyle,” Morley said. “They have the opportunity as role models to help because they haven't lost focus of their dream.”



Above (left to right): Kevin Altidor, Ishmael Morley and McDonald Jean-Louis. Both players, now in college, were products of the Youth in Action Basketball Program which was started by Mr. and Mrs. Lynden Davis. The same program is now helmed by Mr. Morley. Both players look forward to doing well both athletically and academically in their respective colleges with dreams of going to the NBA.

Agape expected to rank among nation's top four basketball teams

By Canishka Alexander

Coach Wayne Adderley and the senior boys basketball team from Agape Christian School attended the 38th Annual Catholic High Christmas Invitational Tournament in Grand Bahama on Dec. 12-15. Agape lost by two points against Eight Mile Rock High School in the championship game.

Nonetheless, Coach Adderley noted that it was a remarkable accomplishment for a school of their size and for the short time the basketball program has been in place. He said that tournament organizers were equally impressed by the level of play by the Agape Eagles.

“I am proud of the kids for what they have accomplished in the short time we've been together,” he said.

During the tournament, Agape played against St. George's High School, which is ranked at No.2 in the country, and beat them by eight points in the first game. They also beat Tabernacle Baptist Academy to advance to the championships.

Coach Adderley made special mention of players like Agassi Saunders, who scored 28 points in the game and was named to the all-tournament squad.

Godfrey Rolle Jr. and Jaron Cornish were all-tournament as well. The three players were mentioned specifically because they have been with the program since it started three years ago, Coach Adderley explained.

“Because of their resilience and their trust in me, it's beginning to pay off for them,” he observed. “As a result of their great play during the tournament, we now have a couple of eyes on them in terms of scouts.”

Although those particular players are a bit young if recruited, Coach Adderley said that they would probably have to go the preparatory school route. With top schools located in Kansas and Florida, he recognized that it is a great opportunity to get them ready for college the following year.

“Everybody was kind of blown away, and asking – ‘Who is Agape?’” he said. “After all of these years and all of the tournaments they went to, this is the most successes we are starting to have now.”

Leading up to the championship

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Bahamian “ultra-runner” to run length of Abaco as fundraiser: 120 miles, non-stop

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tournament in Grand Bahama, the Agape Eagles won the championship game at the Central Eleuthera Basketball Championship, and they made it to championship game at Agape’s Tip-Off Classic Tournament, and made it to their most recent championship game.

“So when the rankings come out which should be shortly, we should probably be top three or four in the country, which is an amazing feat for a program that has only been in existence for three years.”

He said although many people give him all the accolades for the success of the program, it is the basketball players who stuck with him that have made it was it is. The student-athletes work two to three hours a day lifting weights and practicing as well as maintaining good GPAs.

The Agape Eagles left for the Providence Basketball Tournament formerly known as the C.I. Gibson Tournament with Kevin Johnson on Dec.27. As with all tournaments, Coach Adderley said there are challenges with funding, but that the Lord always provides for them and they always find a way to make it work.

“I always tell the guys it’s a process and theirs is not a smooth process,” he remarked. “In the end, we always reflect and say it was rough getting there, but we always seem to have success on the floor and among each other during these tournaments.”

Can she run from the northern-most settlement of Great Abaco Island, Crown Haven, to the southern-most one, Sandy Point, 120-ish miles? And, if so, how long would it take? These are questions Bahamian Rhonda Claridge has been mulling over ever since she read an alarming report this fall and decided she wanted to raise money for Abaco’s local non-profit Friends of the Environment.

As reported in the British newspaper, “The Independent,” coral reef ecosystems are not predicted to survive past this century. Professor Peter Sale of the University of Sydney, a top United Nations scientist who has studied the Great Barrier Reef for decades, explained that humankind’s burning of fossil fuels has led to warmer sea water temperatures and acidification, both of which are killing reefs.

“The report stated that children today are likely to be the last generation to see coral reefs,” Claridge says. “Having been born in a country that has the third-largest barrier reef in the world, and that relies on coral reefs for both tourism and fishing, and having a personal connection to the magical underwater world of reefs,

I was stunned.”

Claridge, 45, grew up in Nassau and spent many weekends with her family anchored off of an island, playing in the sea. “I feel incredibly fortunate to have had those experiences. One of my earliest memories is of swimming with my mother, wearing a mask ... an image of some purple and yellow fairy basslets in a reef hole, caught in a ray of sunlight.”

She lived for a few years in Abaco and was an active member of Friends of the Environment, before moving to the high country of Southwestern Colorado, where she teaches English at Colorado Mesa University. “When you leave The Bahamas and come back, its rareness really strikes you. The sea is not only beautiful; it’s alive, and it supports the whole Caribbean.”

Over the last five years Claridge has discovered a talent for long-distance running or “ultrarunning”: “I don’t have any exceptional athletic skills, but I can hang in there a long time.” So far, she’s completed ten 100-mile races, with a podium finish in all but two. This year she



Above: Rhonda Claridge, the Bahamian “ultra-runner,” who intends to run the entire length of Abaco. The course would run from Crown Haven to Sandy Point, altogether nearly 120 miles. Rhonda intends to do this as a fundraiser for local environmental education charity, Friends of The Environment, and to raise awareness about the declining health of coral reefs.

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Church News

Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel holds annual Christmas Cantata



Above: The Marsh harbour gospel Chapel's choir performing at the annual cantata. Besides holding the cantata in their home church, the choir also travels to surrounding communities such as Cherokee and Man-O-War in the lead up to Christmas. It is an anticipated event every year.

By Jennifer Hudson

The sanctuary of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel was packed to capacity on the evening of December 16 for the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel's Choir performance of their Christmas Cantata. They had already sung to a very appreciative audience the previous evening in the same location and also earlier in the month at Cherokee Sound, Treasure Cay and Guana Cay. They were scheduled to give one more performance of this wonderful can-

tata on Man-O War Cay within the next few days. Each year the choir presents a cantata as its Christmas gift to the community and it always marks the beginning of the Christmas season in a very joyous and poignant way.

Prior to the choir's entry for the cantata, the audience joined together in singing some well-loved Christmas carols. This year, in addition to the usual guitar, drum and piano accompaniment, a trio of two flutes and a violin was added.

Christopher Sawyer confidently opened the evening's programme with his solo 'Born in Bethlehem' which was followed by a soaring rendition of 'O holy night' by Ebony Albury. Young Racquel Albury gave a very sensitive performance of 'One King' and was followed by her grandfather, Pastor David Cartwright, singing the well-loved 'Beautiful star of Bethlehem'.

The 18 member choir presented this year's cantata 'Silent night, holy night', with the powerful and spirited sound for which they are noted. Choir director, Kevin Sawyer, as always did an excellent job of presenting a very well disciplined choir with impeccable harmonies. The only solo in the cantata this year was sung by Londa Sawyer who was accompanied in sign language by her nephew, Myron Sawyer. Everyone looks forward to Myron's performances each year.

This year, the music was further highlighted by magnificent visual images of the Nativity projected onto a large screen behind the choir. The beautiful illustrations followed an opening shot of a crowded and noisy shopping mall reminding people that the focus of the season is not hustle and bustle and noise and that the music presented that evening would be the real music of the season.

At the close of the cantata, choir di-

rector Kevin Sawyer stated that preparing the cantata had been a lot of fun and he hoped that people had paid attention to its message. "A lot of people want to get rid of the true meaning of Christmas but on Christmas morning when you are exchanging and opening gifts think about what God did for us in giving His only Son as our Savior," he commented.



Above: Myron Sawyer's solo performance is the highlight of the event for many each year.

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Church News

Church of the Latter Rain hosts marriage seminar

By Samantha Evans

A one night marriage seminar was held at Latter Rain Church on Sunday December 9 beginning at 7pm. The purpose of the seminar was to help couples across Abaco with various marital problems. Apostle Alex Archer has been called upon to assist couples on regular basis so he decided to host this seminar to equip them with valuable tools needed to help them function adequately in their marriage. The theme for the seminar was "Until Death Do Us Part."

Questions addressed that evening were posed by the floor then answered by Pastor Alex and Minister Brenda Archer. Some of the questions asked were how to tell each other the truth, is sex necessary in marriage, how to bring peace to the marriage, role of the man and woman, marriage and finance, what a man wants from marriage and what a woman wants from marriage. The questions were practical indeed and couples learned a great deal.

They learned to communicate better and what is expected of them. A lot of issues sprung out of the sex and marriage questions as couples appeared to have many concerns. Finances was another hot topic as many couples are having hard

times due to only one person working, cutbacks on the job, insufficient funds being made by those who are working, and poor handling of money by a spouse.

Some of the highlights of the evening were: deal with the ego situation. This was mainly for the men who believe that they should handle the finances. Well couples learned that if the wife is better at handling the money then she should be allowed to do so.

The second highlight was: finances need to be polled and do away with this my money and his money thing. Priorities should be identified and money allocated. Pastor Alex also reminded Christian couples that they should have integrity and pay their bills. They should settle their debt or make arrangement to pay them off. The couples learned so much that they are already calling for another session. They were even able to share strategies with each and give advice to those who needed it.

The session was mainly attended by members of Latter Rain Church but others were in attendance as well. Couples who need spiritual guidance can always visit this church or any other local church as their doors are always open.

Youth News

Santa visits Guana Cay



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A granddaughter's interview

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The story of my grandfather

Interviewed by: *Brittany Leeanne Weatherford*
From: *Walter Scott Weatherford (Grandfather)*

I think my grandfather is the best. That's why I chose him for my Social Studies report. His name is Walter Scott Weatherford. He goes by his middle name, Scott Weatherford. He was the third of 7 children. On May 18th 1944, he was born to Arthur and Marie Weatherford but was raised by his Uncle Will and Aunt Mady. My grand-dad has 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

When my grand-dad was a young boy, Man-O-War was a lot different than it is now. There was only one small grocery store which stocked only the basics such as flour, sugar, rice, condensed milk and corn beef. You could not buy fresh meat or milk back then because there was no refrigeration or electricity. Families would raise chickens, get eggs from them to eat, and kill them for dinner too. Sometimes they would raise pigs for food also.

Fathers would go out on the water to catch fish, crawfish, conch and turtle to feed their families. They also grew their own fresh vegetables. The ladies cooked and baked in outdoor rock ovens. Grand-dad says the bread was the best.

My grand-dad attended school in a one room school house until it was expanded to 2 classrooms in the mid-50s. His teachers were Uncle Haziel Albury, Vashti

Thompson, and Betty Albury. His favorite subject was Geography.

In the afternoons after school, grand-dad didn't have lots of time to play because he had to work in the garden, do house chores, and help Uncle Will at the boat yard. On Saturday, all the young boys went fishing with their fathers so that their families would have food for the weekend. This was one of grand-dad's favorite memories.

From as early as he can remember, my grand-dad went to Sunday School at the Old Gospel Hall. Other churches on the island were the Church of God and a Methodist Church which only held meeting about once per month. A circuit preacher, Mr. Slater moved between Hope Town, MOW, Green Turtle, and Marsh Harbour to hold meetings. That's very different than today where we have three churches who meet several times per week.

When grand-dad was a young boy, he said nearly all the men on the island worked at Uncle Will's boat yard. However, some men went fishing for a living.

When grand-dad finished school, he did 2 years of correspondence courses. He married my granny, Kathryn in Boca Raton, Florida on Sept. 7, 1964. He was 20 years old. They had two children, my dad, William, and my aunt, Laura Lynn. Grand-dad worked at the boat yard from 1959-1975. They produced sail boat yachts.

He started MOW Hardware and ran it for four to five years alone. He then hired Jimmy Albury. In 1980 he along with three other partners took over Seabreezes Ltd. Hardware and renamed it Standard Hardware. He still works there today.

Grand-dad also got involved in 1982 with international shipping. His ships ran freight between the Northern Bahamas and Florida. He also brought cement and steel from Mexico, Venezuela, Trinidad, Honduras, and Jamaica to many Caribbean islands including the Bahamas. Though not in day-to-day involvement, he is still part of shipping today.



Above: Will's Boat Yard. "Nearly all men" on Man-O-War worked here at some time or another.

Grand-dad developed a keen interest in sailing in the early 1970s. He sailed and competed in Class A Sloop Sailing from 1975-2002. His shrewd sailing strategies led him to three Bahamas championships and several Prime Minister's Cups. Because of his considerable success, in 2009 the Family Island Regatta races were dedicated in his honor.

Grand-dad cherishes his community. He was a member of the local Board of Works for many years. He has been an elder in his home churches for over 30 years.

He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1996. He received the Queen's certificate and Badge of Honour in 2009.

I conclude that although Grand-dad's childhood was not luxurious, it was a hearty one. He grew into a reliable, accomplished, and industrious man of God. As a child, he admired Uncle Will the most; now I admire him.

His advice to me and to young people today is, "Be honest, always listen to your parents, and love the Lord with all your heart."



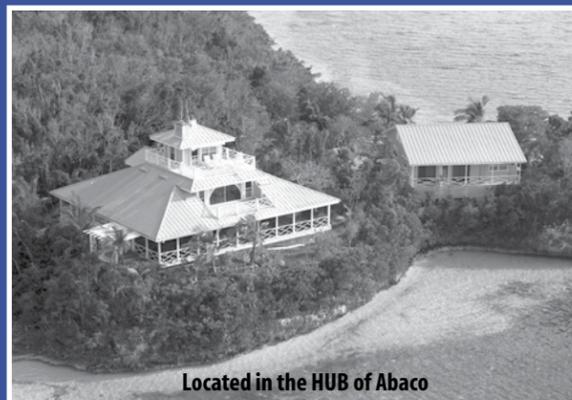
Left: supplies being offloaded at the public dock in Man-O-War.



The old school house in Man-O-War in the 40's and 50's. Note the union Jack still flying above the building.

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Opinion

Abaco Physicians establish partnership with PHA and UWI for family medicine training in Wisconsin

Preparing the next generation of Bahamian doctors

Submitted by Dr. Marc Binard

It has been nearly one year since I wrote a piece in "The Abaconian" announcing my intention to establish a training program in the US for Bahamian Medical Students, Interns and Residents in Family medicine and Internal Medicine. I am pleased to report that the program has now come to fruition; the first two Bahamian Physicians, Dr. Keysha Smith and Dr. Acheabea Ferguson traveled to Wisconsin in November to further their training.

Some of you may recall that I returned to the US in 2009 to recertify and retrain in my specialties of Internal Medicine and Hospital Medicine. I am, at heart, an island doctor but after 10 years of fulltime practice in Abaco, it was time to return to the US to get updated experience in critical care, experience that one can only get from hands on practice in modern Hospitals, Emergency Departments and Clinics.

I chose the Aurora Health Care System in Wisconsin as the venue to obtain my experience. With fifteen hospitals, over 100 clinics and nearly 1500 doctors, Aurora is the fourth largest health care system in the USA. I did not choose Aurora because of its size. I chose it because of its commitment to patient centered care and its close affiliations with the University of Wisconsin, a highly respected lead-

er in medical education. The Midwest is known for its excellence in medical care. It is no accident that the Cleveland Clinic and Mayo Clinic and Northwestern University are all based there.

After two years of working and training in Aurora Hospitals and clinics, I was surprised and honored to be asked to assume the position of Director of Hospital Medicine at the Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County. I declined to accept a subsequent offer for the directorship of the tertiary care hospital, Aurora Baycare Medical Center in Green Bay since this would interfere with my previously expressed desire to return to my Abaco practice fulltime. It is my position as Hospital Director that facilitated a pathway for Bahamian student doctors to benefit from the same experience that I have been fortunate enough to obtain in the USA.

The idea for this program did not start with me. The initial idea came from Dr. Carnille Farquharson, a family physician with whom I have had the pleasure to work with for the last 18 months at Dr. Charite's clinic the Integrated Medical Center in Marsh Harbour. Dr. Farquharson is on faculty of the University of the West Indies and is a professor of Family Medicine at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau.

Last year, Dr. Farquharson ap-

proached me and asked if it would be possible to have third year Family Practice Residents rotate through my hospital to gain experience practicing in an integrated healthcare system, a health care system where the out-patient clinics and hospitals are connected by electronic medical records that allow seamless transitions of care between outpatient and inpatient care. After nearly a year of negotiations, we are pleased to announce that the program is up and running.

On September 12, Dr. Farquharson and Dr. Cherilyn Hanna, Director of the Family Medicine Residency program University of the West Indies, accompanied me back to Wisconsin for a site visit to finalize details for the program. UWI Nassau Medical School Dean Dr. Robin Roberts had to cancel at the last moment but was able to participate via teleconferencing. Our visit started in Milwaukee, the corporate headquarters of Aurora Health Care. The bi-monthly Hospital Directors meeting was being held at Milwaukee's University Club so the visiting doctors were able to meet many of the system's hospital directors, including system director Dr. David Weidig. Relationships were forged at a social gathering after the meeting to facilitate expanding the training program to include Aurora's Milwaukee metro hospitals including Aurora St Luke's and Aurora Sinai.

The following morning we traveled north to complete site visits to Aurora Baycare Medical Center in Green Bay and Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County in Two Rivers. Aurora Baycare hospital is a privately held tertiary care facility while Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County is a beautiful lake front Community Hospital. Both hospitals have a full staff of specialists including cardiology, neurology, neurosurgery and gastroenterology. Drs. Farquharson and Hanna toured both hospitals and were introduced at the Medical Executive Committee meeting.

It seemed that there was a common Bahamian thread that ran through the medical staff at the Aurora hospitals. Dr. Barylak, chief of oncology at the Lombardi Cancer Center, has owned a condo in Cable Beach for twenty five years and the chief of surgery, Dr. William Morgan, has visited Abaco four times in the last year. The visiting doctors were impressed with the modern hospitals and especially with the waterfront patient rooms that seemed more like luxury hotel suites.

With the business of the site visit completed, we all traveled north to my US home in Sturgeon Bay. The following day we took a quick tour of the wineries and cherry orchards of the resort Peninsula of Door County and finished off the day with a traditional Wisconsin "Fish Boil," a dish much like the Bahamian boil fish except it is prepared over an open fire and served for dinner, not breakfast.

In November our first two Bahamian third year family practice residents Dr. Keysha Smith and Dr. Acheabea Ferguson traveled to Wisconsin to begin their one month rotation. The rotation was custom tailored to both physicians' interests. In this case, the emphasis was on inpatient Hospital medicine and Emergency Medicine. Everyone who interacted with the young physicians was impressed with their professionalism, clinical skills and bedside manners. In addition to working at the Aurora Hospital in Manitowoc, the young doctors were able to rotate through Aurora Baycare Medical Center in Green Bay and Aurora Sinai and St Luke's in Milwaukee.

At the completion of the rotation, Dr. Smith was able to secure an interview for the University of Wisconsin Madison-Aurora Internal Medicine Residency at Aurora Sinai, quite an accomplishment given that there were over 1300 applications for 10 positions. It is my hope that this rotation will enable other Bahamian student physician's ability to secure more formal specialty training in the US if this is their desire. As of this writing, there is already one Bahamian Family practice resident training in the Aurora- UW Madison Family medicine residency in Milwaukee.

As physicians, we have not only an obligation to treat our patients; we also have an obligation to train our replacements. Medical knowledge is obtained not only from books but also and perhaps more importantly, from our patients. This knowledge should not be jealously guarded and taken to the grave. It is our obligation to pass down this knowledge to the upcoming generation of young physicians. This program is a small but important step in a larger program that will allow a two way exchange of student and attending physicians between UWI Nassau and UW Madison and will soon allow rotations in Abaco to get family island medical experience in our clinic and Hospital.

I wish to thank my Abaco patients for imparting me with the experience and wisdom that I now may share with others. There is perhaps also a selfish reason behind this exchange. As Dr. Hanna pointed out to me during her site visit "Marc, we had better see that our young Bahamian physicians are well trained because these are the doctors that are going to take care of us when we are old!" True words indeed.

Investing in the training of our young physicians by broadening their experience and exposing them to other medical systems can only improve the health of Abaconians and other Bahamians and what could be more important than that?

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Opinion

The future of healthcare for Abaco and The Bahamas

Submitted by Dr. Carnille Farquharson

It's been 4 years since I started working in Abaco, initially at Auskell and now at Integrated Medical Centre. I've come to love this island and its people and enjoy my weekly treks with the change in pace and beautiful scenery. Each patient experience has increased or reinforced my medical knowledge and I appreciate how I've grown during my time here.

Abaco is unique in The Bahamas in that it provides an island setting but with more access to modern living amenities compared to most other Family Islands. And while the medical care available here also surpasses most other islands it still is not to par with metropolitan New Providence or Grand Bahama. This trend is changing, however, as Abaco's population is steadily and consistently growing and the demand for up-dated health-care infrastructure is now warranted.

In response, the Government has started an expansion of tertiary healthcare facilities and began construction of mini-hospitals in Abaco and Exuma in 2012. When these centers are appropriately and adequately staffed it should result in less patients being transferred or travelling to Nassau or Freeport for hospitalization, emergency and sub-specialty care resulting in a great financial and social improvement for the Abaconian.

Chronic diseases, including obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, and cancers, account for more than 70% of deaths and hospitalizations in the Bahamas. In 2001 the direct and indirect economic burden of hypertension and diabetes alone was about \$77 million in the Bahamas. These are all lifestyle associated diseases and research has shown that they are preventable and/or easily controlled if patients are adequately managed, educated and accept an active role in their overall health. This task is best undertaken by Family Medicine Specialists.

Family Medicine is a Primary Care specialty that is the essential foundation of a successful and sustainable healthcare system. Other Primary Care providers include General Internists, General Paediatricians and Nurse Practitioners. These disciplines represent the first patient contact to the healthcare system and also where the co-ordination of further continuous and long-term care is established.

Family Medicine was recognised as a specialty in the Bahamas in 1985 with the appointment of a consultant at the General Practice Clinic (renamed Family

Medicine Clinic in 2011). Post-graduate training in the Bahamas has graduated 24 more Family Physicians, 8 at the Doctor of Medicine (DM), 15 Masters and 1 Diploma in Family Medicine from the University of the West Indies. This four year program in the Bahamas was established in 2002 by Drs. Cherilyn Hanna-Mahase (Program Director) and Patrick Whitfield and celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012 with recognition of the support of the Public Hospital Authority, physician supervisors, nursing and other ancillary staff.

The program meets regional and international standards for Primary Care training and was accredited by the University of the West Indies in 2004. It also received a positive review by Professor Edward Shahady of the American Academy of Family Physicians during a site visit in December 2005. Recently, with the assistance of Dr. Marc Binard, we've also partnered with the University of Wisconsin in Madison and the Aurora Healthcare System to allow our third year residents to do a one month elective and experience a different medical setting. The knowledge gained will be used to further develop and improve our own local systems. This partnership also allows for medical students and residents from Wisconsin to spend time in the Bahamas, including Abaco, to further enhance their medical training.

The Department of Family Medicine and the Family Medicine Residency Training Program are presently located at the Agape House, Fourth Terrace Centre, New Providence. Its trained physicians are gradually being integrated into the Community Clinics starting with South Beach, Elizabeth Estates, Fleming Street and Flamingo Gardens but will eventually expand into the Family Islands, like Abaco, where the healthcare infrastructure is in further development.

The persons in training are developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes that go beyond diagnosis and treatment of disease, but also promote good health designed to achieve the best possible outcomes for the people of the Bahamas. As co-ordinator of this program I am proud to be a part of this exciting transition period that should see a gradual, consistent reduction in the amount of disabilities and deaths from chronic illnesses that effect so many of us and our families. Then we can all celebrate the resulting improved quality of life and subsequent increase in economic productivity and prosperity for the Bahamas.

Moore's Island is a nature lover's paradise

Submitted by Sherrel Johnson

If you are a bird lover, looking to get away from the hustle and bustle, or a marine biology student, then you must add Moore's Island to your travel diary. The Island is roughly 9 miles long and two to three miles wide and home to numerous species of birds and marine life.

Near the waterways, nature lovers can feast their eyes on cranes, ducks, and falcons. However, other birds like gawlings, flamingoes, and owls are present on the island too. Around the docking areas of the island, large falcons perch themselves on boats and the docking post. The Cummell, which is found on Easteen which is a Cay of the main land, is a bird that is family to the duck but are fierce underwater drivers.

In October of 2012, about 15 to 20 pink Flamingoes were spotted near a pond on the Western end of the island. Lilly Bank is three or four miles off of main land of Moore's Island and is also a nesting ground for birds. The birds here are so plentiful that when they fly up they hide the sky. With a pair of binoculars and a camera you will be armed for the best bird watching time off your life!

In addition to the main island of Moore's island, there are other smaller neighbouring cays. Top Cay, Crab Cay, Soarin Cay and Comomell Point are four cays generally known by residents. So you will need your own boat or hire the services of Mr. Sherman Stuart who has taken my colleagues and I out on numerous occasions and is an excellent proprietor of the sea.

These cays are uninhabited and offer peace and tranquility to anyone needing to just get away. On Top Cay, in particular, the Thatch Palm and Pine trees are the natural fauna of the land. Along the beaches are Australian Cedar which line sandy

virgin beaches. So lay back, as the cedar pines lull you to sleep.

The water is cool and refreshing and is generally pleasant all throughout the year. Top Cay and Soarin Cay are excellent for reef snorkeling so bring your snorkel gear. Crab Cay is also home to a lot of white land crabs so your lunch menu is wide open. Treat yourself to a buffet of seafood delights. How about frying up a few big red snappers? I'm sure you would have no trouble spearing them at all. Or if it is your preference, boil up a pot of crabs you caught. Either way Moore's Island is a seafood lover's paradise.

If you enjoy sport fishing, then this Island is definitely your one stop vacation spot. From Hard Bargain through the Creek and into Soarin Cay, the Bone Fish are even more plentiful than in Sandy Point.

The Mangroves in Moore's Island is not only a breeding ground but a shelter for many small fish. It is here crawfish lay their eggs and when they have hatched, move out to sea. Besides serving as a safety net for many sea creatures, the mangroves protect the land from serious Hurricanes, minimizing the erosion of the shoreline. So university students, if you are looking to study marine life, Moore's Island is the ideal place!

If you plan to spend a few days studying the natural ecosystem here on the island, remember you will need Bahamas Air's six thirty flight into Marsh Harbour. Then get a 8:30 charter flight into from Marsh Harbour on either Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Moore's Island. Tom's Bone Fishing Lodge is available for daily rental. Don't worry once you arrive, it will all be worth it! Remember to pack light and I hope to see you soon!

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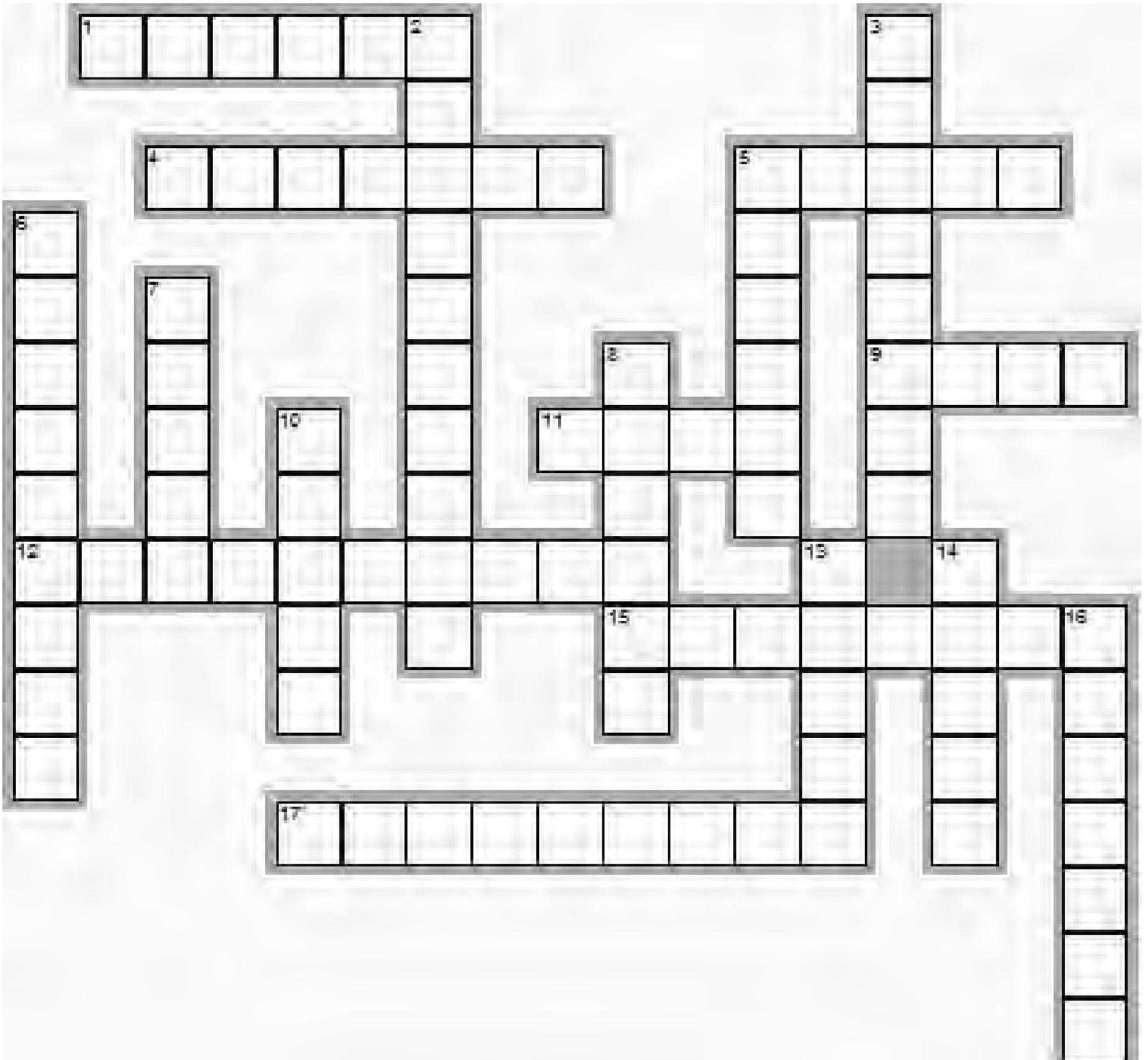
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Clues

Across

1. The 2012 End-of-the-world prophecy attributed to _____
4. This society in Abaco are avid bird-watchers.
5. DPM's nickname.
9. Coastline feature extremely susceptible to hurricanes and surges.
11. Comes in red and white.
12. Made at the beginning of the year.
15. _____ and rubies.
17. A common sight at midnight on new Years.

Down

2. To use in place of; or a student's favourite type of teacher.
3. This "ultra-runner" will attempt Crown Haven to Sandy point.
5. _____ Lane; Orphanage in Nassau.
6. Byrle _____, a memorial park in Hope Town.
7. Precursor to rock n' roll.
8. Everyone's a _____!
10. This airline is eyeing Abaco as a possible new commercial destination.
13. These come in white, black or blue, among others.
14. This "Royal" always wins.
16. Bill _____ Construction; company given Abaco's road contract in October and again for January.

December 15 Crossword Answers

Across

3. MATTHEWS—_____ Point; site of recent illegal trash dumping.
4. PEPPERMINT—Flavour of Christmas.
6. HYPOTHESIS—A scientists comes up with this to test.
9. NICHOLAS—Saint that inspired Santa.
10. PREFECT—A student held to a higher standard.
11. SAWYER—Abaco Senator
15. STINGRAY—Don't get whipped by this cousin to sharks.
16. CURRY—MP for Cedar Harbour.
17. BAZAAR—Not a festival, but a _____.

Down

1. KEY—MP for Crossing Rocks.
2. CANNIBALS—Caribs often accused of being these.
3. MITCHELL—Bahamian Foreign Affairs Minister.
5. WHITE—This "Sound" can be found on both Elbow Cay and Green Turtle Cay.
7. OASIS—The opposite of a desert, but can only be found in deserts.
8. INTERPRET—to change from one language to another.
12. ADDERLEY—Recognized as "Coach of the Tournament" in Eleuthera.
13. FINALS—These mark the end of many college students' semesters.
14. HANUKKAH—Celebrated by people of the Jewish faith this time of year.

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Firemen demonstrate Jaws-of-Life

was second among women in the reputedly most challenging mountain ultrarace of North America, Hardrock 100, with 66,000 feet of elevation change. "It's a tremendous experience to travel a long way on foot. You can access places no one goes, both physical landscapes and mental ones."

Limited to short visits to the islands, Claridge has wanted to contribute more to conservation of the Bahamian ecology, so she decided to raise money for Friends of the Environment over the holidays by running the length of Abaco's largest island on January 5.

"Friends largely facilitates and coordinates scientific research of the Bahamas, so that we get a big picture of changes that are occurring in our environment and have the hard evidence necessary for advocating new policies. Friends also devotes enormous resources to educating the next generation about our environment: Kids go snorkeling, pick up garbage, work alongside scientists. They are going to be in a position to manage and conserve our natural resources when they grow up."

Though she acknowledges that it is difficult for a small island nation to alter the effects of global oil and gas use, Claridge feels that the Bahamian government could be more outspoken internationally about the impacts of carbon burning on our coral reefs and more proactive at home about conserving our natural heritage.

She hopes that people will pledge currency per mile of the run, and that the very generous will double their pledges if she finishes in less than 25 hours. "It will be the longest distance that I've ever run, and I don't know if I can make it under 25." Running is a popular sport in the Abacos, and Claridge expects local children and adults to pace her for segments as she passes through various communities. "Anyone is welcome to come along, just don't expect me to do all the talking."

She says, though it may seem like a nutty endeavor, people are taking on similar challenges all the time all over the world. "My sister once waterskied from Nassau to the Exumas, for more than two hours. The American Diana Nyad set a world record swimming 100 miles from Bimini to Florida. I don't know if any other Bahamians have run 100 miles, but I seriously doubt that anyone has ever run all of Abaco non-stop. Maybe I'll set a record that others will break. If I'm lucky, I'll see shooting stars during the night and Abaco parrots at dawn."

To make a pledge, go to friendsoftheenvironment.org.



Above: the MHVFR demonstrates their newly acquired Jaws-of-Life at the recent Christmas festival. This life-saving piece of equipment has proven critical in the past. Abaco Crash & Rescue in Treasure Cay also have a Jaws-of-Life for emergencies.

By David Ralph - Roving Reporter

During the recent Christmas Festival, the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue staged a mock auto crash rescue along with the Ambulance service. The car's roof was removed to access the manikin inside by the Emergency Medical Services staff.

The demonstration must have been accurately staged as reports came in from motorists of a serious accident in front of the BAIC park where the festival was held.

The Jaws-of-Life is a portable mechanical shear capable of cutting through wrecked automobiles allowing access to those trapped or pinned inside. This equip-

ment came along with the acquisition of the most recent fire engine.

This is Abaco's second Jaws-of-Life with the Treasure Cay Crash and Rescue volunteers having acquired one of these devices several years ago.

TCBT to celebrate 30 years

-Press Release-

The Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament (TCBT) will celebrate its 30th anniversary June 1-7, 2013 at beautiful Treasure Cay Beach Marina & Golf Resort, Abaco, Bahamas. Known for its great fishing, excellent value and fun social events, the world-class competition attracts teams from around the world.

The TCBT modified release tournament offers four days of fishing, a lay day, social parties, dinners and fun competitions. The guaranteed cash payout ranges from \$10,000 for a minimum of ten boats and up to \$50,000 for participation of 50 boats.

The TCBT offers a special bonus of one free room night at the resort or a free day of dockage for registrations made prior to March 31, 2013. The early registrations also receive an entry into a drawing for free tournament dockage from June 1-6 for boats up to 60 feet and additional prizes including air tickets to the Bahamas.

TCBT - World Class Fishing, Family Fun

One of the best fishing destinations in the Bahamas, Treasure Cay is known for grander-size record-breaking marlin, large dolphin and wahoo.

While targeting billfish is the focus of the TCBT, the tournament includes Fun Fish Division awards for tuna, dolphin and wahoo. The Fun Fish Division offers an optional payout rivaling top prizes of U.S. based tournaments. In addition to the cash prizes, winners receive beautiful trophies and the top team is honored on a statuesque Perpetual Trophy showcased in the resort's Spinnaker Restaurant, one of the largest air conditioned out-island restaurant facilities available for events. Awards are also presented to Top Lady and Junior Anglers.

Release point standings are verified by the participant's own digital and/or video camera with an image that can verify the time and date the photo was taken. The TCBT is open to the public and center con-

sole boats over 30 feet are welcome.

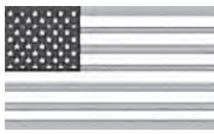
The top TCBT team will qualify for the IGFA Offshore World Championship, with information available at www.igfaoffshorechampionship.com.

In addition to its great food and family social events, the TCBT also raises funds for the children of the Treasure Cay Primary School. Details, photos and the tournament magazine are available on www.treasurecay.com. Information can also be found at www.facebook.com/treasurecayresort. Live scoring is provided by www.catchstat.com.

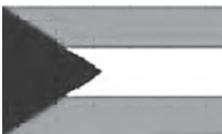
Registration for up to six team members, including boat entry, cash prize eligibility, dinners, cocktail parties, team goody bag and room discounts is only \$2,950 per team and can be made online at www.treasurecay.com.

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and what program they would implement to address this issue. The ladies answered their question and many in the crowd had each decided in their mind who they thought the top three should be. But they had to wait for the judges to tally their scores.

While waiting, Miss Abaco 2011-2012 Nevandria Rolle, made her final walk followed by her farewell speech. She thanked her mother, family and friends for their love, support and prayers. She spoke about her experience in The Miss Bahamas Pageant and a recent pageant in Exuma. She told the audience that even though her reign ends tonight, that they have not seen the last of her.

The six beauties then surprised Mr. Stubbs with flowers and thanked him for all of the time he committed to preparing them for this pageant. He was shocked, but appreciative, of their kind gesture. After that, the final awards were given before the new queen was crowned.

The final awards were: Miss Congeniality which was voted upon by the contestants, which went to Miss Ebony Bass. She also captured the Director's Award for being the contestant to improve the most in the pageant especially since she could not walk in heels or model when she started this journey towards the Miss Abaco crown.

The top three awards for evening gown were: in third place Lashawn Bevans, second place Erica Pinder and in first place Patricia Curry.

Now the moment had arrived, as the judges handed TJ Stubbs the final results. In third place was Ebony Bass.



Above: Ramonica Hamilton.

In second place was Erica Pinder. The 2012-2013 Miss Abaco winner was Miss Spring City, Patricia Curry.

The audience was in shock again, which seemed to be the trend of the evening, as results were read. Never-the-less, the audience remained peaceful. However, while the new queen was being crowned, many who believed the judges chose the wrong beauty left the hall. The new queen took her final walk of the evening.

The scoring for the evening was not divulged to the audience, but some persons enquired afterwards and were given some information which they were unsatisfied with.

Regardless, the new queen was crowned and the remaining beauties congratulated her graciously.

The top three received a bouquet of flowers and a trophy. The new queen will receive a crown stated to value some \$8000. Her journey will begin on January 5 as she prepares to attend the Miss Tourism International Pageant in China. The judges for the evening were Dominique Rolle,

Otis Ferguson -BTC Acting Manager Abaco, Nancy Whitset - second homeowner, Charles Burnside - Professional Trainer, Samantha McCartney -Miss Galaxy Bahamas, Reginald Deveaux -Owner Reginald's Collection and Corell Pinder -former Miss Earth Bahamas 2011. The host for the event was Perez Clarke. The after party was held at Mangoes Restaurant for the VIP ticket holders.

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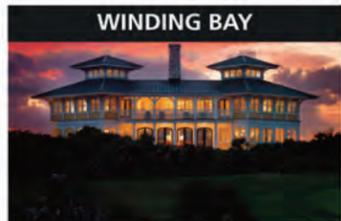
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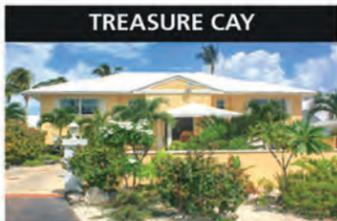
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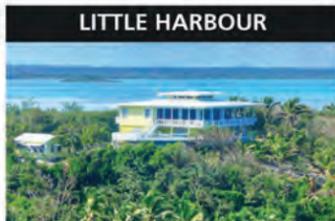
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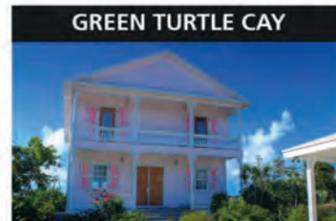
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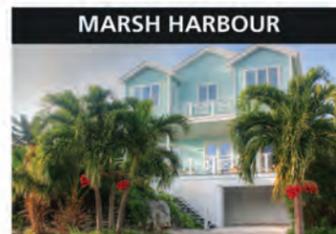
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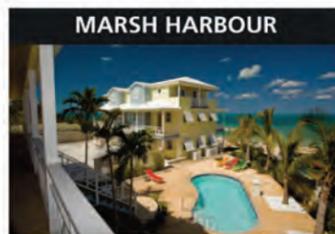
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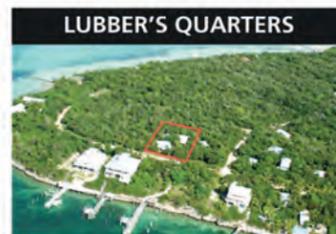
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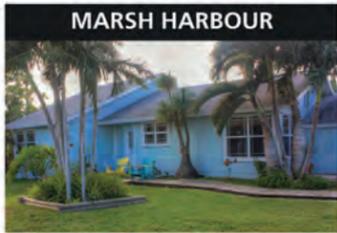
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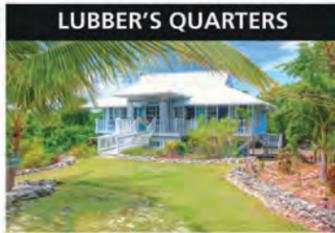
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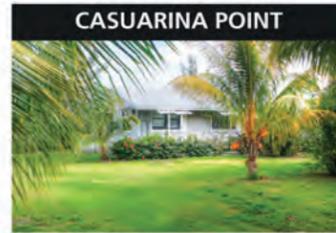
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