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## Road work underway in Central Abaco



By Timothy Roberts

Road repairs have begun in Dundas and Murphy Town and Marsh Harbour as Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd started work during the second week of February to repair potholes and resurface portions of the road.

Minister of Works Philip Brave Davis signed a \$1.3 million contract with Bill Simmons Company on January 3 for a scope of works that included filling of potholes and resurfacing more problematic portions of road between the three Central Abaco settlements.

Craig Simmons, Project Manager for Bill Simmons Company said "What we are doing now is the road treatment and the initial widening of the road for the initial paving of the road."

Mr. Simmons said the area by Texaco is going to be reconstructed and that it was just patched to make the road for the public a little smoother in the meantime.

Mr. Simmons said that the repairs are estimated to take up to four months; however, "we intend to complete it in three-and-a-half months."

He also indicated that they have hired a number of local workers since starting and hope to hire a few more before the job is complete.

"We have a few guys employed and we intend to hire a few more. I'm teaching them the ropes so hopefully one day they will be able to do this themselves and companies wouldn't be able to come in," he said.

Road work by Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Company has commenced in Central Abaco. The \$1.3 million contract signed by Hon. Phillip Davis had a scope of works that includes filling potholes as well as resurfacing of sections of the road. Craig Simmons -Project Manager- said what the public is currently seeing is "road treatment" for the eventual widening and paving of the roads. One area in particular, in front of Texaco in Marsh Harbour, will receive complete reconstruction, according to Mr. Simmons. Despite a four month timeline for the work, Mr. Simmons said he and his crew were aiming to be finished within three and a half months.

## Forestry town meeting plants seeds for FAO Training Project



A Town Meeting was held on Jan 20 to discuss viable harvesting of Abaco's pine forest, among other topics. Above: Arien Sikken, FAO Forestry Specialist; Christopher Russell - Director of Forestry; Kadie Mills - Office Manager, BNT Abaco; David Knowles - Director of Parks. For more see page 6.

## Financial Services Minister meets with MOB Group stresses government does not know full impact of Marina industry



Above: Minister for Financial Services, Ryan Pinder, met with members of MOB early February. Seen here at the end of the table during the meeting at Schooner Bay, Min. Pinder crunches the figures laid out to him by the group.

Marina Operators of The Bahamas (MOB) met on Feb 5 at the Schooner Bay development in South Abaco. On the agenda for the meeting was a financial overview of the organization, a discussion of new marketing tactics and presentations by ancillary partners such as the Police who reported on stolen vessels throughout the country.

The day was capped by a round table discussion with the Minister for Financial Services: the Hon. Ryan Pinder. MOB made the case to Mr. Pinder that the government loses millions of dollars in revenue a year from faulty recording a collec-

tion practices in the marina and yachting industries.

MOB is an organization of 46 marinas and marine-oriented businesses stretching from Grand Bahama to Long Island. According to MOB President Joseph Dargavage, they are the leading voice for the economically critical, yet underdeveloped, marina industry in the country.

Mr. Dargavage pointed to collaborative marketing, such as displays at the Miami Boat Show, and being able to confidently refer yachters to fellow MOB

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# Central & All Abaco

## Min. Dorsett reviews landfill on Abaco Management to return to central government

By Timothy Roberts

Minister of Environment and Housing, Ken Dorsett, visited Abaco's landfill and two transfer stations on February 8 in order to assess and ensure the investment in the island's waste management is properly managed and utilized.

During his trip to Abaco Mr. Dorsett visited the landfill at Snake Cay and the transfer stations near Cherokee and Cedar Harbour, all of which have had their share of problems.

Mr. Dorsett said he visited with the Director with responsibility for Landfills, Thomasina Wilson along with his local team to make an assessment of the landfill transfer stations as well as these dumpsites throughout Abaco.

"We really need to see what we are up against to address issues of remediation and to make sure that the amount of money that the government has invested in infrastructure in Abaco to deal with waste disposal is properly utilized," he said.

Recently Cabinet made a decision that all landfills will fall back under the purview of the Department of Environmental Health Services (DEHS). In the family islands it presently comes under local government's management.

The current contract for the Great Abaco Landfill expired last year, the Ministry of Environment will now work out a new framework for the management of that

facility and to address some necessary improvements to it.

He noted, however, that collection still falls under the purview of local government but moving forward the management of all landfills and dealing with the dumpsites will be the responsibility of DEHS.

"The preliminary assessment is that there is a considerable amount of work to be done," he said. "I am incredibly disappointed when I see the amount of money that was invested in building transfer stations in Cedar Harbour and Cherokee that are not being used."

Mr. Dorsett said his Ministry intends to make sure money is available to clean the sites and use them for the purpose they were intended to serve.

"We're going to be cleaning those up, putting bins onsite, to ensure that widespread indiscriminate dumping that takes place does not continue, and I am hoping, now that we are in a mid-term budget and we'll be planning for the next fiscal year, that we'll be able to allocate the necessary resources so that all of those facilities are properly manned and that there is a proper plan with respect to how we manage the waste," he said.

He added that the "scope of work to be performed by whoever manages the landfill in the future needs to be revised and proper practices needs to be established to ensure we don't have a repeat performance of what I have seen out there."

Ms. Wilson's report on the Central Abaco Landfill indicated the need to deal with the current cells and do some minor adjustments to address the leachate pond, compromised lining and issues with the

storm drain to make sure they function properly.

Mr. Dorsett said that Ms. Wilson has made recommendations and he will be guided by that fully understanding the urgency of the matter.

## Red Cross launches HIV/AIDS Preventative Education Project

By Canishka Alexander

John Darville, project coordinator for the Bahamas Red Cross' Caribbean HIV/AIDS Project (CHAP), led a press conference on Feb. 7 at Abaco Central High School (ACH) to talk about the upcoming preventative AIDS program that will be implemented on the island of Abaco. The program is sponsored by the American Red Cross.

He explained that the Red Cross' International Services was pleased to execute programs for the past four years, and that the Bahamas Red Cross' Director General - Caroline Turnquest - was on-island to launch the partnership for their first ever intervention workshop.

"Under the banner of humanity," Ms. Turnquest said, "we seek to alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. For us as a country with a high rate of HIV infection per capita in comparison to our neighbouring nations and indeed the world, there are high levels of HIV-related human suffering."

Ms. Turnquest expressed excitement over the opportunity to partner with the International Services Division of the American Red Cross. She said this particular program is managed by six countries in the

Caribbean, so they are pleased to have been chosen for their funding and technical support. The funding for the project covers a period of four years, and is divided into two phases with the first phase having already been completed.

"In this second phase of the project, our intervention team at the society is expected to launch and execute a community stakeholders development process, and a series of interventions on two islands of The Bahamas. For this initial part of the project, the team has decided to work with the islands of Abaco and Eleuthera over the next two years. Our intervention targets youths ages 16 to 29, who are in vulnerable situations."

Mr. Darville said that discussions had begun on the island three weeks before with a stakeholders visit to ensure that all partners were engaged, and that there is a community buy-in and consensus toward a successful end. He graciously applauded Preston Cunningham, senior island administrator, for his full support of the program from the onset and for his advice and guidance.

During his remarks, Renardo Curry, MP for North Abaco and Parliamentary Secretary, voiced his discontent over The Bahamas' HIV/AIDS statistics. He encouraged the students to practice abstinence, and to follow the guidelines of the program, so that they may fulfill their lifelong goals.

That day, the intervention team began their partnership on Abaco with 35 participants within their target group at Abaco Central High School. According to Mrs. Turnquest, the initial target population for Abaco is 500 young people. The project will also focus on the Haitian diaspora living in the Mud and Pigeon Pea communities.

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# Central & All Abaco

## Forestry town meeting plants seeds of FAO Training Project

By Jennifer Hudson

The Ministry of The Environment and Housing held a Town Meeting on January 20 in the St. John the Baptist Parish Church Hall to inform the public about the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Forestry Pilot Training Project for The Bahamas. The meeting was opened with prayer by John Hudson, Local Government Representative for South Abaco, followed by opening remarks by David Knowles, Director of Parks for the Bahamas National Trust, (BNT).

Mr. Knowles welcomed everyone on behalf of the organizations involved in this technical cooperation project, namely, the Ministry of the Environment, BNT and FAO and commended Christopher Russell for putting the evening's programme together.

Mr. Russell, who is Director of Forestry/ Forestry Unit, Ministry of The Environment and Housing gave a briefing on the Forestry Act and Regulations plus Forestry Development Potential Opportunities. He stated that in 1996 a permit was granted for forestry on 137, 974 acres of Crown Land and 10, 877 acres of private land for Abaco residents.

In 2010 the government of The Bahamas formulated the Forestry Act which became enacted in 2011. This provided the legal framework for the long term management of the forests and established a government forestry agency with the appointment of a Director of Forestry.

Every five years a National Forestry plan is prepared to manage the forests for a sustainable yield of timber and contribution to the national economy. Each designated forestry area is subjected to a management plan which includes:

- Harvesting and reforestation, prescription for fire prevention, prescribed burning and wildfire suppression.
- Offences such as squatting, unattended fires and dumping all of which carry a fine and/or imprisonment.
- Important regulations – leases, licences, permits for forestry, use of prescribed burning, forest roads and forest recreation.

Information was given on the Lindar Industries Project, Abaco. Lindar Industries Limited has been granted a five year renewable timber harvesting licence for two areas of Pine Forest on Crown Land near the Treasure Cay Airport and at Little Harbour. Also for the construction of a sawmill south of Marsh Harbour.

The company is allowed to selectively thin out selected areas of the pine forest for the manufacturing of baseboards, crown moldings, floorings, wood chips and mulch. Terms and conditions set out for this company are that they must hire

at least ten Bahamians in skilled and semi-skilled jobs, present a working plan, have in place a fire management plan and construct a weighbridge to record the weight of the pine logs.

The government receives royalties from the sale of the finished products and will consider renewal for a further five years.

The Forestry Project for Abaco provides a contract for training in Forestry Management and Planning by a specialist for eleven months, also for the training of park wardens and the production of forestry management plans. The question was asked by a member of the audience as to whether persons can get into businesses concerning forestry. Mr. Russell replied in the affirmative that government will assist anyone in these projects and he will help get government approval. "Regulations allow for development on the right scale for businesses such as mulching, chipping etc.," he stated.

Arien Sikken, a FAO Forestry Specialist from the Netherlands, presented the second portion of the programme which was an introduction to the Forestry Training Project. Mr. Sikken was described as well qualified to train Bahamians. He was selected from a very large number of applicants and holds a B.Sc. in Forestry as well as a Master's Degree in GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

Mr. Sikken explained that the FAO assists countries who are members of the United Nations in providing expertise and

information. The original plan for the training exercise was to train 2-4 people from the BNT but already 20 people participated in the first workshop in Nassau. The second workshop which was taking place on Abaco had fifteen participants; both workshops were of three days duration. Topics included in the course were: history and current state of the forests, species identification, sustainability, tools and equipment, logging operations, wood processing and products, policy and legislation.

"One third of the forest in The Bahamas is pine which is only found on Andros, Grand Bahama, New Providence and Abaco," informed Mr. Sikken. "Opportunities for use of the pine include lumber, furniture, poles, pulpwood, firewood, charcoal, wood chips, resin and turpentine."

Day one of the Abaco workshop involved monitoring harvesting in the Treasure Cay area, demarcating boundaries, skid trail design, selecting future crop trees and selecting for future harvest. Days two and three were in the Spring City area and also involved selecting trees for future crops and harvest and skid trail design. Future workshops, it was announced, will cover chainsaw use, prescribed burning and training in the use of GIS.

The Forestry Management Pilot which will be held between Spring City and Marsh Harbour for one month in March/April will cover:

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- Training and employment of Abaconians as forestry workers.
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- Thinning and tree felling.

Following Mr. Sikken's presentation which included an interesting power point presentation of explanatory photographs, a short question/ answer period was held. The meeting was closed by Mr. Knowles who remarked on the intensity of the course which is both theoretical and practical. He encouraged the audience to support the forestry sector; "The pine forest in Florida has been lost but we do not want to see it happen here. We must manage the forests which is what the trainees are learning to do now," he stated.

## Department of Forestry performs on-site training

*By Mirella Santillo*

The class-room training of prospective forestry officers that took place in the evening of January 30 was followed by two on-site demonstrations in the forest located in the Treasure Cay area, across and north of the airport. It was followed by a similar exercise on January 31 in the forest near



*In the days following the Forestry town-hall presentation on Jan 20, fifteen participants went into Abaco's pine forests to perform on-site training to recognize and categorize healthy and suitable trees for future lumber crop.*

Spring City and on February 1 again in North Abaco.

Fifteen participants from New Providence, Grand Bahama, Andros, Eleuthera and Abaco, among them forestry officers for the Bahamas National Trust, were shown how to recognize and identify trees suitable for future crop. The trees had to be straight and healthy with no branches.

A consultant from the Netherlands, Arian Sikken, who has been exploring the pine forest of Abaco for the last several months to identify suitable areas verified

that the participants had chosen the right trees which were then marked with tape for future reference.

Christopher Russell, Director of Forestry for The Bahamas, was among the group. He explained that the aim was to train people nationally to introduce them to basic forestry management concepts, to teach them terminology and various other aspects of a park warden responsibilities such as how to measure trees' heights, diameter and volume and to identify sample trees in a basic area, defining volume per

hectare. The trainees also have to learn how to use a GPS to find the sample points, such as the nine points identified in a 600hec. area of forest North of Treasure Cay, the previous day.

According to Mr. Sikken, the pine forest around Spring City was not the best for future crop. On the West side of the logging road, very few trees were suitable. They were either warped or very thin. On the East side, however quite a few good trees were marked as suitable for future crop material, but the best trees, said Mr. Sikken, were found in the north.

The next step will be to clear the immediate surroundings of the marked trees to allow them to develop without impediment, by removing the smaller trees next to them.

The tree crown, he explained, must have enough space to develop as its size is proportionate to the size of the trunk. The smaller trees, explained the local Bahamas National Trust Forestry Officer, Mr. Marvin Russel, will be used for minor local industries such as crafts or fencing.

The training was a hands-on exercise; the data recorded during the field trips will be analyzed and the inventory will be kept to determine the value of timber to be used for further concession areas.

Such concessions have already been granted to Lindar Industries that will start logging in the north part of Abaco sometime this year.



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# From the Editor's Desk // Cupid on Wheels



I hope \$1.3 million does more for our roads than I think it will. Maybe I'm just too used to hearing about our government, past and present and most likely future, spending tens of millions and seeing paltry, measly results. So it doesn't surprise me when fellow Abaconians aren't impressed when the seemingly low figure of \$1.3 million is thrown out as a solution to what is an increasingly dangerous situation on Abaco's roads. Does the country have money to spend? Have you seen our debt? I am a realist and I know we're not rolling in surpluses, but this island community has paid more than our fair share into the Treasury to warrant a basic upgrade.

Spending. Money. Paying for fancy things. Is there a day this month I'm supposed to buy fancy things for somebody? I'll figure this out.

I am thrilled, however, to see some progress being made. I am thrilled that there is a government contract being executed and the people executing it are making themselves available to us, the media. I am thrilled that private companies (looking at you, Woslee) are making efforts to reinvest in this community. I am thrilled to see also boats humming along through the harbour and across the Sea of Abaco. There is one vantage point I enjoy driving by that lets me see out over the sea between Marsh Harbour, Guana Cay and Man O War. Every time I drive by I see a handful of sailboats enjoying what made this beautiful country so famous.

Beautiful. Beauty. Ah, I think I remember now.

So I ask my fellow local readers to at the same time be patient and vigilant. It appears work is being done and so we should be bringing pitchers of lemonade (and later in the day) coconut swigel to our friends laboring to fix our roads: anything to help them along faster. On the other side of the token we need to remain vigilant and stay on top of our representatives in government. We did pay for this work, after all.

Maybe one day soon we can all take our dates out on a smooth, enjoyable Valentine's Day car ride without worrying about falling into a pot hole.

I keep feeling like there is something I am forgetting. Something important. Something that probably involves roses, and chocolates and hearts and happens mid-February. Cannot seem to put my finger on it. I am sure it will come to me.

Hello again, dear readers. Welcome to the February 15 edition of Abaco's best, and only, newspaper. Those of you keeping track at home know how quickly we are moving through this year. Soon we will be in fishing tournament season. When top sport fishermen come to our quiet islands to compete in a bevy of different fishing challenges and legs. The granddaddy of them all, the Bahamas Billfishing Tournament, will have teams trolling our waters all in search of that giant champion's ring.

Rings. Jewelry. Gifts. What am I forgetting?

Yes, we are through the holiday season and edging our way towards the heat and craze of summer-fun. We are inching along though the year, because these disastrous roads of ours won't allow for us to drive along any faster. And yes, Bill Simmons and Co. are out there working (we have pictures of them doing so) and God bless them. But it really is a shame that our roads got to the point that they are in now.

Sometimes I drive up to Cooper's Town just to know what it feels like to drive twenty yards without slowing to a crawl or swerving to avoid craters that would make the moon envious.

Moon. Full moon. Moonlit dinner. Seriously, what am I forgetting this month?

## Community Calendar

•Feb 15-16: Sandra Riley & Alton Lowe Book Signing and Art Show at Abaco Gold

•Feb 18: Mangoes Restaraunt Reopens

•Feb 20: FRIENDS Environmental Film Fest Continues at Friend's Office

•Feb 21: Read Between the Wines at Tuppys

•Feb 22: Teachers and Salaried Workers Credit Union Ground Breaking

•Feb 22-23: Love Rush Junkanoo

•Feb 22-23: Hummingbird Art Gallery Kid's Art

Workshop in Hope Town

•Feb 24: Change Ministries National Back to Church Sunday

•Feb 27: Tourism's People to People Reception in

Treasure Cay

•Feb 28 - Mar 2: Songwriters Festival on Elbow Cay

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# Letters to the Editor

## “Props” to the Prop Shop and Boatyard

Dear Editor;

There are so many unhappy and negative letters to the editor, please allow this positive one.

In days past, it would have been called “kudos” or “atta-boys.” Now I guess it is a shout out. By any other name, both the Marsh Harbour Boatyard and Abaco Marine Props deserve praise for the terrific service that they recently provided us.

After trying to create a new channel in some Abaco marl, our starboard prop was quite damaged and the port one less so. We brought the boat to the Marsh Harbour Boatyard Wednesday, January 30. They promptly hauled the boat, removed the props with help from an outside vendor, and delivered them to the Abaco Props. They in turn went right to work and returned them all symmetrical, shiny, and as good as new on Thursday. The Yard had our boat back in the water by late afternoon.

So “Hats off” to Tracy and the whole crew at the Marsh Harbour Boatyards and to Jason and Lucy at Abaco Marine Props.

The world would be a better place if all service providers performed so efficiently.

-Doug & Betsy Moody  
Hope Town

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes First

Dear Editor;

Please allow my open letter to Lee Lowe.

Before you have anything to say about what is going on (Letters to the Editor: Feb. 1), you need to walk a mile in my shoes. I have been asking for help for 8 years but past and present governments did not help me. I have now had to go and rent and you want to tell me to pray for, what, more illegal immigrants?

Up until this day the PM has not done anything. So Lee, just [be quiet about things you don't know] ok? Don't mean to be rude, but when Christie ran, he said he was for the Bahamian people. What a joke! My lawyer sent letters to the Environmental Ministry, they did nothing, a letter went to Immigration, they did nothing, a letter went to the Ministry of Works but they did nothing.

Well, Lee, tell me what is there to respect about Christie: nothing. All I asked of him was to buy my two houses so I can leave a country that has gone [downhill]. Just look at Marsh Harbour. The slums look better than my once beautiful county! This is what the past and present governments did for me. Well, now I will leave them in God's hands.

-Martha “Dee Dee” Russell

P.S. Sometimes the po-pos will come but they don't do anything. So much for having them.

## PLOP Urges You to Adopt-a-Pothole

Dear Editor;

I heartily agree with Mr. Wood (Abaconian, Feb. 1st) - pot-holes are an important part of our heritage. Some people say they are ugly, but I have a solution for that: the Pot-hole Landscaping and Ornamentation Project, commonly known as PLOP.

Under this plan, people adopt their very own, personal pot-hole, and then decorate it with shells, coloured rocks, or a few low-lying plants - maybe even a banana tree or two in the rainy season. At Christmas, the best decorated pot-hole wins a prize.

This will encourage people to take pride in our pot-holes, and also lessen the road-rage of those who are unlucky enough to drive into one.

And by the way - all you scientists who say that those Sawmill Sink crocodiles are “extinct” - there's at least one that's alive & well and living in a pot-hole on Don McKay Blvd.

Yours sincerely,  
Alison Ball  
PLOP Secretary

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## Speed a major factor in second traffic fatality of the year



Above: scene of Abaco's second traffic fatality of the year. The driver, a 37 year old male of Marsh Harbour according to Police, was pronounced dead at the scene. Speed was a major factor - snapping a utility pole along Forrest Drive. The Abaconian reminds its readers to drive carefully, soberly and buckle up.

### Press Release

On Sunday, February 10, 2013 at about 3:20 am a 29 year old female resident of Marsh Harbour contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that an accident occurred on Forest Drive, in the area of Southside Road involving a single vehicle. Police assistance was requested.

Officers of the Traffic Division and Marsh harbour Police Station responded and arrived at the scene and discovered a Gray 1990 Ford Mustang registered to a male resident of Marsh Harbour and driven by the deceased - a 37 year old male of Marsh Harbour.

This vehicle received extensive damage.

The deceased was the lone occupant of the Gray Mustang and was travelling west on Forrest Drive in the area of Southside Road when he lost controlled and collided into a Bahamas Electricity Corpora-

tion light / lamp pole. He received serious injuries and succumbed to said injuries at the scene.

The scene was visited by Emergency Medical Personnel c/o Marsh Harbour Emergency Medical Team, who rendered medical assistance to the injured party, who showed no vital signs.

It appears that speed was a major contributing factor in this incident. An intensive investigation has been launched into this matter. The deceased's vehicle collided with utility pole #404 snapping the pole in half.

The local Doctor c/o Marsh Harbour Government Clinic visited the scene and pronounced the body dead.

Investigations into this matter are being continued by Abaco Traffic Police Officers and a team of officers from Grand Bahama District and New Providence Dis-

## Gardening Workshop held at Community Center

By Timothy Roberts

On January 15 Island Waves Community Centre held their first of a series of open to the public Gardening Workshops at their Cultural Center on Queen Elizabeth Drive with a session on preparing and sustaining an herb garden.

Barbara Foreman, employee of Abaco Neem, and Peter Bradley led the workshop which outlined the basics of planting herbs and flowers from seeds. Ms. Foreman also showed how toilet paper rolls can be recycled and made into miniature pots to plant herb seeds in.

Participants will be required to maintain their herb plantings over the next few weeks and continuing workshops will be held at the Cultural Centre.

Garnell Limperes, founder of Island Waves, said she visited a few schools in the area in hopes to garner interest from students to attend. "We want to give people, young or old, an idea of how to grow vegetables and herbs for themselves," she said.

The Centre is also organizing several other workshops including Women's and Men's Empowerment, jewelry making and music industry workshops.

## Art for the Parks offers many events to the public

By Canishka Alexander

Simultaneous events took place at the Bahamas National Trust's (BNT) Art for the Parks on Jan. 26 - one of which was the 2013 Chalk Art Festival. Thirty blocks of art work by Abaco artists were aligned along the boardwalk and were sponsored by local churches, business establishments and banking institutions. The event was organized by The Rotary Club of Abaco.

According to Rev. Andrew Sands, youth director of the Rotary Club of Abaco, about 35 artists participated in the Rotary-sponsored event, and some of the blocks had two artists working together on them. The event helped to raise funds for Rotary's youth programs: Rotaract and Interact.

At the end of the Chalk Art Festival, awards were presented to the artists. Most Original was awarded to Artist Garnell Stuart Dawkins for Java Coffee Shop, and second place went to Artist Kate Sims for the Lock Doctor. Most entertaining was received by Garnell Stuart Dawkins for Island Veterinary Clinic, and Ozeke Swain came second for Abaco Judo. The Best Overall award was won by Elmer Bongon, a St. Francis teacher, who was sponsored by The Abaconian.

### Nature Rocks Art Competition:

Meanwhile, the 2nd Annual Nature

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The Abaconian - sponsored artist, Mr. Elmer Bongon, won overall for the Rotary Club Chalk Art Event. Funds raised went towards Rotary's two youth organizations on Abaco: Rotaract and Interact.

Rocks Art Competition was underway with Lynn Gape, BNT deputy executive director. There were three categories with Category 1 assigned to primary schools; Category 2 for middle schools, and Category 3 for high schools. Students were asked to design music CD covers for an album called Nature Rocks. Some of the talented students also wrote and included songs with lyrics in their designs.

First place winners in Category I were Deshawn McKinney; Eddison Saunders; Vanique Williams; Patyra Bain; Maesha McKinney; Brianna Russell; and Newillo Williams of Crossing Rocks Primary. The second place winner was Gerline Belot of Treasure Cay Primary. Aaliyah Roberts of Man-O-War Primary placed third; and Brian Francis of Treasure Cay Primary received honourable mention for his sub-

mission.

Felecia Roberts won first place in Category II, followed by Giavanna Manne, second, and Kyle Reeves in third place. They are all students of Mary E. Albury High School. Honourable mention was bestowed upon Dale Bethel Jr. of Mary E. Albury.

In Category III, two honourable mentions were given. The first went to Adrianna Francis, Lernise Louis and Bernise Ordain of Abaco Central High School, and the other to Matrisha Louis of S.C. Bootle.

Meanwhile, Eric Sands of Abaco Central High placed first; Johnson and Johnny Auguste of S.C. Bootle placed second, while Ashvonn Russell of S.C. Bootle received third place.

Celena Russell was the overall winner with her Born to Be Wild design.

### Da Market vendors:

After the announcement of the winners winners for the art competition was complete, S.C. Bootle students ventured outside to the tent where their principal Huel Moss, owner of Fruity Freddie Farms, congratulated them upon hearing the good news. As for business that day, he said it had been off and on; however, the event does allow him to gain more exposure for his business. Adjacent to Moss was Bro. Lennie Etienne of Jerutha Farms, who appreciated the opportunity to sell his tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbages. He, on the other hand, longs for a venue where farmers can gather frequently, so that they can offer more variety instead of focusing on cash crops alone.

Business appeared to be moving along steadily for Theresa Pinder Haynes



Above: Bro. Lennie Etienne of Jerutha Farms holding up some of his tomatoes.

of PH & B's Delight where jams and peppers sauces were displayed. As Lovely Reckley of Lovely Island Tings waited for more customers to stop by, she busied herself with making an assortment of jewelry. She commented that just about all of her homemade breads were sold by the time she set up for the event, and one lady returned to purchase a second loaf of bread. Ms. Reckley also sold small pans of Johnny Cake and banana bread as well as jewelry.

The Friends of Abaco Animals organization was also on hand. Their mission is to ease the suffering of abused, abandoned and needy animals of the community by providing spay/neuter and adoption programs. Booths were also set up in

support of Friends of the Environment and Horticultural Society, Michael and Jennifer Lightbourn of Lightbourn Family Farm and Laine Snow of L & B Landscaping and Property Caretaking, which also had plants and products on sale.

On the activities side, there was a bouncing castle for children situated behind BNT's coral reef booth with cans of bleach, hands, anchor that represented threats to the coral reefs. The object of the game was to hit down all of the "threats" with a tennis ball. Next to BNT, Stacey Adderley of Creative Studio Boutique offered art lessons to children using self-made stencil prints and recycled or soda tab bracelets. The New Entry Band also played lively music in the background as customers browsed through the booths.

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**MARSH HARBOUR COVE ESTATES** LOT 91 1.5 acre commercial parcel, rare opportunity in the heart of town. Income producing. **WEB: 16073 US\$455,000** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**MARSH HARBOUR COVE ESTATES BOBBY HILLTOP** **NEW LISTING** 4b 2b recently renovated cottage, close to town & all amenities. **WEB: 17416 US\$330,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** 3b 3b, 2500sf, Beachfront home. Beautiful Sanctuary with walled courtyard & ocean terraces. Luxury Turnkey. **WEB: 13669** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY THE ENGLISH HOUSE** 3BR/2B, 2,000sf furnished home with 124 ft. on Treasure Cay's main beach. Great views. Must See. **WEB: 16176 US\$1,895,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY FINAL APPROACH** Canalfront 5b 4b 4,880sq. ft. home with 100 ft dock. **SELLER SAYS BRING OFFERS. WEB: 12313 US\$1,500,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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**SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY** Lot #3, Block A North Harbour's Edge Beachfront lot faces south and includes private dock. **WEB: 12818 US\$650,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



**SOUTH ABACO LITTLE HARBOUR HOME** Ocean Views 3b/2b **WEB: 12186 US\$379,000.** LITTLE HARBOUR COTTAGE 2b 2b w/ generator, needs TLC. **WEB: 12185 US\$119,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY -** Waterfront Lot - Harbour Island 52 ft on harbour facing Schooner Bay Village. Enjoy a seaside golf cart community. **WEB: 5671 US\$160,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



**TILLOO CAY TRANQUILITY** Stunning views from this 2 bed 2 bath home on 3 3/4 acres with pool, 80-foot dock and private boat basin. **WEB: 14333 US\$1,250,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**TILLOO CAY BLUE DOUBLOONS** Waterfront 2-storey 2 BR 2 bath home. Decks for entertaining, A/C, 15kW generator, golf-cart and boat. Turn key. **WEB: 16252 US\$765,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**LUBBERS QUARTERS DRIFTWOOD** 2b 1b Caribbean home with extra loft and private dock. Screened in deck and outdoor bar area. **WEB: 15172 US\$305,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



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**GUANA CAY SONREAKERS** 6b 5b home on 135ft of beach in Orchid Bay. Fantastic snorkelling right at your back door. Great rental. **WEB: 15645 US\$2,500,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY** Highest elevation with panoramic views. Luxury 5 bed 4.5 bath on 4 acres. Patio and pool. Excellent rental. **WEB: 12362 US\$2,250,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY DOLPHIN VIEW & RAINBOW PARROT** **NEW LISTING** Two homes, 7b, 6b on 1 beachfront estate, convenient location close to all amenities. **WEB: 17406 US\$1,650,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY HARBOUR VIEW HAVEN** Triplex & cottage with excellent income potential. Room to expand. Convenient location. **WEB: 16998 US\$475,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY TRIPLE COTTAGE** Rustic Beach cottages, minutes walk from mile long sandy beach, close to all amenities. Good rental. **WEB: 16156 US\$380,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**MAN-O-WAR CAY ANNE BONNY** Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected dock for two boats. **WEB: 16085 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**MAN-O-WAR CAY TROGLODYTE** 1.01 acres sea to sea at Cave Hill, 130 ft of beach front. 80 ft dock with boat lift. **WEB: 15217 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**MAN-O-WAR CAY HILLTOP** LOT Located in the Eastern Harbour, with private dock, deepwater access. Fantastic Views. **WEB: 14129 US\$495,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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**MARSH HARBOUR** HIGH ROCKS VILLAS 4b 3b w/ views of the Sea of Abaco, pool & extreme privacy close to town. Huge verandah perfect for entertaining. **WEB: 16472 US\$575,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** BLUEFIN 3b/2b 1,100 sq.ft. with private dock & detached garage. **WEB: 13947 US\$880,000.** YELLOWFIN 3b/2b with dock. **WEB: 13946 US\$1,250,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** BEACHFRONT LOTS Banyan Beach commercial lot opposite golf course. **WEB: 17137 US\$1,200,000.** SUNRISE POINT LOT 1 **WEB: 16195 US\$549,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** SAIL A VIE Vie Canalfront 3b 2b, 1994 sq.ft. airy & bright, good value home enjoys exceptional privacy w/ dock & boat lift. Furnished. **WEB: 17393 US\$920,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** TREASURED TIMES 3b 3b, furnished canalfront home. Dock with utilities. Lots on 2 sides can be purchased. Updated like new. **WEB: 11583 US\$820,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**TREASURE CAY** SEA SHELLS Beachfront 3b 2b on Windward Beach Rd. off main road and very private. Open living area floor plan. **WEB: 17148 US\$800,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



**WINDING BAY** COTTAGES 44 & 45 Unobstructed views of the Atlantic with all the amenities of the Abaco Club. **WEB: 14404 US\$2,000,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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**TILLOO CAY** LOT 17 Stunning views and deep water frontage for a large vessel. Build your island dream home on this elevated lot. **WEB: 16175 US\$187,900.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**TILLOO CAY** TOP-A-TILLOO This property is a STEAL with amazing views and solid construction. Walking distance to dockage and beach. **WEB: 11546 US\$159,500.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**LUBBERS QUARTERS** WILL'S PLACE II Quality built 3 b 3 b home with huge deck for entertaining. Serene ambience and amazing views. **WEB: 16253 US\$595,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**LUBBERS QUARTERS** PINK PALM Retreat to this 2b 1 b beach bungalow w/ dock. The beach & ocean at your doorstep. **WEB: 17128 US\$585,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** ORCHID BAY - BAREFOOT COTTAGE 5b 4b home. Access to pool, tennis & beach. Fishing, snorkeling off private 65' dock. **WEB: 12456 US\$1,550,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** SEA SHORE VILLAS NEW PRICE 3 townhouse villas with private swimming pool, 250' dock, cabanas, gift shop & laundromat. **WEB: 15029 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** ORCHID BAY LOT 6 135' of beach frontage w/ 25' elevation, underground services. Gated community. **WEB: 13638 US\$975,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** WATCH HILL Newly Listed with Improved Price Fantastic 3b 3b beachfront home on large lot, convenient dockage. **WEB: 17400 US\$875,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** SHORE THING 3b 1.5b elevated home with views of the Atlantic and convenient beach access. Great Rental. **WEB: 16681 US\$575,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

## Lots, Acreage & Other Properties

### MAINLAND

- #4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 43 \$30,000. Bill Albury
- #4632 MARSH HBR./HIGH ROCKS Waterfront lot. \$599k. Bill Albury
- #7086 MARSH HBR./ROYAL HBR Canalfront lot. \$525,000. Bill Albury
- #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
- #14137 LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$119,000. Bill Albury
- #17436 PELICAN SHORES 3 waterfront lots. From \$249,000. Bill Albury
- #7063 TURTLE ROCKS 18,000 sq. ft. beach access. \$65,000. K. Wong

### TREASURE CAY

- #12564 ATLANTIS 2207 Canalfront 2 b 2b w/ dock. US\$ 450,000. Stan Sawyer
- #10244 CROSSWINDS 4b 3b w/ beach views. US\$ 585,000. Stan Sawyer
- #11155 MARINA ENTRANCE #5 Choice canalfront. \$270,000. S. Sawyer
- #16180 BRIGANTINE BAY Block 85 lot 2. \$59,995. Stan Sawyer
- #13958 OCEAN BLVD. Lot 82, Block 2. 10,560 sq. ft. \$55,000. Stan Sawyer
- #16257 BRIGANTINE BAY Lots 8, 9, 10 on Windward Beach. \$59,885 ea.
- #17130 LITTLE HBR Tom Curry's Pt #2 Waterfront 1 acre. #199,500. L.Schreiner
- #6022 LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$119,000. Bill Albury
- #17436 PELICAN SHORES 3 waterfront lots. From \$249,000. Bill Albury
- #14582 PINEAPPLE POINT #5 Canalfront furnished 2 bed 2 bath ground floor unit with dock slip. \$695,000. Stan Sawyer

- #16537 CANALWATCH Canalfront 2b w/ partial dock. \$495,000. Stan Sawyer
- #16568 HIGH & DRY Canal View Home 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. \$465,000. Stan Sawyer
- #12965 ROCK POINT LANDING Waterfront 3 bed 3 bath, 3,314 sq. ft., 2 storey. Furnished. US\$940,000. Stan Sawyer
- #13807 ROCK POINT LOT 4 90 ft of frontage. US\$320,000. Stan Sawyer
- #16372 ROCK POINT LOT 7 90 feet of frontage. \$185,000. Stan Sawyer
- #16299 ROCK POINT LOT 8 11,818 sf residential. \$185,000. Stan Sawyer
- #13859 ROYAL PALM 2437 3b 3b w/ dock slip. \$540,000. Stan Sawyer
- #13779 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2054 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Golf cart garage. US\$875,000. Stan Sawyer
- #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
- #15314 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2088 Furnished beachfront 4 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. US\$1,950,000. Stan Sawyer
- #13509 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2051 Beachfront US\$1,195,000. Stan Sawyer
- #13837 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2078 Beachfront US\$949,000. Stan Sawyer

### 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 New Price Superior elevation, shared dock. \$75,000. 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

## 47-inch crawfish captured by Grand Cay fisherman



Above and above left: Sidney Rolle of Grand Cay proudly displaying the 47 inch monster crawfish caught in Grand Cay waters.



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Sidney Rolle, a local fisherman from Grand Cay, recently captured a 47-inch lobster. While it wasn't the biggest lobster ever seen by residents on Grand Cay, it was definitely the biggest they've seen in a while. Principal Arnald Cooper of Grand Cay All Age School commented that the mammoth creature was found in waters near Grand Cay, and came at a time when the lobster fisheries has slowed down a bit. Mr. Rolle passed by the school to show the lobster to excited students.

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# South Abaco

## Atlantis, Paradise Island rescues endangered manatee and relocates her to Dolphin Cay

### Press Release

Paradise Island, the Bahamas - January 26 2013 -- The Atlantis Animal Rescue Team, under the direction of the Bahamas Department of Marine Resources (BDMR) and with assistance from The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization (BMMRO), successfully rescued Georgie, a West Indian manatee and relocated her to the Atlantis Dolphin Cay Marine Mammal Rescue Center. Dolphin Cay is home to the only live marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation center in The Bahamas and is a member of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Manatees in addition to all marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 2005 and only authorized facilities are able to respond such requests from Government.

Georgie was first sighted in Spanish Wells in June 2010 where she was born to Rita, a known Florida Manatee. In October of 2011 both Rita and Georgie appeared in the busy Nassau Harbour and at the request of the Bahamas Government, the Dolphin Cay Team rescued them and brought them to a safe environment at the Atlantis Dolphin Cay Marine Mammal Rescue Center where health assessments and evaluations could be conducted. With

the assistance of the BDMR, BMMRO, United States Geological Survey-Sirenian Project, and Save the Manatee Club, the Atlantis Animal Rescue Team released both Rita and Georgie in April of 2012, equipped with tags to monitor their movements for several months. In June of 2012, it was observed that Rita and Georgie had split up and in September Georgie made a dramatic move from the Berry Islands to Abaco, The Bahamas.

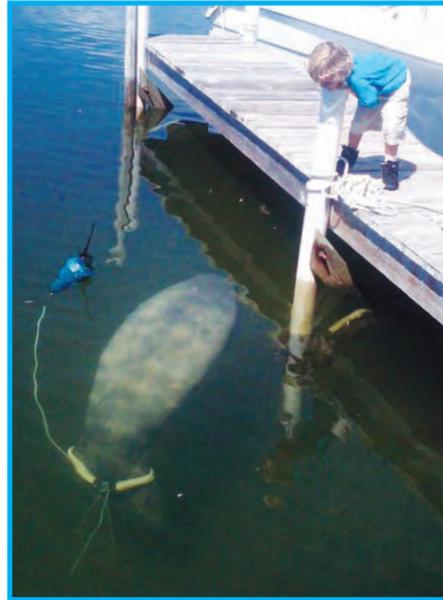
The Dolphin Cay team made several trips to Abaco, meeting up with BMMRO to try to get a good look at Georgie's overall body condition. Concern was raised by BMMRO recently about her general appearance and the decision was made by the Department of Marine Resources for the Dolphin Cay team to conduct a field health assessment and relocate her to the Atlantis Marine Mammal Rescue Center.

Georgie will undergo a series of general health evaluations. Once she is healthy, the teams will pull together once again and relocate her back to Great Harbor Cay in the Berry Islands with the hope that she rejoins with the resident group of manatees in that area. At this time, Georgie is under observation at Dolphin Cay and doing well in her new environment.

Atlantis is the home of world's largest open-air marine habitat with over 50,000 marine animals in lagoons and displays as well as Dolphin Cay, the state-of-the-art dolphin interaction and education center. Dolphin Cay and Atlantis are accredited members of both the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and The Alliance of Ma-

rine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. Both the marine habitat and Dolphin Cay were created with the goal of enlightening visitors about the wonders of these remarkable ocean inhabitants. Dolphin Cay is also the residence of the Katrina Dolphins and Sea Lions some of whom were swept to sea during Hurricane Katrina.

Updates on Georgie's progress will be provided to the public via Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation's facebook page.



Above: Georgie tagged with a satellite tag in Cherokee Sound. Photo courtesy of the BMMRO.

## New Justice of the Peace sworn in for South Abaco



Above: John Hudson, sitting, being sworn in as Justice of the Peace by Senior Island Admin. Preston Cunningham.

John Hudson was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace on January 25. He took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath in the presence of Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham. He was selected for his long and dedicated service to the community. Mr. Hudson is a Local Government representative for South Abaco and serves as Chairman of the Cherokee

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# South Abaco

# Letters

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Township which includes Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores as well as Cherokee Sound.

Mr. Hudson has held positions of responsibility in several government departments including Ministry of Works and the Water and Sewerage Corporation. He held the post of Manager of Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Abaco, until his retirement in 1999. In 1975 Mr. Hudson was awarded the British Empire Medal for meritorious service to his country and was presented with his medal by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Government House, Nassau.

He is a member of the Kirk of the Pines Church and will be ordained as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church on February 24.

Following the short ceremony Mr. Cunningham spoke a few words saying that Justices of the Peace must always exhibit the highest levels of honesty and integrity so that they will be held in honour and respect by all and they must always move by the rules, never move by chance and guesswork which is dangerous.

Mr. Hudson stated that he looks forward to further serving the community of Abaco in this new position.

## Expert meets with the Hole in the Wall Restoration Committee

By *Mirella Santillo*

In an effort to devise a plan of action to proceed with the restoration of Hole in the Wall Lighthouse, the Lighthouse Restoration Committee decided to invite an expert, Annie Potts (who was involved with the restoration of the Hope Town Lighthouse) to one of the meetings.

The meeting took place in the afternoon of January 24 at the Chamber of Commerce Conference room. Many committee members representing various stakeholders, attended. They comprised David and Kathy Ralph – with Abaco Chamber of Commerce, Stanley White - former local government official for Sandy Point, - David Knowles - with the Bahamas National Trust, the late Richard Cunningham - with the Port Authority, Nancy Albury – Bahamas Antiquities Monuments and Museums Corporation, Wynsome Ferguson - with the Ministry of Tourism and a representative of the Royal Bahamian Defense Force, and P.O. Michael Lightbourne.

Chairperson, Anita Knowles, introduced Ms. Potts and stated the reason for requesting a meeting with her, which was to ask her for guidance on how to go forward to devise a plan of action.

Ms. Potts first gave as synopsis of meetings that took place in Nassau regarding the maintenance of all the lighthouses in The Bahamas (ten). She said that a sug-

gestion that all the lighthouses be under the management of the National Bahamas Trust was rejected by the Trust Director as well as another suggestion that the Trust manage only the four located in San Salvador, Inagua, Hope Town and Hole in the Wall. That proposal was also rejected because of lack of man power. The last solution of BNT taking care of the two lighthouses on Abaco has not been decided upon.

Ms. Potts praised the committee. She reiterated the importance of putting panels in the lantern room to protect it from the weather and suggested a fund raiser to obtain the money to do it, a solution that leaves the committee with its hands tied as a proper authorization to do it would be needed, which would be difficult to obtain without a plan of action.

It seemed that the situation had reached a dead-end.

Ms. Ferguson, too, mentioned the importance of a plan of action which would give the committee more credibility in meeting with more stake holders- including government ministers and officials- and would allow it to raise money towards the first steps of maintenance, such as purchasing the plexiglass panels for the lantern room, painting the lighthouse and restoring one of the buildings.

The meeting adjourned with the understanding that David Ralph would write a letter to Defense Force Commander Bain requesting his help in providing staff to do an engineering assessment and a similar letter to Alicia Oxley, a Historical Architect with the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation to obtain her views on restoring the lighthouse according to historical data.

Meetings will resume after an answer has been forwarded by those entities.

## In Pain

Dear Editor;

I work at a development on Abaco. In Nov. 2011 I got hurt on the job, and was sent to a private clinic for treatment. In April 2012 I went to Nassau for therapy at the expense of the National Insurance Board. Thank God for NIB.

I was told by a doctor at the private clinic that if the therapy doesn't work, then I would need to get an M.R.I. In December 2012 the pain was back, and very hot. I went to the job nurse about my pain. The nurse told me to go back to the private clinic and tell them that it is a continuance of the original problem.

I got to see the doctor as of Jan 2013, as the doctor comes once a month. When the doctor was at the clinic, he wrote out a form for N.I.B. to start the ball rolling, and a prescription for the pain. When I got there they told me that I would have to pay for the doctor visit because my employer had not paid the last bill since my first visit in Nov 2011.

The private clinic said that they can't give me the NIB form or prescription unless I pay for the visit. No one in Marsh Harbour gives my employer credit because they don't pay their bills. They have a very poor safety record. So now I am being punished for their lousiness.

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Sincerely,  
Matthew Roberts

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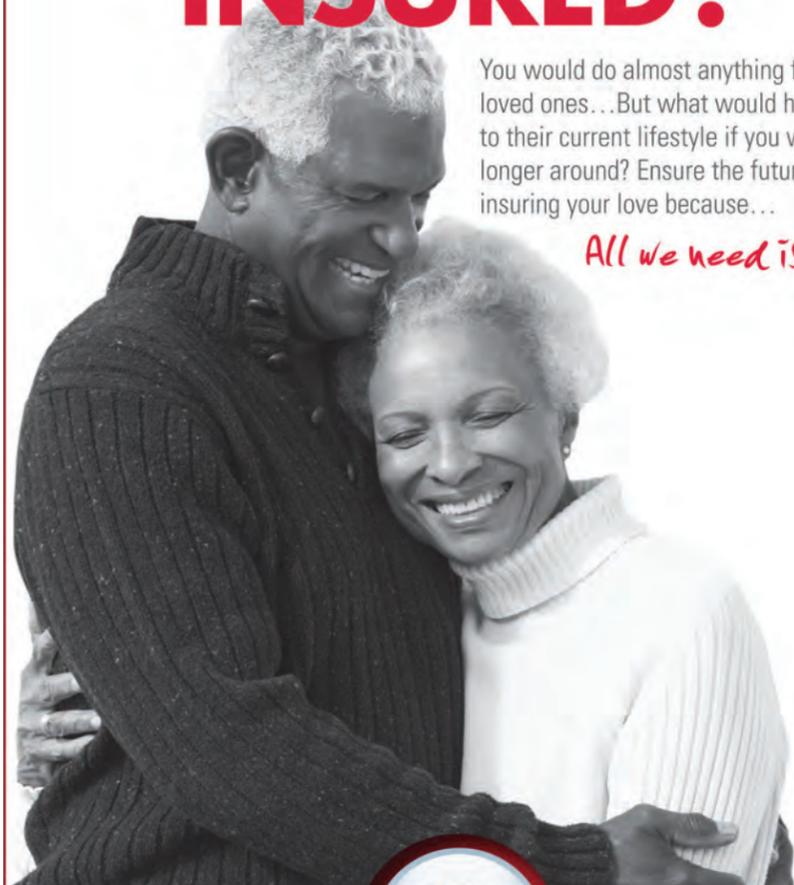
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- Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4 #** - 1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$299,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1494** - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
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- Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4** # 1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**
- Inland Lot 11** - #1661 - Residential lot, 9,600 s/f in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **\$24,600.**

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- Beach Home** - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,874 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$650,000.**
- Beach Lot "D"** - # 1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**
- Turtle Rocks South Beach Lot "E"** #2195 - 2,395 Acre beachfront parcel with 105' sandy beach frontage. Extends from S.C. Route Hwy. to Beach **\$369,000.**

**CASUARINA POINT**

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

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- #1593** - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**
- # 1080** - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$149,500.**
- #2054 - Lot # 204** - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**
- # 1844** - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$125,000.**
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### Press Release

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## New medical assistant at Auskell Clinic

By Jennifer Hudson

Dr. Lewis and Auskell Medical Clinic are pleased to announce the appointment of Cindy Pinder as Dr. Lewis's Medical Assistant. Ms. Pinder will currently be in office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons though days and times will possibly be increased. She will be able to continue treatments and assist Dr. Lewis' chiropractic patients when he is not on the island. During the months of January to May he is here 10 every days and in Ohio 10 days and in the summer he is here one week out of every month.

Ms. Pinder is a registered nurse originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but long-time resident of Abaco. She has had extensive experience with rehabilitation, implementing physical therapy protocols and doing a daily range of motion exercises with patients to keep them functionally healthy or to restore health. She is skilled in nursing with a primary focus on rehabilitation of stroke patients and patients having undergone replacement joint surgery.

Nurse Pinder will be carrying out different therapies such as low level laser therapy, electrical muscle stimulation and electrical nerve stimulation. She will also be helping with all physical therapy, exercise and post-operational therapies. The fact that Ms. Pinder is able to continue these treatments while Dr. Lewis is away will greatly help to support the manipulation which Dr. Lewis himself does and speed up a patient's recovery process with better results. She is continually in touch with Dr. Lewis while he is away so that she can go over patient's needs with him and ask any questions they may need answered.



Above: Dr. Lewis (left) with his new medical assistant Nurse Pinder.

Nurse Pinder also assists with Spinal Decompression Therapy which has recently been introduced to Abaco by Dr. Lewis for people suffering from chronic neck or low back pain. This is a non-surgical procedure which Dr. Lewis says is effective in treating back pain, neck pain, and sciatica caused by bulging, herniated and degenerative discs. It is also used to treat post-surgical patients and those suffering from certain types of spinal stenosis. It does not destroy the integrity of the disc as is the case of surgical procedures and usually consist of 18 to 24 treatments over a period of 6 to 8 weeks.

Nurse Pinder began work in Dr. Lewis's office performing these supportive therapies at the beginning of January and

is happy to be able to offer the continuity of care while Dr. Lewis is away. Anyone wishing for more information can contact Nurse Pinder at the Auskell Medical Clinic can call: 367-0020.

A package of appropriate material can be requested from Nurse Pinder. Information can also be found on Dr. Lewis's Facebook page—Abaco & Ohio Chiropractic & Acupuncture & Functional Medicine.

Dr. Lewis's son, Dr. Matt, has just received his board certification in acupuncture so these services will soon be added to all others.

The Auskell Fitness Centre has moved and is now located upstairs above Dr. Lewis's office. A grand reopening will be taking place later next month.

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# CRIME REPORT

## Housebreaking

At 8:00am on 25th January, 2013, a 42 year old male of Cherokee Sounds, Abaco, reported that sometime between 7:00am on 21st January, 2013 and 7:00am on 25th January, 2013, some unknown person/s entered into his residence and stole an assorted of mixed currency, and an assortment of jewelry. Police action requested

Officers of the Central detective Unit along with officers of Sandy Point Police Station are investigating this matter.

## Assault

At 6:15pm 22nd January, 2013, a 43 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 12:30pm same date while at work, a co-worker known to him assaulted him. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

## Stealing from a Vessel and Trespassing

At 2:00am on 27th January, 2013, officers of the Marsh Harbour Police Station arrested three (3) boys' ages 11 years; 13 years and 9 years of age all of The Mudd, Abaco for stealing and trespassing. These boys were arrested on the premises of a local boat yard located in Dundas Town where they were found in possession of an assortment of stolen items including an iPod, screw driver, blanket, food items, first aid kit, whistle, gloves, satellite beacon etc.

Investigation continues.

## Possession of Unlicensed Firearm and Ammunition

### (Suspect arrested and charged)

At 2:23pm on 31st January, 2013, Officers of the Central Detective Unit along with other officers acting on information went to an abandoned house in Murphy Town, Abaco, where officers met a male suspect known as Larry Dorelus who had escaped Police custody a week earlier. As officers approached the suspect he resisted the lawful arrest of the officers and was subdued. Officers while searching the abandoned building recovered .40 caliber handgun along with one (1) live round of ammunition.

A number of other stolen items were also recovered from the building. The suspect was arrested and taken to the Marsh Harbour Police Station, where he will be charged for the offences. Investigation continues.

## Assault with a Deadly Instrument

### (Suspect arrested and charged)

On Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 8:45 a.m. a 31 year old Haitian National c/o a local Glass Company Marsh Harbour, reported to Marsh Harbour Police Station that sometime around 8:30 a.m. same date, while at a residence in Dundas Town he was approached by a slim, dark skinned, 5'7" tall male wearing camouflage clothing who pointed a firearm at him. Police action requested.

### Suspect Arrested

At 2:00 pm on 31st January, 2013, Larry Dorelus, d.o.b. 19/1/90 of Freeport G.B. was arrested reference to this matter. Investigation continues.

## Housebreaking

### (Suspect arrested and charged)

On Tuesday 29th January 2013, a 49 year old male came to M.H.P.S. and reported that sometime between 7:20 a.m. and 3:20 p.m., same date, culprit(s) broke into his house and stole a quantity of food items, two (2) gray laptops, two (2) DVD players and \$40.00 cash. Police action requested.

### Suspect Arrested

At 2:00pm on 31st January, 2013, Larry Dorelus, d.o.b. 19/1/90 of Freeport G.B. was arrested reference to this matter. He was questioned under caution and admitted to the offence. Investigation continues.

## Housebreaking

### (Suspect arrested and charged)

On Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 1750hrs a 55 year old male contacted M.H.P.S and reported that sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. same date some unknown culprit(s) broke into his residence and stole one vizio T.V., \$70.00 in coins, a Polaroid camera and a Costa shades. Police action requested in this matter.

### Suspect Arrested

At 2:00pm on 31st January, 2013, Larry Dorelus, d.o.b. 19/1/90 of Freeport G.B. was arrested reference to this matter. He was questioned under caution and admitted to the offence. Investigation continues.

## Stealing from a dwelling

### (Under Investigation)

At 12:30pm on 30th January, 2013, a 36 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 4:00pm on 12th December, 2012 and 11:30am on 30th January, 2013, some unknown person/s stole a refrigerator from his premises. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

## Causing Harm

### (Under Investigation)

At 9:58pm on 1st February, 2013, a 49 year old male of the Mudd, Abaco, reported that sometime around 9:55pm same date while in the Mudd, Abaco, a male known to him only by face, hit him in the face with an unknown object causing injuries. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

## Causing Harm.

### (Suspect arrested and charged)

On Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 10:15 a.m. a 51 year old female of Marsh Harbour came to M.H.P.S. and reported that a man known to her caused harm to her as a result of an argument they had. Police Action requested.

At 12:55 p.m. same date Officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested the suspect in this matter a 48 year old male of Marsh Harbour, Abaco. He was later charged for the offence.

## Shophreaking

### (Under Investigation)

At 9:30am on 9th February, 2013, a 41 year old female of Bahama Coral Island, Abaco, reported that sometime between 2:00am and 9:00am on 9th February, 2013, some unknown person/s broke into a local restaurant, and stole cash. Police action requested.

Officers from the Central Detective Unit Abaco Unit are investigating this matter

## Possession of Unlicensed shotgun

### (Suspect arrested and Charged)

At 5:45pm on 8th February, 2013, acting on information Officers of the North Abaco Division executed a search warrant on a premise located at Fox Town Abaco where a 45 year old male of Fox Town was arrested after being found in possession of an unlicensed 12 ga. shotgun along with 22 shotgun shells.

The accused was charged and is expected to be arraigned on 12th February, 2013.

## Stealing from a Vehicle

### (Under Investigation)

At 9:55pm on 7th February, 2013, a 24 year old female of Bay Street, Murphy Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 9:45pm and 9:47pm on 7th February, 2013, she parked her 1996 Honda Inspire Vehicle in the front of Royal Bank of Canada Marsh Harbour and went into the Bank to use the ATM machine. When she returned to her vehicle some unknown person/s entered her vehicle and stole her white Samsung Galaxy Cellular Phone and her black & Grey HP Laptop. During this time the key was left inside of the vehicle and the doors were unlocked. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

## Escaped convict captured by police

By Canishka Alexander

On Jan. 31, Inspector Jeremy Henfield, officer in charge of the Marsh Harbour Police Station, was happy to announce that escaped suspect Larry Dorelus had been apprehended. Dorelus, 23, had escaped police custody the week before, and was wanted by police for questioning in reference to housebreaking, armed robbery and breach of bail conditions.

Led by Detective Sgt. 2377 Christopher Farquharson and a team of officers, Dorelus, 23, was captured off the S.C. Bootle Highway in an abandoned house.

Back at the police station, the officers laid out an assortment of stolen items including a bullet proof vest, .40 caliber hand gun along with one live round of ammunition and electronics that were recovered.

"We just want to say it was a team effort by the [Central Detective Unit] CDU, and the uniformed officers branch," Inspector Henfield expressed. "We're just happy that the residents can sleep a little more peacefully."

Detective Sgt. Farquharson said that after acting on information received that the suspect was seen in a residence off of

the S.C. Bootle Highway, they demanded that he exit the residence. However, Dorelus resisted arrest, and had to be restrained by officers.

While in police custody, Dorelus confessed to five counts of housebreaking within that week, and was flown into Freeport where he was arraigned on those charges. Turning to the items found in Dorelus' possession, Detective Sgt. Farquharson said that it was a serious matter for a criminal to be in possession of a bulletproof vest, and was hopeful that they would not encounter such a situation again.

He ended by thanking members of the public for their assistance in locating this suspect, and asked for continued support, so that their combined efforts can result in more good work.

Additionally, at the time of Dorelus' escape, Prince McIntosh, another prisoner, also escaped. Fortunately, McIntosh had on an ankle bracelet, so police officers were able to catch him within the hour. McIntosh was arraigned at the Magistrates Court in January.

Presently, police still need the public's assistance in locating Lewis Cadet, who is wanted for questioning by police in the murder of Gregory Bain, and armed robber Wilnert Blanc, who is still at large.



Above: Larry Dorelus in police custody as they pull up to the Marsh Harbour Police Station on Jan. 31. Found on his person was a bulletproof vest, a handgun with live rounds and a variety of electronics.



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# Business

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members as benefits of membership. Mr. Dargavage is the General Manager of Great Harbour Cay Marina in the Berry Islands.

"I believe the out islands are going to see tremendous growth," said the president. Others in the group agreed with the statement based on their own observations within the industry and anecdotal evidence. The MOB members also agreed the Marina industry would be a necessary in any economic turnaround in the country. "We need to impress on the government the financial impact marinas have."

Abaco has more marinas represented in MOB than any other island including New Providence and Grand Bahama combined.

A major point of concern of MOB is that the government has no system in place to measure the financial effects of yachters and marina guests. "Over 80%" of yachters and boaters leave The Bahamas without turning in a visitor's card or reporting to any agency where they spent their nights and their money.

The Police department made a presentation to MOB members regarding stolen vessels.

In 2011 Abaco had 25 stolen vessels with 14 recovered. In 2012 The number of stolen vessels in Abaco dropped to 14 with all but three being recovered. The police speculated that the sharp decrease may be due to the capture and targeting of a core group of individuals who perpetrated the majority of the thefts.

There was a 54% stolen boat recovery rate nationwide in 2012. Abaco benefitted from a 78% recovery rate in 2012.

Min. Pinder arrived later in the afternoon to meet with MOB members. He was struck immediately by the fact that many marinas and charter brokers within the country struggle to pay the Treasury the 4% commission from charters.

We have the money, the group said, but the difficulty lies in getting the Port Authority to collect. Members recounted a common problem of the person in charge of collection being consistently unavailable. "They are either out to lunch or on vacation," recounted one member who recalling multiple times he, unsuccessfully, tried to pay the government.



Above: some of the members of the Marina Operators of The Bahamas pose alongside Police and Tourism officials at the Schooner Bay meeting.

The problem is further complicated by the fact that many foreign charter brokers, operating outside The Bahamas, charge yachters the commission but the money never makes it back into the country. This is another issue arising from the lack of attention to the marina and yachting industry in The Bahamas, the group said.

One broker told the minister that on one specific charter alone at his resort resulted in an \$85,000 commission which he owed then to the government. Again, however, he claimed it was "difficult to get the

Port to collect."

The Minister discussed options with the group, including moving to electronic payment and other forms of taxation that were easier to monitor, such as a yacht registry.

The roundtable discussion ended with ideas to leverage Bahamian employment within the growing yacht charter industry. Programs such as the Bahamas Maritime Cadets Corp. and SUNY & Campbell Shipping's Apprenticeship Programs were identified launching points for any such endeavor.



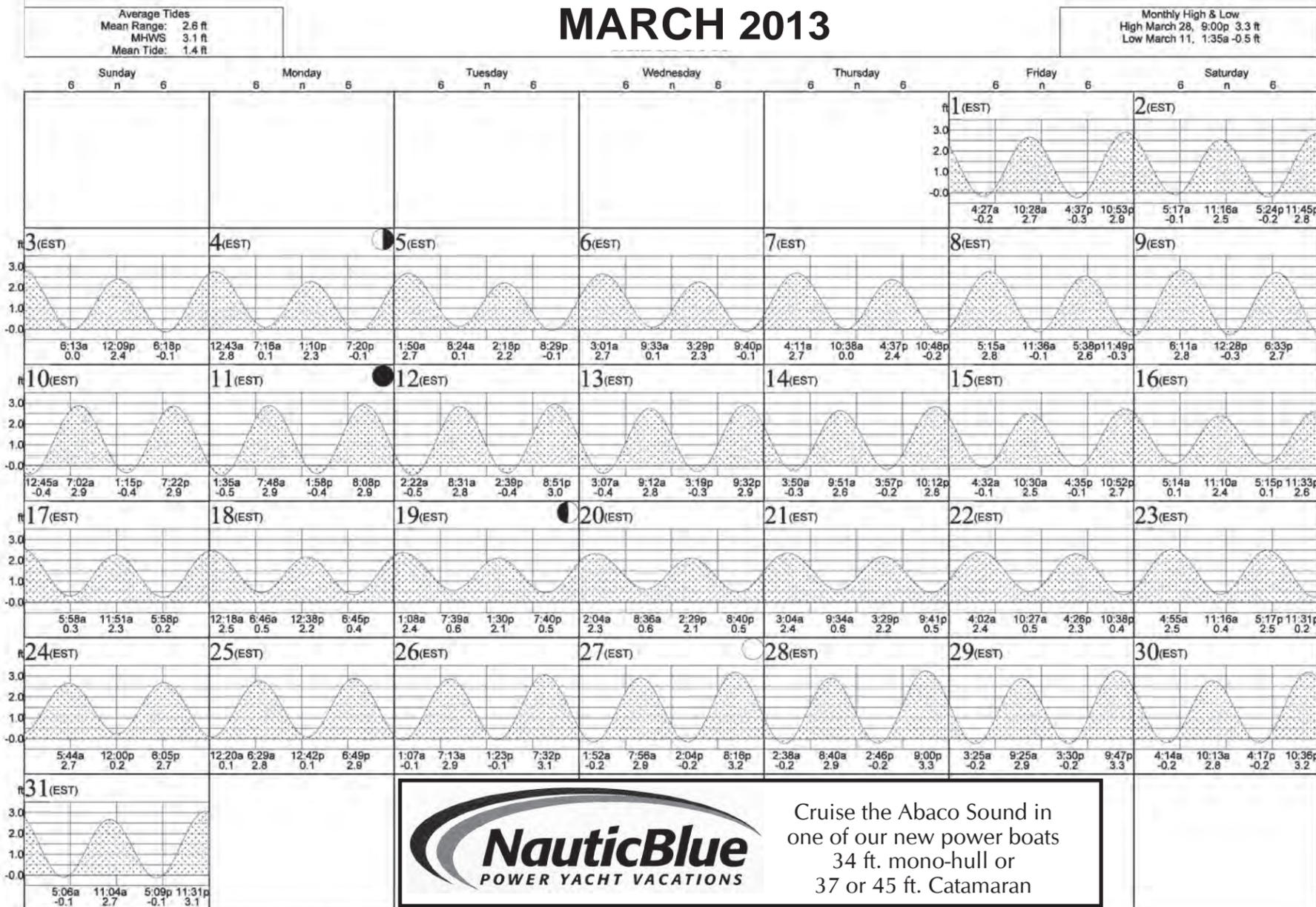
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# The Cays

## Hope Town Reef Ball marks Friend's 25th Anniversary



Above: guests gather around the pool at the Hope Town Lodge as they peruse the silent auction.

The Friends of the Environment held their first of two Reef Balls of the year at the Hope Town Lodge on Feb 9. A silent auction and live auction entertained patrons for the first half of the night while an energetic performance by Bahamian artist, KB, got everyone to the dance floor after dinner. Prime rib, served by the quick working staff of the Hope Town Lodge, was the meal of the evening.

The money raised that evening goes towards Friends of the Environment's edu-

cational programs.

Attending that evening were people from Hope Town as well as other cays and Marsh Harbour. As they were greeted by volunteers at the entrance of the Hope Town Lodge they were given a complimentary low-ball glass marking the 25th anniversary of Friends of The Environment.

Guests that evening strolled alongside the pool as they looked over silent auction items. Items included a seven night stay

at the Hope Town Lodge, assorted wines, artwork, kayaking trips and many more. By the end of the evening, many participating in the silent auction walked out with incredible items for much cheaper than usual, all-the-while benefitting the charity.

The live auction occurred over the prime rib dinner. After a brief history and

description of Friend's programs that benefit education and the environment, Michael Albury (the tenured auctioneer for this and many other events), picked up the mic to start the real event of the evening.

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Above: KB takes a dancer's hand as he performs a set of his popular, Bahamian hits.

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**HTL TRIVIAL PURSUIT: LET'S GET TO KNOW ...**

### KAREN FORBES

Born in Nassau, Karen Forbes is the elder sister of Bernadette Forbes. Since her father was a lighthouse keeper she did a great deal of traveling with her family and got to visit various Bahamian islands, including Abaco, which she says is her favorite. "Of all the places I have travelled Hope Town is my favorite because it's like its own little world." Karen has been a part of the Hope Town Lodge family for the past twenty-five years. She started as a waitress and bartender, but her love for decorating and planning led her into wedding planning and coordinating events at the Hope Town Lodge. She originally wanted to be an entrepreneur, but after working at the Lodge she fell in love with her job and decided to pursue it as a career. "I like working with people and making them happy and I fell in love with my job. The first time I ever snap at a guest is the day I know I have had enough, but until then I'm here to stay!"



# The Cays

## Abaco Inn hosts fundraiser for BASRA



Many came out to the Abaco Inn on Jan. 19 for the BASRA fundraising event. A five course meal, wines and champagne (compliments of the Burns House Group) and a silent auction greeted guests.

By Timothy Roberts

A Fundraiser held for the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue (BASRA), hosted for the first time by the Abaco Inn, was well supported by local residents and second home-owners during a black tie dinner event on January 19.

The event, sponsored by the Abaco Inn and Burns House Limited (Veuve Clicot and Hennessy), featured a delicious

five-course gourmet meal, including beef tenderloin, with complimentary wines and champagnes which were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests of the affair.

Brand Manager, Answell Johnson said, "I'd like to thank Tom for the work he continues to do in Hope Town and we at Burns House will continue to support him in his endeavors in supporting the local community, and as brand manager of

Veuve Clicot we will continue to support him wherever he goes."

On January 15 a silent auction started, featuring artwork, wooden shelves, jewelry, a limited edition ceramic table set by artist Kim Rody portraying marine life, a trip to Wimbledon and a new Club Car golf cart were among the prizes. Participants were able to bid daily from 5pm to 9pm with bidding closing on at 11pm on January 19.

Tom Hazel, Manager of the Lodge said the turnout, though limited, exceeded last year's event financially. BASRA and the Hope Town Fire & Rescue is an organization of volunteers that helps deal with various emergencies as needed.

Member of BASRA, Richard Cook, said a special thanks to Tom Hazel and the Abaco Inn, the community in general and especially Burns House "for putting on this incredible event in sponsoring BASRA and the Hope Town Fire and Rescue. It's a great community effort by locals, second home owners, tourists and everyone else."

DeCarlo McPhee, Sales Manager for Burns House and Veuve Clicot said they "were once again proud to be a part of this event and to be able to give back to BASRA. BASRA is particularly important in a place like Abaco as it is a big boating community."

Dencel Deveaux, of Burns House,

added "On Behalf of Burns House we want to say thank you to Tom for the great job he has done with this event."

He said, "This is an event that is desperately needed because the service that BASRA provides throughout the Bahamas is not something easily replaced. We see the value in that and the need to support an event like this especially for those who volunteer to do this type of work."

Reef

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Courtside seats to Wimbledon, sunset cruises, fresh produce and stone crab claws were a few of the great prizes. For each item, Mr. Albury jovially pestered the audience to dig deeper. A request of ten greeted with \$100 raises amongst many friendly competitors.

As 10 pm approached dinner guests, and those who purchased special tickets to attend the live music, started filing onto the dance floor. Bahamian musician, Spider, was the opening act for KB. Performing a small set of songs he got many in the crowd to loosen their ties and move to the rhythm. Finally, KB took the stage and brought the house down.

Friends will be holding their second Reef Ball at Marsh Harbour Marina and Jib Room on March 2. For tickets call 242-367-2721.



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Man-O-War Marina	26	F	365-6008
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**Marsh Harbour**

Boat Harbour Marina	183	F	367-2158
Conch Inn	75	F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36	F	367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29		367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	52	F	367 2700

**Hope Town**

Hope Town Marina	16		366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways			366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6	F	366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F	366-0065

**Spanish Cay**

Spanish Cay Marina	75	F	365-0083
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**Guana Cay**

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

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

**Tours & Excursions**

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

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**Marsh Harbour**

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
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**Green Turtle Cay**

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

**Guana Cay**

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

**Lubbers Quarters**

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

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

**Hope Town**

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

**Treasure Cay**

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

**Bonefish Guides**

<b>Casuarina Point</b>		<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
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		Sidney Albury	477-5996
<b>Cherokee</b>		Richard Albury	367-0367
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Marty Sawyer	366-2115	Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Randy Sawyer	366-2284	Justin Sands	367-3526
Will Sawyer	366-2177	Danny Sawyer	367-3577
		Jay Sawyer	367-3941
<b>Crossing Rocks</b>		<b>North Abaco</b>	
Tony Russell	366-3259	O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>		Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Rick Sawyer	365-4261	Edward Rolle	365-0024
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070	Herbert Thurston	365-2405
<b>Hope Town</b>		<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234	Valantino Adderley	366-4323
Tom Albury	366-3141	Anthony Bain	366-4107
		Derek Gaitor	366-4249
<b>Man-O-War</b>		Nicholas Roberts	366-4486
David Albury	365-6502	<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
		Capt. Joe Pritchard	559-9117

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Snappas	\$\$	367-2278
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**Hope Town**

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Cap'n Jacks	\$\$\$	366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$	366-0087
HT Coffee House (B & L)	\$	366-0760
HT 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**

Dock'n Dine	\$	365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	\$	365-6501

**Guana Cay**

Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$	612-1021
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**Treasure Cay**

Coco Beach Bar & Grill	\$	365-8470
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Bluff House	\$\$\$	365-4200
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Sundowners	\$\$	365-4060

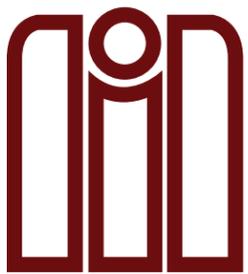
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## Music Doing Good returns for ECC benefit concerts



Music Doing Good returned to Abaco for their second year for another pair of benefit concerts for the Every Child Counts School. Above: a student of ECC performs for the crowd. For more see page 2.

## Yes to Education Foundation facilitates Literacy and Numeracy Workshop



Above: Dr. Marian Robertson-Baghel (standing with mic), a Scottish-Canadian educator and a volunteer of Project Read Bahamas, addresses the crowd of educators during the Numeracy and Literacy Workshop on Jan 23.

*By Canishka Alexander*

Abaco teachers and administrators attended a Literacy and Numeracy Workshop on Jan.23 at the Faith Convention Center with Makia Gibson, founder and Project Manager from the Yes to Education Foundation. The foundation's mission is to grant equal access to quality education for students and teachers.

Before introducing the two guest speakers, Gibson asked the participants to be honest and truthful about where they really are because as Dr. Mary Jean Gallagher once said - "improvement cannot occur where there is not a high tolerance for the truth." Gibson also thanked community partners for their support of the workshop.

Dr. Mary Jean Gallagher, assistant deputy minister of Ontario Ministry of Education, said that they have to ensure that every child benefits in the classroom, so it is important to begin by listening to the voices of students. Essentially, school has to be a place where students realize their greatest potential.

Dr. Gallagher said she is privileged to have a research staff that spends their time poring over international research and examining programs all over the world. In their quest to find strategies that work for students, the research staff discovered that

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 1 and Feb.2, a group of professional musicians from "Music Doing Good" held two benefit concerts to raise funds for Every Child Counts (ECC) in Hope Town and Marsh Harbour, respectively.

According to Lyn Major, administrator of ECC, the school provides services for more than 100 children and young people from Abaco with special needs regardless of the family's finances.

Nevertheless, the school is faced with raising a substantial amount of funds each year, and the Music Doing Good "Voice of the Ocean" benefit concert is one of ECC's major fundraisers.

At Hope Town Harbour Lodge, and beneath the marquee at Great Abaco Beach Hotel, performances were given by the cast of talented singers and musicians as well as ECC students throughout the evening. Well-loved, familiar songs that have lasted throughout the ages were sung by members of Music Doing Good along with songs written and sung by individual members.

Before the intermission, ECC students sang The Carpenters' "Sing a Song", and a variation of "This Land is Your Land" written by Woodie Guthrie. More popular selections followed, but one of the main highlights was the rhythmic Junkanoo performance by the students.

Kenneth Gayle, producing director for Music Doing Good, said that the lyrics in the songs speak to the underlying mission of ECC. Therefore, Music Doing Good as a non-profit organization holds firm to the belief that music and thoughts can come together to do good, so they part-



Above: students of ECC perform on stage with members of Music Doing Good.

ner with other non-profits to tell their stories through music.

"One of the wonderful things we've been able to do with ECC is to come back a second year having built a good relationship with them and to tell parts of their story with the songs we choose," Gayle explained.

He said that they had a wonderful night at the Hope Town Lodge the night before with a beautiful crowd in attendance in an outdoor setting. This year's theme "Voice of the Ocean" was inspired by the Abacos. However, Gayle said it was a bit difficult to narrow down the songs they would sing because there were so many songs about the sea or the ocean and what it represents.

Now that Music Doing Good has executed successful concerts for 2012 and 2013, Gayle and the other members are looking forward to working with ECC again. He said it was good to integrate the students into the show because their contribution is part of the main goal. For Gayle,

who was born to a Jamaican father and Panamanian mother, coming to The Bahamas has felt like coming home because of the warmth of the Bahamian people, and the ease of life in the islands.

In their performance of "Get It Together" written by India Arie Simpson, Charles Carey Jr. was invited onstage to play the drums after they noticed he had been grooving in the audience at their concert the night before. After one rehearsal, they were impressed by what young Charles had to offer.

Next, Pastor Earlyn Baillou announced during the intermission that the Junkanoo Table, which was created by ECC students had been purchased by an anonymous donor. In order to generate more funds for the school, the donor challenged others to pay a matching fee of \$25,100 to match their \$25,000 donation.

Thanking those in attendance and the sponsors of the concert was Miss Lyn, principal. She said that some amazing things have taken place at ECC - one of them be-

ing the talented professionals from Music Doing Good who come to visit the school. Miss Lyn said that they also received a donation over the holidays to begin their vision for their Employment Center for older children. She soon asked herself why all these things happen for the school.

"When I think about what happened tonight, I don't think it was a random chance that these musicians are here with us again. I think that them, and you, and the amazing gift that came our way for our Junkanoo table was included," Miss Lyn observed. "I don't know how these things happen, but I think that we are all involved in synchronicity, and the connection all of you and all those who support us is basically an expression of a deep desire and of our common humanity."

"Each wave no matter how small and how weak and how vulnerable is able to take its own place, and show its own beauty along with those that are more powerful and strong. I believe that they have demonstrated for us that if you put aside egos, and fears and anxieties and rely on your innate ability, your talents and your God-given gifts that you can just do and miracles will unfold and you can sit back and watch them. I believe we've had miracles happen at ECC over the years, and I believe they are still happening and that these people are all a part of it."

Student Blake Russell, who recently travelled to Italy, also greeted guests at the entrance and was surrounded by his artwork and the masterpieces of ECC students that were a part of the silent auction that was held. The concert closed with the singing of Family and Dream You Become by the Music Doing Good and ECC families.

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# School & Youth News

## Former S.C. Bootle students donate public address system



Above: representatives of the Class of 2012 presenting the P.A. System to the School. From Left: Ms. Curlain Coakley, Homeroom Teacher, Class of 2012 students- Onassis McIntosh, Devanno Simms and Iesha Cornish, Principal Huel Moss and Lynette Cooper, Homeroom Teacher.

By Canishka Alexander

According to Principal Huel Moss of S.C. Bootle High School, the school received a brand new, state-of-the-art Public Address (P.A.) System. The system was donated on Feb.5 by the graduating class of 2012.

It is customary for graduating classes to donate an item much-needed by the school, and the graduates of 2012 were no different, Mr. Moss said. To this end, Onassis McIntosh, Devanno Simms and Iesha Johnson, on behalf of the graduating class, made the presentation to him.

"It was their way of saying thank you for all that the school did for them, and that good use be made of the equipment," Mr. Moss explained.

He thanked the former students for the kind gesture, and promised that the Public Address System would be well taken care of, and that they would always be remembered for their kind donation.

## St. Francis to extend raffle

Press Release

St. Francis de Sales School will extend their raffle for an additional month.

The raffle will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. on the grounds of St. Francis de Sales School.

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if you put a low-performing child in a high quality class for three consecutive years, they will outperform the other students.

Switching to immigration challenges, Gibson was able to identify with teachers on the island.

With the province of Ontario being 40 percent of Canada's 33.6 million people, Ontario has the most populated province. Ontario is also home to 60 percent of Canada's annual immigration. Gallagher pointed out that they have 2.1 million students with 27 percent of them starting school not speaking English or French - Canada's two official languages.

"They come from all over the world: some from families who are educated, some who are refugees from some of the most challenging circumstances, and there are some 12-year-olds who have never seen a school," she empathized. "Just like you, we have challenges with individual students who live in poverty, come to school without enough to eat, come from backgrounds with no books or no resources, and have parents who don't know how to show appreciation for education although they care for their children's future."

Like Abaco, Ontario also has challenges with a number of very remote schools that the students can only travel to by boat or by airplane.

Going back to a high tolerance for truth, Gallagher said openness and honesty is needed to address challenges in education. While she admitted that literacy and numeracy are not the most important aspects of learning, they are fundamental because there are children who end up dropping out of school just because they can't read.

She went on to make an interesting point on first learning to read and then using the skill of reading to continue our learning. Learning and teaching in the 21st

century is about literacy and numeracy, which focus on creativity and innovation; communication; critical thinking and problem solving; and collaboration.

**"The classroom should be the safest place other than home where kids can make a mistake."**

Dr. Gallagher paused to ask teachers if they are teaching a classroom or students, and if they would continue teaching from a curriculum even if the children are not learning. She further stated that teachers do a disservice when we think children in poverty can't learn or think well. In general, students are given boring stuff because we think they are challenged with poverty, language, etc.

"Every day we put children through pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey exercises, and don't tell them what we want them to learn," she opined. "Education is key to solving many things in the world."

Gallagher invited teachers to have a conversation with their colleagues to find out why they choose to teach the way they do and if it works. This, she said, promotes professional dialogue and the development of a professional learning community, which is a regularly scheduled time for teachers to come together and bring student work around the table to talk about how they are going to move the kids forward.

There was a concern that teachers are bound to curriculum and that it is what exams are based on. If they move away from that then the kids would potentially fail exams. Gallagher suggested looking for ways to integrate curriculum and using different textbooks.

"From this moment today, you have the opportunity to change lives," Dr. Gallagher advised. "One-day sessions work if they are the spark that starts a different kind of fire."

Meanwhile, Dr. Marian Robertson-Baghel, a Scottish-Canadian educator with 30 years of teaching experience, spoke on Kindergarten to Grade 12: Literacy Strategies that Work in Closing the Achievement Gaps. As a teacher and educator in literacy development, human development and special education, she talked about the importance of literacy and how literacy skills can be applied across various subject areas and in students' day-to-day activities.

Dr. Robertson-Baghel said that people need to have a whole range of literacy skills and know which skill to use depending on the task. The challenge for some teachers has been to look at the curriculum

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Makia Gibson of the Yes to Education Foundation talking to teachers at the Literacy and Numeracy Workshop on Jan.23.

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and figure out if facts are important or if the process of uncovering facts is more important. Even though we have national exams, she said that if students are taught critical thinking they will pass. One suggestion she made was to allow students to write to real pen pals or pastors and government officials because they are required to write letters for BJC examinations.

Dr. Robertson-Baghel talked briefly about her work as a volunteer at Project Read Bahamas. Throughout the project, she has learned that Bahamian students bring things with them when coming to class like resilience, adaptability, resourcefulness, respect for their elders and value placed on their education.

“Success brings success, so be mindful of how you are interacting with students,” Dr. Robertson-Baghel admonished. “The classroom should be the safest place other than home where kids can make a mistake.”

## Closing the achievement gaps in literacy and numeracy

By Mirella Santillo

The morning session of the Numeracy and Literacy presentation was followed by an afternoon of workshops aimed at demonstrating the morning tuition.

Dr. Mary Jean Gallagher, an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ontario Ministry of Education offered various solutions for teachers to help students with the understanding of Mathematics. Her approach was to awaken the creative thinking and problem solving abilities of students through collaboration and communication. Giving children an opportunity to talk to each other and to participate in problem solving in small group workshops, would allow them to give each other solutions and demonstrate that there are many ways in mathematics to arrive at the same conclusion. This method was illustrated with a video showing several groups of students resolving a problem by different approaches, a system opposite to direct teaching.

Even in mathematics, literacy is important as each discipline has its own language; so, she said, give kids a chance to use the language of their discipline. To improve the quality of discourse in mathematics class rooms, allow students to engage in discussion; allow the act of questioning; set up a supportive environment; orchestrate discourse and get students to think; get kids to move around in intervals as they have limited attention spans.

Mrs. Marian-Robertson-Baghel, an educator from Scottish descent, brought the focus of the teachers in her workshop on dealing with an unfamiliar language.

Literacy Instruction that works, she assured, has to be meaningful, culturally sensitive, respectful of the learner and gives voice and control.

She offered an analogy between the Scottish students who speak Gaelic at home but perfect English in class to Bahamian students and those whose first language is

Creole. She also demonstrated through statistics that poverty is not a factor in performance. She advocated having the students work in groups so the more advanced help the ones who need improvement.

She reminded the teachers not to waste time distributing material to the kids, check in the curriculum to see if there are things that are not important and allow time for kids with language issues.

She also recommended making the classroom alive by reading aloud, by having students pay attention to titles and captions. Children lose interest if they get the same things day after day, she said.

A tool to help readers is phonemic awareness or the ability to manipulate sounds and to blend vowels and consonants. Use cartoons which give a strong meaning with few words and teach students to engage in prior knowledge before they start reading. Monitor comprehension by asking questions. After reading: summarize, synthesize and reflect. Mnemonics consists of readers’ theaters and word walls to be described and analyzed.

Mr. Makia Gibson with Yes to Education ended the workshop by reminding teachers about two conferences to be held this year, one in Helsinki, Finland and the other in Toronto, Canada.

## Tips for Improving Your Reading

By Samantha Evans – School Counselor

Reading is one of those skills that can impact all other subjects learned in school. A child’s inability to read well can result in a student’s report card plummeting in just one term. To help your child enhance their reading skills, the following tips should be considered:

- 1) Determine the reason you are reading a book.
- 2) Highlight the main idea and make notes as you read.
- 3) Look up unfamiliar words and record them in your individual vocabulary book.
- 4) Review the information read to help you remember the new information.
- 5) Record and alphabetize the information read in a log book so it is easy to find.
- 6) When reading with a study partner, ask each other questions covering the questions-who, what, where, when, how and why?

Reading is a crucial skill for a child to have because without it, your child will only live half of an existence. As an Adult Literacy Trainer, I have experienced firsthand the challenges adult non-readers have and it is not a life you want for your child. Therefore, I encourage parents to make a commitment to read a book to or with your child every day and seek appropriate help if you have a child who struggles with reading.

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## Crossing Rocks wins Grade 5 Spelling Bee



Deshawn McKinney took top place at the Grade Five Spelling Bee held on Feb 1. Left to right: Deshawn McKinney (1st), Selena Saunders and Rayvyn McKinney.

By Samantha Evans

Competition at the Grade Five Spelling Bee was very stiff on Friday February 1, 2013. The event was held at St. Andrews Methodist Hall in Dundas Town and began at 10am. Parents and well-wishers were out in large numbers to support their loved ones.

Twenty-six students took part in the Spelling Bee which lasted for almost three hours. After the students exhausted the seen-list words, they were given unseen

words with a level of difficulty reaching Grade 7. But, after a fierce fight, the top three spellers were named.

In third place was Selena Saunders of Central Abaco Primary School, in second place was Rayvyn McKinney of Amy Roberts Primary School and the winner, all the way from the southern settlement of Crossing Rocks, was Deshawn McKinney of Crossing Rocks Primary School. His coach was Principal Simone Pinder.

Demasthene, Shania Gedeon, Patranique Huyler, Roziah Joseph, Jamiah Julmast Tyriq Lightbourn and Aaliyah Thervil-Grade 2; Breunna Aranha and Daphny D'Haiti-Grade 3; Alexander Joseph, Derrnardo Mcdonald, Jaheem Smith, Marcus Davis, Nixon Louis, Racque McIntosh, Alyssa Bertha and Kisha McKenzie-Grade 4; Blaine Altidor, Samuel Collie and Du- rene Etienne; Tierra Bethel, Tanesha

Gelin, Randia Hield, Latoya Louis, Jean D;Haiti and Duane Johnson-Grade 6; Ash- ton Laroda-Grade 7, Giovanni Morris-Grade 8, Mikinchina Etienne-Grade 9, An- tonio Roldan and Javara McIntosh-Grade 10, and Ashley Aranha, Aleisha Gomez and Toniska Russell-Grade 11.

The students received medals, trophies and certificates depending on their level of achievement.



Above: the top students for each grade level at Long Bay School. Bianna Pubien gr. 1, Hillary Demasthene gr. 2, Brunna Aranha gr. 3, Jaheem Smith gr. 4, Samuel Collie gr. 5, Mikinchina Etienne gr. 9, Giovanni Morris grade 8 and Aleisha Gomez gr. 11.

## Abaco student honoured as top foreign student at Palm Beach Atlantic

By Samantha Evans

Taj Anderson is being honored this year for his high academic accomplishments at Palm Beach Atlantic University. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA since he started at the University and will be graduating in May 2013 after only three years.

He is also being honoured by the "Who is Who among Colleges and Universities in America Program" for being the top foreign student at the University. This is a very prestigious honour awarded annually.

"Who is Who among Students" is one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors program in the United States and is respected by colleges and their administrators. As a result of his accomplishments, he has many scholarship options to consider as he seeks to further his education as a physician.

## Local students receive special testing assistance

By Samantha Evans

Receiving an education can give a person an intense sense of fulfillment and pride. However, some students have difficulty grasping some of the educational concepts due to academic deficiencies or developmental challenges. On the island of Abaco, it can be a struggle to find avenues to help students address these difficulties.

From Monday, February 3 to Friday, February 8, 2013, two employees from Special Services of the Ministry of Education were on Abaco to help some students with those challenges. Sterling Gardiner and Lacoya Johnson began their testing at Abaco Central High on Monday morning then travelled to other schools across Abaco in an effort to support teachers in their endeavors to teach their students.

Since the services are provided by the Ministry of Education, the services were

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## Honours Convocation held at Long Bay School

By Samantha Evans

The Honours Convocation was held at Long Bay School on Wednesday evening January 30 at 6:30pm to honour the accomplishments of the students from the 2011-2012 academic year. The speaker for the event was Principal Jacqueline Collie who gave a motivational speech to the students and an overview of the accomplishments for last school year. There were thirty-four students who made the honor roll during that year.

She stated that these industrious students are not here because the road to success was smooth and unchallenging, but

because they kept their eyes on the prize of becoming an honour student. She and the staff saluted them. The top students for each grade level were: Brianna Pubien-Grade 1, Hillary Demasthene-Grade 2, Breunna Aranha-Grade 3, Jaheem Smith-Grade 4, Samuel Collie-Grade 5, Duane Johnson-Grade 6, Ashton Laroda-Grade 7, Giovanni Morris-Grade 8, Mikinchina Etienne -Grade 9, Antonio Roldan-Grade 10, Aleisha Gomez-Grade 11 and Cicely Gomez-Grade 12.

The honour students were: Zion Dieuville, Damis Gelin, Keishawn Moultrie and Brianna Pubien-Grade 1; Hillary



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made available to public school students. However, on the island of Abaco due to the unique working dynamics between the District Office and private schools, such testing is also afforded to them as the need arises. Some of the tests given were to assess academic needs such as reading, writing, spelling, and math, ADHD, Autism, and dyslexia. All tests will be scored by the team then results returned to the superintendent before being sent to the schools.

Once the results are received, teachers will have a better idea of how to help their students learn. The testing assistance was organized by Dr. Lenora Black of the District Education Office.

## Student of the Year Nominees 2013

By Samantha Evans

### Iziah Newbold:

Eleven year old Iziah Newbold is the head boy at Central Abaco Primary School. He was a curious and smart boy from his toddler days; always asking lots of questions. His parents and grandfather saw this inquisitiveness as a sign of strength and did their best to answer all of his questions. Iziah has performed excellent work at all of the schools he attended and was honoured by the district for being the top student in Grades 1 and 2 while at St. Francis de Sales.

In Grade 4, he became a student of Central Abaco Primary where he refocused himself and became an "A" student overall. In Grade 4 he made vice principal's list and in Grade 5 principal's list. Iziah proved to be a leader among his peers and was given the responsibility of school prefect in Grades 5 and 6.

Iziah is a very active member of Lat-terrain Church where he sings in the youth praise team, attends Sunday school and is heavily involved in youth ministry. He is the oldest child of Kermit and Tanna Newbold.

### Reagan Roberts:

Reagan Roberts was born on March 28, 2002. He is a student of Amy Roberts Primary School and the child of Christopher and Pamela Roberts. He lives on Green Turtle Cay Abaco.

He enjoys painting, sketching, playing pickle ball, football and baseball. He plans to become a professional football and baseball player but will pursue a career as a lawyer upon graduating high school.

### Makayla Roberts:

Makayla Roberts is wonderfully unique. At the age of 11, she does not follow the crowd or seek the approval of others. She is confident in who she is and has her eyes set on Christ. She is extremely passionate about her school work, art, music, animals, photography, the environment, swimming and serving others.

At Man-O-War Primary school, Makayla is a school prefect and sets the bar high for the rest of the students. She leads by example in appearance, character and in her studies. Makayla has played an intricate part throughout the years participating in Science Fairs, Art Competitions and Spelling Bees. She is always respectful to other students and her teachers.

She is active in her church and participates in many community projects. She was among a group of volunteers who painted the Youth Center last year. She is a member of the swim team and sailing club on Man-O-War. Makayla travels during the summer as a volunteer to other islands for Vacation Bible School.

### Samuel Isaac Collie:

Samuel Isaac Collie, age 10, is in grade six at Long Bay School and has been nominated for The Bahamas Primary School for student of the year. Like his older brother he aspires to become a medical doctor.

He loves swimming, basketball, and cooking. He is a member of the Pathfinders Club at his church where he has been a member for numerous years. He holds the title of Champion in the club.

His hobbies are building Legos and Technics. His favorite subjects are Mathematics, Science and Creative Writing. His favorite dish is grits, scrambled eggs and cheese.

His parents are Isaac and Jacqueline Collie.

### Bethany Higgs:

Bethany Higgs is the top Grade 6 student at Agape Christian School for 2013. She has one brother, Benjamin and is the daughter of Robbie & Julie Higgs. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie and Nancy Higgs of Marsh Harbour and David and Marjorie Johnson of Minnesota.

The school family of Agape Christian School and the school board are all ecstatic to have Bethany represent them at the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards program this year. She is an excellent student and leader.

Finally, the congregation and leadership of Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel congratulates the Higgs family and cheer Bethany on for her accomplishments.

## St. Francis student wins district spelling bee

By Samantha Evans

Seventeen students from grades 6 to 8 took part in the District Spelling Bee held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town on Friday morning February 8 at 10am. The winner of this event will join other stellar spellers from across the Bahamas to compete for the coveted title of National Spelling Bee Champion.

Once the competition began, it was very competitive from start to finish. Eight rounds were spent on the Seen List followed by a spell off between Forest Heights and Agape Christian School for third place from the Unseen List. Once this round ended, the top two spellers, from Agape Christian School and St. Francis de Sales, began their rounds of spelling for first and second place which was done very quickly without complications.

In third place was Kiara White a

Grade 6 student from Agape Christian School. In second place was Habriyah McIntosh also from Agape Christian School and the winner, a Grade 8 student from St. Francis de Sales School, was Lachelle Lightbourn.

The winner was a poised speller from the outset and showed no fear, doubt or concern about any word given. Congratulations were extended to the winner and her school family for a job well done. They wish her all of the best as she prepares to travel to New Providence for the National Spelling Bee on March 24.

Her coach is Hazel Lorene. The event was organized by Education Officer Felemease Sawyer. The judges were Samantha V. Evans (head judge), Valarie Dean, Melissa Hardy-Newbold, and Lauren Riviere.



Above: the three spellers who won the District Spelling Bee. Lachelle Lightbourn, of St. Francis, won overall and will represent Abaco in the National Spelling Bee. Left to right: Lachelle Lightbourn, Habriyah McIntosh and Kiara White.

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# SPORTS

## Malcolm Spicer secures Cacique Award for Abaco

By Canishka Alexander

Malcolm Spicer was awarded the Cacique Award in the Sports, Leisure & Events Category at the 15th Cacique Awards ceremony on January 27 at the Rainforest Theater in Nassau. Spicer surpassed finalists like Ebenezer "Bonefish Ebbie" David from Bimini and Andra Charles Fish from Andros to win Tourism's highest honour.



Above: Malcolm Spicer posing with his Cacique Award in the Sports, Leisure & Events Category at the 15th Cacique Awards ceremony on January 27.

Spicer was nominated for his hosting of the Little League International World Series Regional Tournament, and the 18th Caribbean Cup and the 5th Americas Cups of Darts on Abaco.

This being his first nomination for the Cacique Awards, Spicer said it was an honour to receive such an award.

He said: "It is a satisfying feeling after all of the work you do for at least somebody to recognize you. There are so many people in the community who deserve recognition for what they do because they basically give their spare time and much more than that, and they don't get recognition."

The event was surprisingly a bit nerve-racking for Spicer because of all of the influential people in attendance with television cameras everywhere. Plus, there was the uncertainty of not knowing if he was going to win.

It didn't take long for Spicer to find out the good news.

"We had a bunch of Abaco people there, and they were all jumping up, and screaming and shouting, but that was fun," he quipped. "I had to go up and give a speech, so that all went well."

"The first thing I said when I went up there was that this is for Abaco because our country depends so much on tourism. When you can find a niche within the tourism

portfolio that can work like Sports Tourism, it's an ideal thing. You don't have to find things for them to do because they're already coming here to do something."

He said that based on the international events that have been hosted on Abaco, the island has shown that we can succeed at sports tourism providing we have the infrastructure. Meanwhile, Spicer said he has requested land from the government for a sports complex and soccer field.

"They don't need to provide the infrastructure - all they have to do is provide the land because we have the business community and the sporting community here willing to work together," Spicer expressed. "Community and government working together is superb as you saw with the ballparks."

Added to that, Spicer said that we have the best place to come to and relax, which is part of the reason he likes the Out Islands.

He also thanked the Abaco community for the warm welcome and congratulatory remarks he received upon his return home. Spicer was also delighted to hear from longtime friends and students.

"It's a feeling of satisfaction really. It's a bit like teaching when you do something like this, you get satisfaction - it's not pride," he reflected. "You'd like to see

your students make it, you know, so you get the same satisfaction when you see sports events and things being carried out successfully because the things we do help the youth, and they provide facilities for the youth afterwards."

In addition to Spicer's win, the Ministry of Tourism also applauded Dave and Phoebe Gale of Hope Town, who were announced as early winners of the Clement T. Maynard Lifetime Achievement Award. Candace Key was named a finalist in two categories - Human Resources Development Category and Sustainable Tourism Category - for her exceptional work with the Reef Etiquette Brochure.

Remaining Cacique nominations for Abaco included: Neville "Archie" Symonette - Minister's Award; Friends of the Environment - Sustainable Tourism; Albury's Ferry - Transportation; Victor Russell - Life Time Achievement Award; and Dave and Kathy Ralph - Creative Writing.

**"The first thing I said when I went up there was that this is for Abaco because our country depends so much on tourism."**

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## BBC kicks-off 40th anniversary with pictorial yearbooks



Above: Southern Comfort releases a blue marlin during the 2012 BBC.

### Press Release

The Bahamas Billfish Championship kicked-off its 40th anniversary celebration by publishing five online 'yearbooks' with images of the people and events that made the Series memorable. According to Al Behrendt, BBC president, "There are over 2,600 images divided into five volumes that will transport viewers on a trip down memory lane in any decade they select." Many of the images were digitized from old black and white photographs, negatives and 35mm film slides. "It is fascinating to see the contrast in boats and fishing tackle of the 1970's and those of the last decade," Behrendt added. Publishing the online yearbooks is the first in a series of promotions designed to call attention to the fact that the Bahamas Billfish Championship is the world's oldest billfish tournament series.

The Championship has its origin with a group of dedicated anglers who, while participating in billfish tournaments in The Bahamas, started an informal competition among themselves in 1968 to determine the 'Bahamas Champion'. In 1973, the competition formally became the 'Bahamas Billfish Championship' and took on a more structured form. The BBC has maintained a consecutive annual schedule that has included as many as six tournaments covering Bimini, the Berry Islands, the Abacos,

Cat Cay, Paradise Island, Eleuthera and Great Exuma.

In 1979, Sam Jennings of Miami, Florida attracted the attention of anglers around the world when he set a Bahamas blue marlin record catching a 1,060.5 pound blue during the BBC's Bimini Summer Blue Marlin Tournament. Jennings' record withstood the test of time until June 2011 when Bahamian, Dave Albury caught a 1,119 pound blue marlin during the BBC's Treasure Cay Championship.

The BBC's popularity among anglers and crews is attributable to several factors including the fact that the Championship tournaments are governed by a uniform set of rules. Time and date stamped digital images are used by the BBC judges to verify the species of billfish released; a process pioneered by the BBC to aid in the conservation of the target species. Anglers can fish any or all tournaments with cumulative points determining the overall Bahamas Billfish Champions. And, for the past twenty years, a 'Steering Committee' of participating anglers monitors the wishes and the desires of the anglers regarding rule changes and tournament locations.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship's 40th anniversary celebration will culminate at the Marsh Harbour Championship, the Series' final tournament of the 2013 season. "We are inviting past BBC

anglers and crewmembers to join us to fish a great tournament, renew old acquaintances and enjoy a week-long celebration," said Behrendt. "Our goal is to have a 40th Reunion for all past BBC participants."

For the very latest BBC information, updates on the 40th anniversary celebration or to view the pictorial yearbooks, Blasts from the Past 40 Years, visit the BBC website at [www.bahamasbillfish.com](http://www.bahamasbillfish.com).

### 2013 Bahamas Billfish Championship Registration 40th Anniversary Schedule

- Guana Cay Championship  
April 14th - 19th  
Orchid Bay Yacht Club & Marina
- Harbour Island Championship  
May 5th - 10th  
Romora Bay Club & Resort
- Treasure Cay Championship  
May 26th - May 31st  
Treasure Cay Resort & Marina
- Marsh Harbour Championship  
June 9th - 14th  
Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour Marina

## MP Curry brings remarks at Little League season opener Sporting complex to develop talent of Abaco

By Samantha Evans

On the afternoon of February 2, the Little League season was opened at the field in Murphy Town at 3pm. The members were dressed in their team colours, all ready to play ball which lasted well into the night. Before the games began, a brief opening ceremony was held at which time several persons spoke one of whom was Renardo Curry, Member of Parliament for North Abaco.

Mr. Curry congratulated the league for their accomplishments so far and for making it to their fourth season. He stated that sports and youth development are important and the Government of The Bahamas is committed to pushing the youth through sports. He encouraged the parents to continue to push their children as well.

By being a part of Little League, these youth learn many lessons that can get them scholarships. To do this, the league has to extend their games to the high school level.

In the coming years, Mr. Curry noted that other sports clubs will be coming on stream and more will develop once the sporting complex is built. This sporting complex will house all sports under one roof and be done through partnership with the private sector.

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## Young Abaconian sees continued success in swimming

Also making comments was Ishmael Morley, who congratulated the League for their accomplishments and for starting a new season and George Mills, the brain behind Little League, for being the vibrant, consistent body of six teams they have today. Mills thanked the parents and supporters for always being there to ensure that the games go off without a hitch.

However, he noted that more support and donations are needed. In May 2013, he explained, they will be hosting another tournament on the island so they will need sponsors for that and he plans to take the players to Freeport for National again; which will also require lots of financial support.

Mills explained that his involvement in this sport is a labour of love as it gives the kids of Abaco something positive to do on the weekend while they learn a sport. The first pitch of the game was made by Bert Sawyer who pitched the ball to his grand-son Dillon Albury.

Two games were played that evening. The 9 to 10 year olds played and North Abaco defeated Central Abaco 17 to 2 and the over 11 year olds played and North Abaco defeated Central Abaco 6 to 1.



Above: Miller Albury, who swam in Freeport in November and won the High Point trophy for his age group, being presented his trophy by Mancer Roberts, the Bahamas Swimming Federation Official from Nassau. Miller is a member of the Abaco Swim Club whose volunteers focus on teaching young swimmers the basics as well as training more advance swimmers to reach the next level.

### Press Release

In November Miller Albury travelled to Freeport to swim in the FAC Northern Bahamas Championships, winning the overall highpoint award in his division. This is the first swim meet he attended for the season and was very pleased with his accomplishment. He said "I went to Freeport with the goal to win the High Point in my division, and am happy to have achieved this."

He recently travelled to Nassau in early January to swim in another meet where he improved most of his personal best times. Over the next few weeks he continues special training and participating in various other swim meets in Nassau in order to be considered for the Bahamas National Swim Team for the second year.

Miller says "Being a part of the National Swimming Team last year was so exciting. Now I am in a more competitive age group, and need to work much harder to be considered for the Team again this year. It will be hard work, but I like the challenge."

Miller currently attends Forest Heights Academy, and is hoping to attend school in the United States next year and continue his swimming career.

## Basketball Camp provides opportunities to excel

By Vernique Russell

The Treasure Cay Sporting Club is back on track with basketball. The yearly-hosted basketball camp is now ready to go once again.

Coach Godfrey Rolle is calling all young boys and teenagers in the Treasure Cay area to come and be a part of the club. The club is an excellent way for children to interact and socialize but more importantly build character skills. The club also provides scholarship for the boys, giving them the opportunity to attend schools off the island and further their basketball skills and education skills.

Quite a few young men in the area have already received scholarships and were afford the privilege to excel both academically and athletically. The club meets weekly on Saturday mornings at 10am and Sunday evenings at 3pm.

The club also has a girls' team which practices on Saturday evenings at 4pm. An invitation is also extended to the young ladies of the community to come and join.

## Agape Eagles live up to the hype



Above: an ACH junior player dribbles across the court.

By Mirella Santillo

The Championship games marking the end of the high school basketball season took place on the evening of Saturday, February 9 at Grace Gymnasium between Agape Christian School's Eagles and Abaco Central High School's Marlins, both in the junior and senior division. The Eagles won in both categories, defeating ACHS Junior team 34 to 31 and the senior team 57 to 32.

The two teams were left after one month of elimination games held weekly before Christmas and a determining jamboree between the four remaining teams: the Saint Francis de Sales Catholic School's Tornadoes, the SC Bootle High School's Dynamic Dolphins, the Abaco Central High School's Marlins and the Agape Christian School's Eagles held on February 2. The Tornadoes and the Dynamic Dolphins were eliminated.

The junior championship game was a tight one with the Marlins slightly ahead in the first and second quarters. But the Eagles regrouped their forces in the last two quarters to reach victory by a small margin. The MVPs in the game were Davante Moxey, Omar McKenzie and Chris Smith for the Eagles and Bradley Altidor for the Marlins.

However, in the senior division, the Marlins did not have a chance this year. They were dominated from the very beginning by the fast game of the Eagles, in spite of the good effort of Dante Henschell and Tyrone Davis. The MVPs for the Eagles were Jaron Cornish and Godfrey Rolle.

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## Junkanoo groups overcome challenges to bring culture to the people



Above: a vibrant display of colour by the Spring City Rockers at the recent Junkanoo event held at Sea Spray Resort on Elbow Cay. A costume such as this can cost the performers upwards of \$2,000.

By Canishka Alexander

### Spring City Rockers:

Colon Curry, leader of the Spring City Rockers, and his members hit the streets on Jan. 18 to raise funds for their Junkanoo group. According to Curry, it

is difficult to pull off parades without adequate funds, so a few of the choreographers situated themselves at the traffic light to ask the community for their assistance.

With a 200-strong membership, the Spring City Rockers spent close to \$42,000

for last year's BTC Love Rush Parade. Complicating matters, their Junkanoo Shack was destroyed during Hurricane Irene and is still not fully repaired. So far, the framing is up, but the group still needs 90 sheets of plywood to close up the structure, so funds are needed continuously.

Meantime, the members were making final preparations on their costumes and banner while working under cramped conditions. Group members have had to design their costumes at home, and even Curry's home resembles a makeshift Junkanoo Shack.

"That's what we have to do now in order to bring the culture to the people," Curry explained. "This is a self-help project from the young girls out of our choreograph section to help defray the costs for their costumes in order to be ready.

"It's an expensive venture, and you have to love it to stick with it; you get nothing out of it but satisfaction knowing that you can spread Junkanoo and its culture to keep it alive."

Curry said their intent was to meet at the traffic light every weekend to see what the public's response would be because the response from corporate Abaco has declined within the past year. Curry added that supporters can see where their money is going based on their costume and presentation during the parade. Grateful to those who have already shown their sup-

port, he said the Spring City Rockers will execute a successful parade through lots of hard work.



"Support our Culture" Above: Members of the Spring City Rockers asking the public for assistance for the upcoming BTC Love Rush Parade.

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They also plan to defend their championship title.

“It will be very exciting, and the committee has lots of surprises for the public, “Curry promised. “We’re just hoping that corporate Abaco and individuals can support their group in their neighbourhood and support Junkanoo on the whole.”

## Treasure Cay Explorers:

Like the Spring City Rockers, the Treasure Cay Explorers Junkanoo group has also faced similar challenges leading up to the Love Rush Parade. Formed in 2009, the Explorers is a small community-based group that encompasses members from Treasure Cay, Cooper’s Town and other North Abaco settlements.

According to Noel St. Claude, Explorers’ Leader, the group actually started at Treasure Cay Primary School with himself, Veronica Henderson, and Vito

Russell as founding members interested in teaching the community about our culture. He still teaches Junkanoo at the primary school.

Because of the two big parades in Nassau over the holidays, one in Grand Bahama, and now the Love Rush Parade this month, the Explorers’ main problem is finding material. They have to purchase material from the United States, or find out what the other groups in Nassau have as far as rods or cardboard that they can use.

The other challenge with materials is that things can get very costly. For example, St. Claude said one sousaphone can cost between \$3,000 to \$6,000; a trumpet: \$400-\$600; trombone: \$675; baritone horn: \$816; drums: \$200; costumes: \$275; bass drums: \$150; tom-tom drums: \$275; cowbells: \$275; decorations: \$5,430. Smaller items like glitter costs \$12; and dusters: \$20; and that is not including other items like sequins, beads, flowers, paint, felt, crepe paper, cardboard; studs, nagorie feathers, staples, masking tape, contact to bind costumes, bamboo for extra enhancement to costumes, sound systems, speakers, and lighting for the banner.

With the lighting alone running them into \$700, St. Claude said no Junkanoo group can spend less than \$30,000 to pull off a decent parade on the Family Islands.

Dispelling the myth that costumes come from Nassau, St. Claude assured that the costumes are made by his members. To purchase an already-made costume is not

cheap. You would have to pay \$1,800 to \$3,000 for the costume, he said, and groups charge \$600 to \$800 for a rental. Generally, a choreographers outfit generates the least cost at \$350; a drummer’s outfit costs \$800; for the beller: \$4,000; and for the banner: \$8,000 for material and labour.

St. Claude said there is also a misconception that because they are the Treasure Cay Explorers, they are a wealthy group. He revealed that the group was formed and started from a \$25,000 bank loan that he borrowed from the bank, and fortunately, a few of the second homeowners have come on board to assist them. However, rallying financial support for the group is a formidable task when you consider that the parade is a whopping \$48,000 in costs for the group.

A lot of the costs are covered out-of-pocket by St. Claude and his colleagues and by second homeowners. Despite the Explorers’ challenges, though, the com-

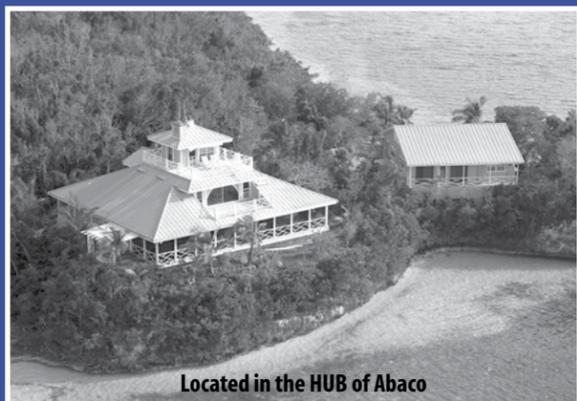
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Above: a Treasure Cay Explorers brass player at last years Love Rush Junkanoo event. Competition promises to be stiff again this year during Love Rush 2013.

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munity has a lot to look forward to for the Love Rush parade. Again, St. Claude emphasized that preparation for a Junkanoo parade calls for a lot of money, time and energy. They also have to consider electricity and food. If they had to pay for labour, those costs would amount to \$400 to \$500 a week per worker.

“Even the big groups in Nassau have struggles. If people knew how much it is to pull off a Junkanoo parade they would be amazed – sometimes my costume alone runs me in into \$4,000. It’s a struggle, but you know, we’re still trying to make it happen,” St. Claude said. “Because the community is so small, I have to bring in a few of my family members from Nassau to help. Right now we need an extra \$20,000 for what we want to do because we want to do something different, something new, and something refreshing for Abaco.”

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“So you can imagine, we take pride in our costumes [and] we like to look good, you know, we like to represent. We want to have the best music; we want to have the best of

everything. We don’t want anyone to come to Abaco and say: ‘Is this what we came here for?’ We want to have Junkanoo on the level as Nassau, so when the Minister [of Youth, Sports and Culture] or a different group comes down – they can say ‘Wow, you see that? Man, I feel like I on Bay Street.’”

His appeal to the community was to stop by the Explorers Junkanoo shack and help or buy a case of water or sodas or products that they need.

“I can tell you we don’t get anything

for it; we barely get a thank you, but it’s to make Abaco better, the community better, and to teach the culture to the whole community- the tourists, everybody. At the end of the day, everybody benefits from it: the hotel rooms are going to be filled; people will be buying out the stores.”

Fundraisers are difficult because the community is so diverse it is difficult to hold one, he said. Instead, they have asked each person for \$10, \$20, \$50 – whatever they can give to assist because he recognizes the difficulty in asking a company to give thousands of dollars to them.

St. Claude observed that if individuals can come and give something, it would be a walk in the park financially because they have an executive board in place, and all funds go directly into the Treasure Cay Explorers account. Additionally, no cheques are written without invoices.

With the Love Rush Parade, just a week away, his hope is that business community and the community as a whole gets involved, so that they can see the time, money and resources that are being put into the parade.

Even beyond the parade, Junkanoo doesn’t stop there. St. Claude said it has allowed him to travel all over the world. One year he travelled to the United States, and he has already been to China, New York and Africa – all courtesy of Junkanoo.

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As for those who believe that there are malevolent undertones to the cultural event, St. Claude had something to say about that as well.

“Anybody can take a piece of cloth or satin and make something out of it, but can you grab a piece of cardboard and make something out of it that looks the same? Get involved and see what it’s all about,” he encouraged. “Some people have said it’s worshipping the devil. This is art, and it’s art at its best. If a painter can grab a paintbrush and make a painting on a canvas, and it’s called art, why when I make

it out of cardboard, and I use the same instruments that everybody else is using, it’s of the devil?”

St. Claude concluded: “There’s nothing greater than Junkanoo that I have found that brings people together. People can be rowing and fighting for days, but as soon as it’s time to get your costume, we forget about that rowing and fighting, and we become one: one purpose, one cause.”

## “The Lucayan Taino” new edition to premier at The Sand Dollar Shoppe

### Press Release

The Lucayan Taino: First People of The Bahamas, a new edition of Sandra Riley’s novella *The Lucayans*, illustrated with spectacular paintings by Bahamian artist Alton Lowe, is now available. Beautifully redesigned by Frank Wendeln, the new edition has been enriched by recent research and additional paintings. Wendeln worked with the artist to insure that the vibrant colors of his paintings are faithfully reproduced in this stunning new edition. Included with the book is a special DVD: *FULL CIRCLE: A TAINO STORY*, by Travis Neff.

Sandra Riley’s novella, richly illustrated by Bahamian artist Alton Lowe’s well researched paintings, provides a loving and rare view of the inhabitants of the Bahamas who greeted Columbus. The Lucayan Taino, with no written language, only simple tools and a complex religion, were considered primitive by their so-called discoverers. Within forty years, through enslavement, disease, murder and suicide, the people were in danger of extinction.

On October 12, 1492, Cristobal Colon (Columbus), landed on Guanahani, an island in the present day Bahamas, and claimed it for Spain, naming it San Salvador. Columbus, seeking a faster route to the East Indies, had discovered unexplored lands. Instead of the great wealth he was anticipating, he found a peaceful people whose fortune was the bounty of the land and sea, and whose religion depended not

on coercion, but on a single creator, and much like the ancient Greeks, named the aspects of natural forces.

“Historians undertake to arrange sequences, called stories or histories, assuming in silence a relation of cause and effect,” wrote American historian Henry Adams. While Riley’s novella is not a scholarly work, intensive research by her, and Bahamian painter Alton Lowe, relate an engaging story that mines the academic works on the Lucayans such as Bartolome de Las Casas, a contemporary Spanish historian who wrote about the devastation of the Taino and Ramon Pane, who recorded their stories. Myths are the last thing people forget. The book also contains a glossary of Taino words, giving important insight into their culture, and a new bibliography has been added.

Included with *The Lucayan Taino: First People of The Bahamas* is a DVD of filmmaker Travis Neff’s docudrama *FULL CIRCLE: A TAINO STORY*. Based on Riley’s novella, the film is a dramatic exploration of the Lucayan Taino.

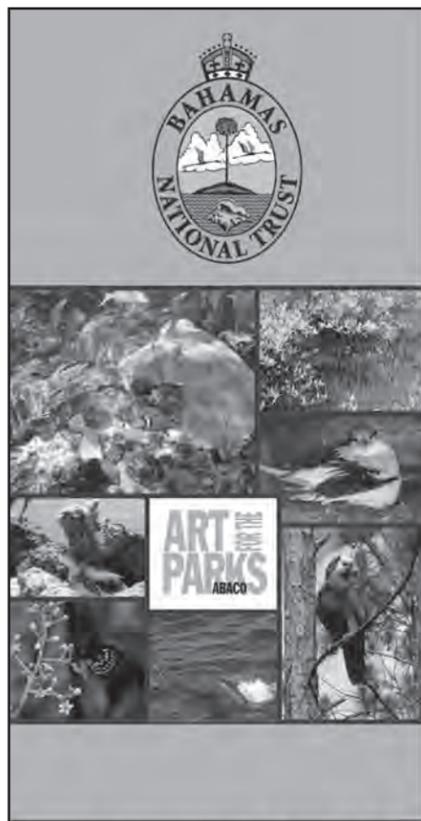
In reviewing Neff’s film, artist, educator and Taino ceremonialist Miguel So-baoko Koromo Sague said, “It is not just another story about the extinction of the Taino, This dramatic piece tells the story of a people’s love for each other and for their land, and how that love transcended conquest and environmental destruction.”

Sandra Riley is a historian, playwright, director, teacher and a passionate scholar. Her book “Homeward Bound: A History of the Bahamas to 1850” is considered a definitive Bahamian history; she has also written all the plaques for the Memorial Sculpture Garden, (a Bahamas National Monument) on Green Turtle Cay, Abaco. Her novels “The Lucayans” and “Sisters of the Sea: Anne Bonny and Mary Read—Pirates of the Caribbean” resulted from her research on the pre-Columbian people of The Bahamas and the Great Age of Piracy. She assisted in the excavations of the Carleton Loyalist settlement on Abaco and the Miami Circle, downtown Miami.

Riley holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and has directed over 80 plays for high school, community and professional theatres in South Florida, the Bahamas and Japan.

She created the first Theatre Arts section for the International Baccalaureate program at Coral Gables Sr. High for which the city of Coral Gables recognized her in 1994. In 2000, with the premiere in GTC of her play *Miss Ruby* came the idea to establish the nonprofit production company *Crystal Parrot Players*. Matt Lowe and Mariah Brown, solo plays based on Bahamian historical figures were written and premiered in Florida. The three plays are published as the *Bahamas Trilogy*. *Full Circle: a Taino Story*, a film adaptation of her novella, *The Lucayans* and stage play *Paradise Now*, premiered in Miami in Miami, 2008. Mariah Brown premiered in the Bahamas at the 2011 Shakespeare in Paradise Festival in Nassau.

Alton Lowe is a seventh-generation Abaconian born on Green Turtle Cay. A Bahamian national treasure, he is Green Turtle Cay’s artist-in-residence. Educated in art in Miami and New York City, Mr. Lowe continues to maintain his principal



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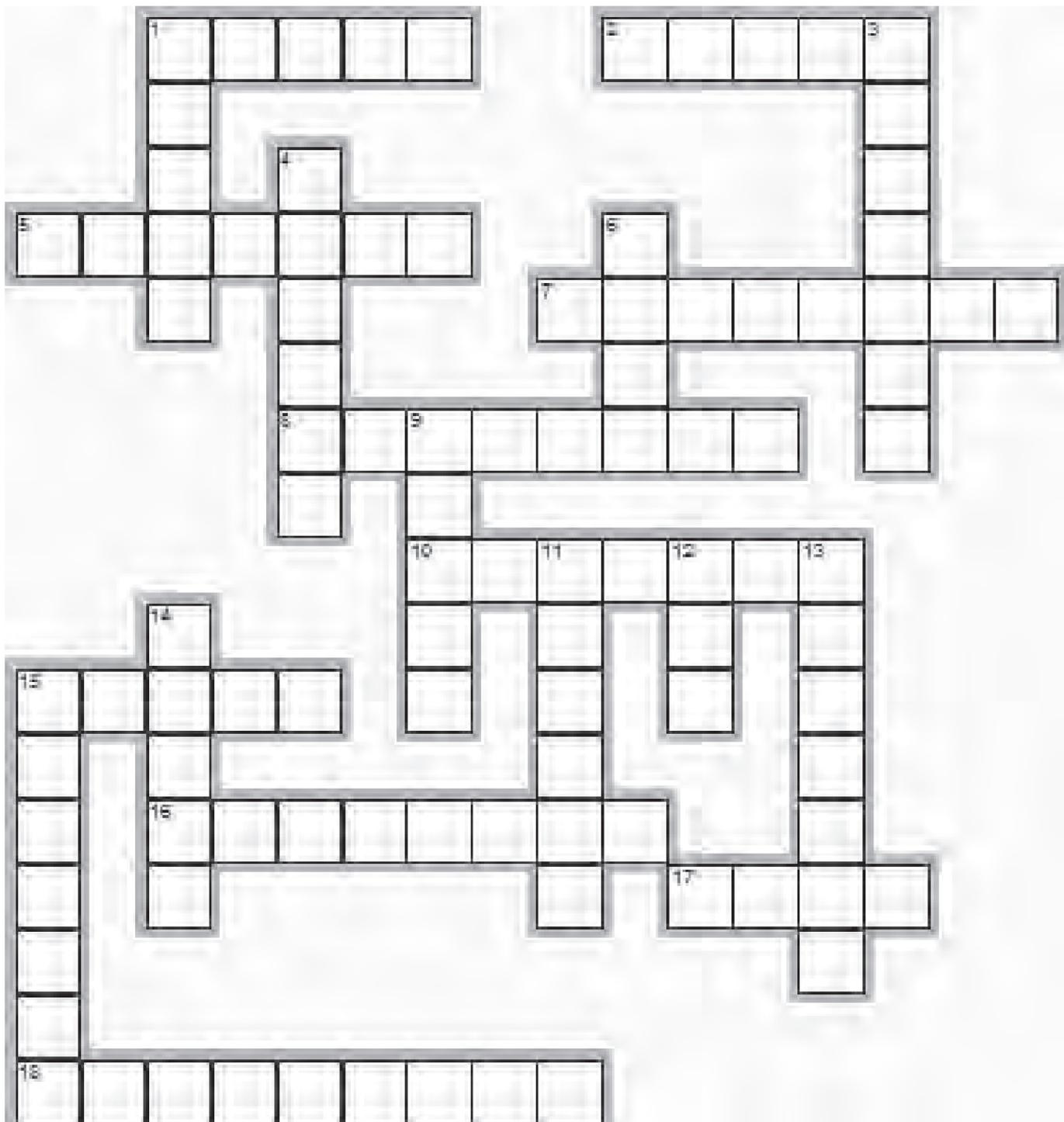
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**Across**

1. Bob White.
2. The Lucayan was a subset of these indigenous people.
5. Central/ South Abaco Junkanoo Group.
7. This 47 inch beast was recently caught off of Grand Cay, Abaco.
8. This critical component has been compromised in Abaco, "LEACHING" pollutants into the water table for months.
10. Minister in charge of housing and environment.
15. Island hosting first leg of the BBC.
16. Are these fruits or vegetables?
17. This Market won't leave you itching, despite its name.
18. North Abaco Junkanoo Group.

**Down**

1. A hack doctor.
3. "Everybody has one."
4. Bahamas' superbowl ad.
6. This organization recently denied Cable Bahamas' rate hike.
9. The "A" in A / V.
11. Elastic export of India.
12. The Music Doing Good group performs benefits for this Abaco school.
13. This social media platform is "for the birds."
14. Abaco recently brought home a gold trophy for this nationally played sport.
15. This lumbering, lovable visitor now lives at Dolphin Cay.



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**Jan 15 Crossword Answers**

- Across
1. ZODIAC—The 12 of these are studied in astrology.
  3. REACH—(Slang) We done \_\_\_\_\_; To arrive
  8. DEFINITION—By its very \_\_\_\_\_
  10. BRASS—You'll find the tuba in this section.
  12. JAM—Spreadable made with fruits.
  14. PROPERTY—Concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours.
  15. GALLEY—Where food is prepared on a ship.
  18. WADDLE—When a duck can't fly or swim it must \_\_\_\_\_.
- Down
2. CONSTITUTIONAL—\_\_\_\_\_ monarchy;
  4. AUSTRALIA—The Down Under.
  5. DWINDLE—To slowly shrink.
  6. BAIT—Good luck catching anything without \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. MAJORITY—\_\_\_\_\_ Rule, Celebrated January 10.
  9. ETERNITY—Forever.
  11. WOOL—Fool someone by pulling this over their eyes.
  13. MIGHTY—High and \_\_\_\_\_.
  16. LOVE—Joy, Peace and \_\_\_\_\_, the greatest of these.
  17. SALADIN—Richard the Lionheart's opponent.

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# Church News

## New ministry serves North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Women at the Well Ministries International are the newest kid-on-the-block offering religiously orientated services in North Abaco. This church is located in the Murphy Town area just off of Forest Drive in a white duplex.

Their worship opportunities schedule includes Sunday School at 10 am, Divine Worship Service at 11 am and 7 pm on Sunday. Prayer meetings are held at 7pm on Monday and midweek Bible Study is Wednesday at 7pm.

The host pastor of the Ministry is Prophetess Loretta Butterfield. It is the church's goal to reach the lost and hurting in the community and to bring hope and healing to the downtrodden in the community. Built on the belief that God is the same God yesterday today and forever; the ministry is seeking to show forth His glory.

The Bible declares that signs should follow them that believe, and their ministry is chasing those signs.

They are tired of church-as-normal and are ready for God to manifest His power like never before through healing and deliverance and the performance of miracles. The church is non-denominational and is open to all who believe in the power of the Most High God.

A special invitation is extended to the general public to come and worship at Weapon of Power Ministry International. For further information, interested persons can contact 365-8834.

## Service of celebration touches North Abaco churches

By Vernique Russell

The Baptist churches in North Abaco hosted their first corporate revival for 2013 during the week of January 28 to February 1. The services were held throughout the North Abaco communities.

The services began on Sunday and the first two nights at Zion Baptist in Fox Town. Then they traveled to the Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay for another two nights of service with a final set of services at Zion Baptist, Murphy Town.

The goal of the revival services was to provide fellow believers an opportunity to seek a fresh touch from the Master. The services were well attended and people came in hungry and thirsty for the touch.

The revival also provided an opportunity for the church to unite as a corporate body and tap into the corporate vision for 2013. The church as a body experienced some changes and accomplished many milestones during 2012. The overseer for the Baptist Corporate Body for Abaco and the executive team were well pleased with the support they received during the services.

The revival was dubbed a success and the committee is excited about the remainder of events that will take them throughout this year.

## Wisdom Changing Center holds Youth Day

By Vernique Russell

Pastor Carlton and Lady Lavina McIntosh of Cooper's Town are on a quest to complete their mandate to strengthen the individual through the conveying of wisdom. To this end they hosted their first youth Sunday.

The youth department proudly displayed their religious knowledge and their desire to seek after the things of God. The service was held on Sunday February 2 at 11am. Special invited guests and parents gathered to celebrate with the pastor and members of the Wisdom Changing Center.

The youth orchestrated every aspect of the service and showed their talents and ability. The service was followed by a Super Bowl Party that evening, where members dressed in their favorite teams' jersey to watch Super Bowl 2013. Light appetizers were served.

Weekly, the host pastor and his team accommodate about 60 to 75 youths in exciting Bible based programs. Youth Night is every Friday night at 7 pm. The Ministry is known to host events such as Talent Night, Movie Night, Game Night and many other programs that bring the youth of the community to their facilities.

The youth day was a clear way for the public to see the awesome work Pastor Carlton and Lady Lavina is doing with the youths of their Ministry. Parents who attended were very proud and felt special to see their young people display such vast talent. They are encouraging Pastor McIntosh and his team to keep up the good work knowing that their labor is surely not in vain.

signed to promote the message of salvation to young people and to address current issues among young people today.

The leaders believe that with drugs and violence trying to kill out our future generation, the church must step in and take its active role in bringing the message of hope and peace from the pages of the Bible to living reality. It is their desire to work with those who have been rejected and neglected or despised and give them a reason to believe again.

Services are held every Saturday beginning at 6:45pm. The public is invited to come out and be a part of this movement.

## TY-365 offers exciting fellowship in Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

Minister Oscar McIntosh and his team have heard the cry of those seeking others to help overcome issues. Every Friday, the place to be is at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. This new, and exciting, service is now in session.

Every Friday, Minister Sawyer and his team meet to discuss and analyze everyday issues that young Christians are faced with. The sessions also provide an intimate worship experience with God. Bible study is also held during the session allowing attendees to search the scriptures and educate each other. The group meets weekly at 8:00pm.

TY-365 invites the general public to come and celebrate with them on Sunday February 24, 2013 for their Youth Day. The heads of the Youth Department and their youth are extending a special invitation to the general public to be a part of their T-Shirt Day and Talent Fest.

On Sunday and Monday, the young people and the young-at-heart will attend a special service in their T-shirts and jeans. A special guest speaker will be on the island to deliver the sermon. That evening the youth will return back to their local edifice for a Talent Fest night.

The group is inviting the public to come and see the best of the best perform in skits, dances, solos and much more. TY-365 is declaring that they are showing The Bahamas that all is not lost and that there is hope for this nation.

Service begins at 11am and the talent fest is at 7pm. TY-365 is the Youth Department of Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay.

## Possibilities now open for Cooper's Town youth

By Vernique Russell

It is the newest and the hottest spot on the block for young men and woman to gather. "Possibilities" is a program designed to provide wholesome activities for young people to participate in. They host weekly services at the Friendship Mission Church in Cooper's Town and the program is run under the administration of their youth department.

"Possibilities" is designed to empower young people to unleash their God-given talents and abilities. Young men, women and children gather weekly to participate in forum discussions, games and activities and youth church. Their program is de-

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# Remembering Family and Friends

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## Ricardo Wilfred Johnson

Funeral Service for the Late Ricardo Wilfred Johnson, 49 years of #64 McK-inney Avenue, Stapledon Gardens, and formerly of Sandy Point, Abaco, was held on Saturday February 2, 2013, 2:30 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church, East & Shirley Streets. Rev. T.G. Morrison assisted by other ministers will officiate. Interment will follow in the Western Cemetery, Nassau Street.

Left to cherish his legacy is his: mother: Yvonne Williams, father: Granville Johnson, aunts: Norma Williams; Mae Higgs, sisters: Donna Darville, Annischka Holmes-Moncur, Bridgette Lamm, Melanie Whyms-Adderley; Elizabeth & Sharon Johnson; Maydawn Knowles, brothers: Larry Evans, Pedro, Craig, Jermaine, Michael, Tony, Delano and Chando Johnson; Donald Williams; Jouette Smith; brother-in-law: John Moncur Nathario Adderley; sisters-in-law: Ashra and Lottie Johnson, uncles: Dwayne Williams, Paul, Tony and Hansel King; godmother: Thelma Symonette; godchild: Brenden Lamm; nieces & nephews: Latoya Bullard (Marquest), Enrico (Royann), Charisse & Spencer (Shanique) Darville; Ayrtan & Ayriel Moncur; Rochelle, Raquel, Kieron, Gregg Jr., Zariah, Perica, Uriah, & Selina Johnson; Adrianna Rolle; Anton & Kareem Adderley; Nadia and Giovanni Stubbs; Gabrielle, Larry Jr., Abdul, & Lavar Evans; Tyrone & Tyrel Whyly; Patranique Knowles; Jouette Smith Jr.; grandnieces & nephews: Quest, Savannah, and Raine Bullard; Tory & Deja Wilkinson; Lyric, Lark, Logan & Summa Darville; Trey Stubbs; Gianni Rolle, Tamia & Delreo Cleare; Sa'na & Sania Johnson; and a host of other friends and family.

## Randolph Wallace



Rev. Randolph Wallace age 92 years old of #3 Court Streets, Gleneston Gardens and formerly of Cedar Harbour, Abaco died at the Princess Margaret Hospital on Wednesday, February 6th, 2013.

He is survived by his wife: Epsy Wallace; sons: Rolston Smith and Rudy Wallace; daughters: Debra Wallace-Elliot, Beryl B. Rolle, Margaret Wallace of Grand

Bahama; sister: Lorraine Curry; brothers: George and Charles Wallace of Fort Pierce, Florida; nieces: Rosemary Wallace and Monique Whymns; and other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

## Arlene McIntosh



Funeral Service for the late Arlene McIntosh will be held at Faith Walk Church of God, Cooper's Town, Abaco, Bahamas. Officiated was Pastor Herbert Edgcombe, Bishop Archilaus Cooper, assisted by Pastor Jollian McIntosh. Service was held Saturday 2, February, 2013 at Faith Walk. Interment was held at Southside Cemetery.

Left to mourn her passing are her children: Marilyn Edgcombe, Pastor Jollian, Daniel (Danny), Walter Jr., Pastor Carlton, Elvis & Priscilla McIntosh, Marjorie McIntosh, Michael (Ned) Pritchard & Vokia Walkins; Mother: Ruth Wells; Grandchildren: Algerio & Desirae, Vanessa, Garvin & Shaniqua Edgcombe, WPC 3183 Garnett Lewis, Evalina Hendfield, Densil Grant, Anquanique Huyler, Shantell Albury, Javal & Dashnique, Jacora, Thasi, Taja, Jayden, Rashnae, Razheme, Raquasha, Diandra, Lashario Tamashia Elvisha McIntosh, Ashley Clarke, Renesse Stuart, Regina Moxey, Reneka Cooper, Gordina Beadle, Rondinerio, Serrano, Madia, Michael, Makalya & Makenna Pritchard; Great Grandchildren: Brookelyn, Anton Jr., Montreal, Gabriel, Breanna, Emmerston, Emi, Bradley, Jaylen, Nik'yah, Da'Kari, Jarona, Kellen, Anthony, Andre, Olivia, Tamacia, Nakai; Sons-in-law: Garneth Edgcombe, Gordon & Franrico McIntosh, Keith Walkins; Daughters-in-law: Coretta, Vangie, Peavan, Lavinia & Tamara McIntosh, Vivian Pritchard; Brothers: Fred, Erskine Jr. Roosevelt & Anthony Wells; Sisters: Idella Mills, Shirley Wright, Barbara Williams, Valerie Rolle & Eleanor Burrows.

## Floyd Albury

Floyd Albury was born in Man-O-War Cay on September 27, 1939. A skilled carpenter, Floyd's handiwork can be seen throughout the Abacos in homes and buildings which he built throughout his career. He resided in Elbow Cay for most of his life close to his two sons, Monty and Tim, and his four grandchildren.

A man of strong character and silent strength, Floyd spent his life in honest labour. A constant presence on the grounds of Sea Spray Resort, the resort his son founded, Floyd was keen to help anyone in need. Later in his life, his four grandchildren became his focus: building a working sailboat underneath his home which he named "The Four Grands," after his boys.

In his early life, Floyd discovered the meaning of responsibility. Losing his parents at an early age, Floyd had the charge of seeing after his eight younger siblings. The lessons he learned during this time carried throughout his life: patience, care, teaching, loving.

The last major project of Floyd's life, a life that both in a real way and metaphorically revolved around the candid and straightforward work of carpentry, was helping his son Tim finish renovating his new home.

Loved by all, "Pa Floyd" was a breed no longer common, though desperately needed, in these islands.

He is survived and remembered by his loving wife Belle Albury. Sons Monty Albury (Deceased) and Tim Albury. Daughters in law: Ruth Albury & Hilary Scott. Grandsons: Bradley Albury, Jacob Albury, James Albury and Tyler Albury. Brothers: Inglis, Broward (Deceased), Alan (Deceased), Tommy, Johnny. Sisters: Cathy Sands, Dini Thompson & Edna Pierce. May he rest in peace.

residence at his birthplace. His interest in his home island prompted him to found the Albert Lowe Museum at New Plymouth in 1976. This was followed several years later by the Loyalist Memorial Sculpture Garden. Other on-going cultural projects over the years include lectures, concerts and theatre performances at his Garden Theatre adjacent to his home.

Mr. Lowe has gained special recognition for the wide number of paintings which have been made into postage stamps. More than 130 paintings of flowers, bush medicine plants, shells and fruit trees have been circulated as well as the Lucayan stamp series created for the quincentenary and Loyalist stamps created for the 200 year anniversary of Loyalists landing in the Bahamas.

Lowe's paintings are filled with light and color: turquoise blue seas, orange-red Poinciana, gold, lavender and pink bougainvilleas; white-washed cottages and ornate, decaying mansions; austere churches, quiet island lanes, wind-filled sails, wise old faces and young innocent ones. His eye and talent have captured on canvas the wonders of an entire people and the beauties of a ceaselessly changing country. His work is truly the testament of a man in love with the world around him. Many of Alton Lowe's paintings hang in notable private collections around the world.

Mr. Lowe and Ms. Riley will be together on Feb 15 - 16 for a joint display of the new book as well as artwork at the Sand Dollar Shoppe in Marsh Harbour.

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# SPORTS

## Abaco Darts Team brings home the gold



Above: Malcolm Spicer (left) standing next to Lakeisha and Robin Albury. This husband and wife duo won the men's and women's singles championships.

By Canishka Alexander

The Tony Moree National Gold Cup took place on Feb. 8-10 in Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, and the Abaco Dart Team was well represented. This year, Abaco brought home the gold.

The Gold Cup rotates around the islands, and Abaco will gain the opportunity to host the prestigious darts tournament next year. Along with the Abaco darts players, teams from Grand Bahama, Nassau and Eleuthera were also represented.

According to Malcolm Spicer, president of the Bahamas Darts Federation and World Darts Federation's Americas Region as well as the Acting President for the Caribbean Darts Organization, the Gold Cup is one of four national tournaments held every year.

"All the tournaments are rotated around the four islands each year," Spicer said. "Winners of the Gold Cup have brag-

ging rights as being the best island for darts in The Bahamas as the teams are made up of that island's best players. This is [determined by] trial tournaments that are held a month before the main event."

Therefore, Spicer enthusiastically congratulated the Abaco team on their performance.

"Like any other sports, the good darts players are athletes. They have to practice every day and have to become experienced in producing top form at international events. We have players on Abaco who do that [like] Lakeisha and Robin Albury, which was the first time that husband and wife have won joint women's and men's singles championships."

This year, Spicer said that Abaco will host the National Masters where the National Team is chosen to represent the Bahamas in Canada in October.

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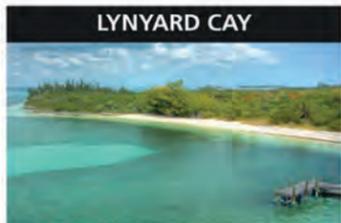


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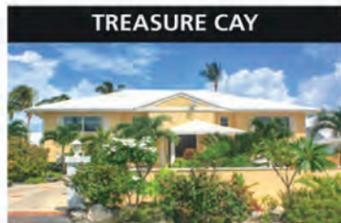
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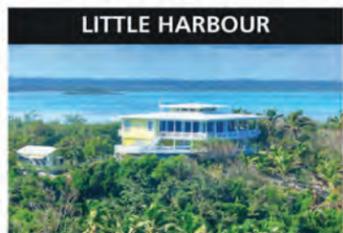
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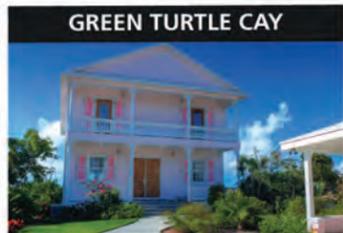
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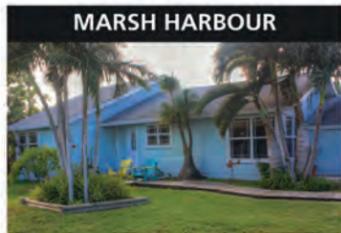
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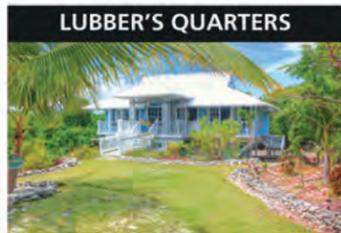
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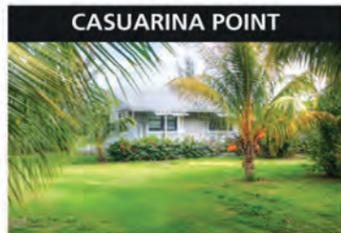
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