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Spring City rocks it



Above: an enthusiastic performer with the Spring City Rockers group. Twenty one judges decided that Spring City was the best group that night but acknowledged stellar performances and preparation by all the groups.

Indiscriminate dumping sullies environment Minister vows to clean up and manage problem areas



Several problem areas have been noticed across the island in terms of waste management such as the above area just a few minutes away from the landfill. Some solutions have been offered. For the story see page 6.

Delta continues service for Baker's members Flights into Marsh Harbour hint at long-term plans for air service



Delta Airlines brought in over 50 first class passengers over Valentines Day weekend to visit the Baker's Bay property on Guana Cay. Above: the size of the Airbus A319 put into perspective on the Marsh Harbour runway. For more see page 5.

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Edged out of the top spot by a painfully slim 18 points, the Treasure Cay Explorers flooded the streets of Marsh Harbour with colour under the theme: "God's Magnificent Creation of the World."

Junkanoo From Page 1

event came off very well. They received a lot of community and corporate help in terms of technical assistance but he looks forward to seeing more financial support in the future.

He said the event was better controlled and better attended both nights than in previous years. "In the tradition of the last four years, every year we seem to get better, and this year is no different."

He was "amazingly pleased to have Green Turtle Cay back with us, and Murphy Town did amazingly well as this is the second grouping from Murphy Town." He

added that Junkanoo patrons Gus Cooper and Vola Francis were "extremely pleased with the way in which our parade takes form - Abaco has made its mark!"

In the future Mr. Davis would like to see more participation from other communities, mentioning especially Sandy Point, Dundas Town and Little Abaco who previously had groups attend the annual event.

The more the local people get the [Junkanoo] fever the less we will have to import [people from Nassau Junkanoo groups], though we many never totally stop the import because many have ties to the Family Islands.

Mr. Davis said that having the "Love



Above: Murphy Town put on an amazing performance despite this being only the second time they have competed.



Above: The Green Turtle Cay Little Island Slammers scored 2243 for their theme and performance: "Carnival."

"Rush" Junkanoo in February sets Abaco apart and "makes us the focus of the Junkanoo world."

He noted that the event brings an economic stimulus at a slow time of year to Abaco with hotel room and car rental bookings and the trickle-down effect of visitors to the community.

Mr. Davis also said it was announced to the groups that this is the last year without penalties; beginning next year penalties will be assessed and will include late starts.

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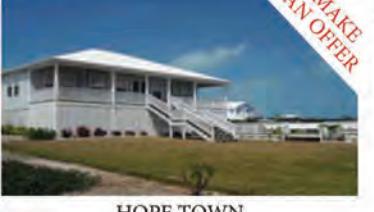
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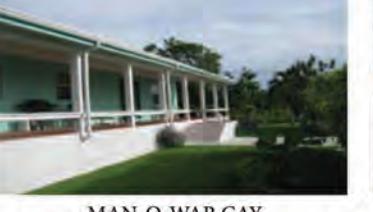
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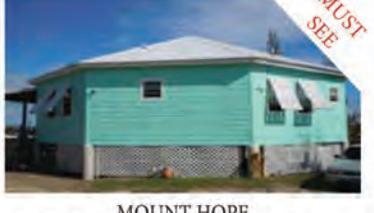
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Central & All Abaco

Delta Airlines offers jet service to Abaco for Baker's Bay members



Above: a Delta Airbus 319 jet, equipped for 54 first-class seats, at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. During a tour late last year of the terminal-in-progress, Bill Wernecke - Director of Delta Charters - noted the possibility of Marsh Harbour becoming a permanent service location.

By Canishka Alexander

Delta Airlines' Airbus 319 VIP jet-liner arrived at the Marsh Harbour International Airport from White Plains, NY on Feb. 14 with members of Baker's Bay's Private Air Pursuits Program on board.

The A319 jetliner is spaciously designed and equipped with 54 first-class seats.

Known to provide service for profes-

sional sports teams as well, the airline accommodated approximately 56 passengers for Valentine's Day on an unforgettable travel experience to The Bahamas complete with Wi-Fi and video-on-demand in-flight entertainment.

Bahamas Customs and Immigration officers went inside the aircraft to assist passengers – some of whom were travelling with family members and pets. The

passengers stopped briefly to greet Tourism and Civil Aviation officials before being whisked through the new airport terminal and transported to the Club residence on Guana Cay.

In December of 2012, Delta and Baker's Bay representatives toured the new airport terminal. At that time Bill Wernecke, director of Delta's Charter Department, said they were looking at Marsh Harbour as an opportunity to primarily conduct charter operations. He had been impressed with the new terminal, and commented that Marsh Harbour airport could become a new commercial service location.

Although Wernecke was not on this particular trip, Craig Blumenthal of the Discovery Land Company, was and he had also shared his impression of the facility during an earlier interview. Blumenthal stated at the time that they wanted to determine if flights could be connected through Marsh Harbour because of its proximity to the Baker's Bay property, and because of its attractiveness to airline services like Delta, whose charter services they already benefit from.

Delta Airlines is the proud operator of Baker's Bay inaugural Shuttle season, which includes eight round trip flights to Abaco – five of which have already been completed.

Thief renders life-saving equipment useless

The cables needed to operate the Jaws of Life were removed from the Marsh Harbour Fire Engine. It is believed the copper cables were removed either Friday, Feb. 22 or Saturday Feb. 23 during the evening.

Without these cables the life-saving machine is incapable of rescuing victims of motor vehicle accidents.

To stress the importance of the Jaws of Life there were two car crashes in the Marsh Harbour area alone, on Monday, Feb. 25. Luckily neither wreck required the equipment. However, if either accident had required the extraction of the victims, rescuers would be helpless.

The only other set of Jaws of Life on the island are in Treasure Cay with the Abaco Crash Fire & Rescue team.

The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue asks if anyone knows the whereabouts of the cables, or knows who has them, please return them to the Fire Department. Call 367-2000.

It was unknown at press time whether the cables could be replaced locally.

MHVFR also wants the perpetrators to know that should the thief return the hydraulic cables, no charges will be filed.

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Central & All Abaco Road repair progresses

By Timothy Roberts

Road repairs in Central Abaco are continuing as the \$1.3 million project carried out by Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd now focuses on roads in the Marsh Harbour area.

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.

Kino Simmons, General Manager of Bill Simmons Construction said February 22 that the current phase is focused on the round-about and the road to the new paving at the airport terminal.

"We are starting with this left lane construction; this should take about three to four days then we will go to the right side. In the meantime one lane of traffic will

be open," he said.

Coinciding with this work, patching continues on

Don MacKay

Blvd., Queen Elizabeth Drive and portions of Bay Street. Mr. Simmons said the patching comes before the chip and seal paving of the rest of the work.

"Some areas we have done patching but some of the bad areas are going to be reconstructed and then paved over. We are looking to wrap up in the next 4-5 weeks, ahead of the project completion time," he said.

He said that by the first week of March some major chip and seal work will begin. They tried to do as much patching ahead of time to ease traffic comfort and speed up the process.

All the patch work in Murphy Town has been completed and the majority of the work in Dundas Town has been completed.

Mr. Simmons noted that eleven local Abaconians were hired and "they are playing a major part in what is going on."

"Give us four to five weeks and you'll have smooth roads to drive on," he said.



Above: patching and resurfacing of the road near the Marsh Harbour Airport round-about.

Garbage problems raising concerns

By Timothy Roberts

Indiscriminate and illegal dumping are raising concerns with residents at multiple locations including an overflowing bin located between the shanty towns of the Mudd and Pigeon Pea and household garbage dumped in the pine forest just hundreds of feet from the landfill.

Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chairman, Yvonne Key, said the Committee is relocating the two bins located on Charles Sawyer Drive to the old Marsh Harbour Softball field to hopefully alleviate the overflow. Each bin will be emptied twice a week.

She said there is also an issue with residents in area that receive garbage collection services that still carry garbage, debris and appliances and dump them in the bin outside the Mudd. She asks persons doing so to dispose of their garbage at the Central Abaco Landfill.

Committee member Danny Sawyer recently discovered an old trail just a few hundred feet away from the entrance to the entrance to the Landfill lined on both sides of the path with garbage, including some used appliances.

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Garbage

From Page 6

Recently, Minister of the Environment and Housing Ken Dorsett met with Department of Environmental Health Staff and visited transfer stations and the landfill on Abaco. His purpose was to assess and ensure the investment in the island's waste management is properly managed and utilized.

He also said that "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."

In the meantime waste management and illegal and indiscriminate dumping have grown to be a more vexing issue and an embarrassment to many residents.



Above: the two bins that needed to be relocated to alleviate garbage overflow near the two shanty towns located within Marsh Harbour. The bins will be emptied twice a week. Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chair, Yvonne Key, asks residents who currently receive trash collection service to avoid using the bins near the Mudd.

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Minister lays out plans for Abaco's youth, cultural and sporting facilities



Above: Min. Johnson pays a courtesy call on MP Renardo Curry at the Government Complex. He laid out reports from several of his Directors in relation to developments on Abaco.

By Mirella Santillo

Accompanied his Directors, among them the Director of Culture - Dr. Moxey-Brown, the Director of Sports - Timothy Munnings and the Director of Youth - Mr. Darren Turnquest, the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture - the Hon. Daniel Johnson, arrived on Abaco on Friday, February 22. He came to meet and discuss items in his portfolio with the MP for North Abaco and Island Administrators.

Following a breakfast at Junovia's,

the Minister had a busy agenda. He paid a courtesy visit to Renardo Curry - Member of Parliament for North Abaco. He had a closed-door meeting with the island administrators followed by a press conference to discuss matter pertaining to the Ministry's portfolio. He also paid a visit to the future site of the proposed Sports Complex.

He also came to attend the Abaco

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From the Editor's Desk // Tightrope



Then read about the cables being ripped out of the Jaws of Life. How much is a life worth? Obviously to some people: whatever the price-per-pound of copper is going for these days. Then read about the mountains of trash that grow, unimpeded, in many places on this island. No, there is no scapegoat here: we watch it happen.

Read about the artists on this very island that create. They make beautiful things out of near-nothing; reflections of our own lucky location on the globe.

Then read about how for the past few years the water table underneath our feet has slowly been poisoned. Because somehow, in this country of so many aforementioned brilliant people, we can't seem to manage a landfill in a way that won't eventually ruin our children's health.

Read about our politicians' keen plans for our communities. Read about our governments' (past and present... as always) ideas to empower their populace.

Then read, and we have many back-issues of The Abaconian about this, about how we can't drive 100 yards without hitting a cavern.

Read about the wholesome traditions found in each of our communities.

Then remember how we watch the young men and women on this island behave.

There is a chasm. Growing faster than our roads' potholes. There is a chasm and we are running out of ways to bridge it. The community leaders of our past won't be around forever and not enough are stepping-up to refasten the tightrope that we must cross to get from where we are heading to where we need to be going.

I ask all my readers to remember why a community works. Go out on a limb and better someone else. Service above self.

We don't need to do the tightrope walking: we just need to be there to help hold the lines taught for those who will.

As our country, and more specifically our own community here in Abaco, moves forward in time a lot of things are becoming clear. I'm not talking about our economy becoming clear. No person could paint you a clear picture of what that sputtering machine is doing. Our economy sometimes reminds me of a supercharged Lamborghini sports car that we have hitched to a horse because we can't, or won't, take the time and sweat to assemble the engine or put gas in. Assuming that gas doesn't get siphoned off by crooks, but that's another story.

I'm not talking about the economy. Not this time. I've devoted a lot of column space to that subject and I will continue to. No, we'll put that aside for now.

I'm talking about something that, as this country grows, becomes increasingly clear.

There is a rift. A chasm between what can be and what is. The talent of some of our fellow countrymen and women is immense. Extraordinary. Better than our international rivals I will say. Look through our sports pages. Look through our entrepreneur report (which, unfortunately, did not make this issue). Look at the top students and community leaders we continue to produce.

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- March 2: Marsh Harbour Reef Ball
- March 2: Hope Town Heritage Day
- March 7: Forest Heights Academy School Play
- March 8: Primary Math & Science Competition
- March 11: Daylight Savings Begins
- March 15-16: Barefoot Man Concert in Guana Cay
- March 16: Abaco Inn Art Show & Wine Tasting
- March 22: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend
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Letters to the Editor

We Should all Echo the Calls of COBUS

Editor please publish this letter in your journal. Any comments may be directed to me at my email address below.

This past week of events highlighted by the very vocal and visual reaction of students (COBUS) at the College of the Bahamas, has shown the deplorable state of our country and the ineptitude of our politicians to come out with a definitive strategy to improve the status of Bahamians, especially that of the youth.

COBUS has demonstrated their dissatisfaction with the status quo, and the demand for improved opportunities in education, and the poor state of finances of the average Bahamian in our society. It is essential that the young must be able to participate in development and growth towards a mature society.

This has been supported by previous statements in the press by Olivia Saunders, NG 04/01/13, calling for a full University Status for the College; Dame Ivy Dumont, TR 12/02/13 exposing the exploitation of a dependent consumer on the poor service offered by our essential utilities; and Arinthia Komolafe, NG 12/02/13, in her call

for increased opportunities for the ordinary Bahamian to actively participate in the country's growth and development.

Forty years after majority rule, Bahamians are still dependent on a poor public educational system that equips school leavers to employment in the most basic subservience to a foreign led investment strategy where the political elite makes arbitrary decisions that do not foster genuine home grown ideas that benefit the welfare of Bahamians. The leadership demonstrated by business and religious institutions only highlights this trend.

The result is a populace totally dependent, and unable to rise to a level of self-determination necessary for the mature development of our society.

On the surface our high GDP indicates a wealthy country that benefits its people. In fact the reality presents a different picture where the wealth is transferred laterally across the top professional levels of medical, financial, and law practitioners with very little filtering down to the mass of the population. The present recession has shown the inability of the ordinary Bahamian to survive without the vagaries of reliance on foreign investment. As a result many have lost their whole investment and future, with no chance of restitution.

Real opportunities for the youth to fully develop into mature and independent individuals do not exist, this being expressed by the increasing number of our youth who seek employment abroad rather than invest their skills in a static and manipulated economy that shows no real growth and development. Many of those that do remain invest their energies in the drug and gang culture where they are afforded some sort of fleeting survival.

The recent proposal of the formation of the Small and Medium size Enterprise Agency (SMEDA), in my opinion, is a clever way of renaming a failed Bahamas Development Bank, that gives no real thought to new strategies for entrepreneurial encouragement and the development of lower turnover businesses into successful ventures.

Education is the key to instituting a qualified and capable work force that has the ability to participate, and contribute to a healthy community where wealth is so much more than the accumulation of material and consumer products. The recent proposals by the government to cut into the education budget for our young people will only magnify the inability of the young to accede to a much better quality of life, with no chance of becoming independent, free thinking individuals, who can contribute to a healthy society.

It is high time that the political class stop playing games in "the sandpit of parliament," and as a mature leadership direct their energies towards a realistic national development programme where every member of society is able to contribute and so also benefit. Wasteful and frivolous expenditure from the public purse must stop, and investment in essential services must be worked out so that the country as a whole can grow and mature into a strong and stable nation.

I fully support the demands of our youth and call on the government, with all parties and partisans, to re-examine their strategies and come up with a long term plan that will benefit all Bahamians.

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The Cays

Man-O-War Flea Market raises money despite bad weather

By Mirella Santillo

Bad weather interfered with the annual Man-O-War Flea Market on Feb. 15. The event, which is attended by many from various areas of Abaco, was unfortunately the victim of a very rainy Saturday. It was too late to cancel: the food had already been prepared, merchants had reserved space and Albury's Ferry had announced special schedules and fare for the occasion. So the event went ahead. Warehouses were open to set vending tables, tents were erected and people came prepared with umbrellas and raincoats.

Despite the discouraging weather the food was as good and abundant as ever and there were more chances for people to grab a bargain.

Keeping up with tradition, the Pantry offered a huge selection of cakes, cookies, candies, dips and more. The sweets attracted people on a continuous basis.

The barbecue grill was still being manned to produce juicy hamburgers that could be complimented by the usual trimmings and there was the usual Bahamian staple food for sale. There were fluffy conch fritters as well as steaming hot bowls of chicken soupe.

The Man-O-War Garden Club was there in its regular spot. Its booth was full of healthy and unusual plants.

Perhaps most popular of all was the silent auction which took place at the Dive Shop. The lots comprised small appliances,



Above: Sweets and treats always prove to be a popular attraction. At this year's Man-O-War Flea Market, which raises money for the local school, it was no different.

electronics, art work (in particular a large barracuda painted on drift wood attracted a lot of attention) antiques, ceramics and more. Gift certificates included luncheons at local restaurants and stays at local resorts.

With a few minutes before the 1:15pm deadline to close the bidding, a crowd had gathered around the auction board to check on their offer and add a final few dollars to their bids.

The results were announced on time for people to catch the 1:30 ferry; one of

the happy bidders was Deborah Curry who went home carrying a beautiful antique brass anchor light.

In an effort to make up for the loss of income caused by the inclement weather, the organizers decided to hold a white elephant sale at the Dive Shop on Saturday, February 23.

The flea market is intended as a fund raiser for the Man-O-War Primary School. The residents usually volunteer their time, donate merchandise or contribute to a percentage of their sale.

Captain Roberts House hosts Valentine Tea in Green Turtle Cay

Press Release

Captain Roberts Historic and Environmental Center, on Green Turtle Cay was the venue for an afternoon Valentine Party for approximately 65 people, and an opportunity for the ladies to wear their fancy hats. Lemongrass and other wild, herbal teas were served along with homemade cakes and tea sandwiches.

The tea was also a chance for local residents, as well as visitors, to bid farewell to long-time resident, Sally Anstey, who is relocating to Stuart, Florida. Anstey has been a volunteer docent and manager of Captain Roberts House and has kept it open and running smoothly for many years.

Richard (Blue) Jones, creator of the Bush Medicine Garden in the rear of the house gave a presentation about the medicinal plants and their uses. Reflecting his life values he recited a poem of love and caring in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Newly designed canvas shopping bags were available to encourage shoppers to carry reusable bags instead of disposable plastic, which remain on earth forever. The bags are currently available at the Environmental Center.

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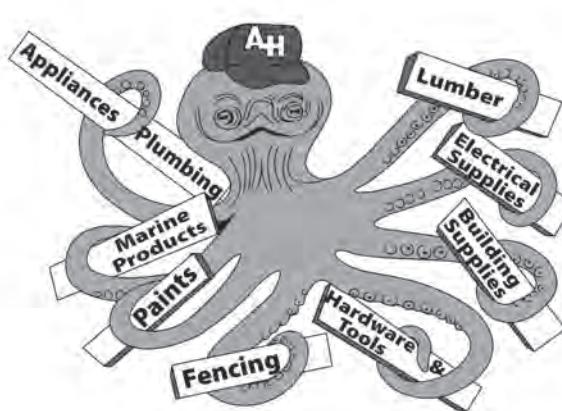
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Hope Town Volunteer Fire Rescue organizes cookout



Above: a Hope Town Fire and Rescue Volunteer allows a young child to get a feel of the high-powered water hoses used in emergencies.

By Timothy Roberts

Hope Town Volunteer Fire Rescue (HTVFR) held a cookout fundraising event on February 23 at Jarrett Park in Hope Town while giving the community the opportunity to see and, in some cases, use the equipment the organization has purchased.

Fire Chief Jamie Williams said "we just want to give something back to the community, so we brought all the trucks out here, the boat and the pumps that way people can actually use them this year; go for boat rides, truck rides and squirt some water. We want to give them a look at some of the stuff that they have helped us acquire."

Chief Williams said that they are very thankful for the help and support of the community and for all those who volunteer their time to assist the Fire Rescue service.

The fundraiser supports both the Fire Rescue as well as the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA) Abaco branch. The organizations are very intertwined with many of the volunteers involved serve in both groups.

On sale were Bahamian meals including fried chicken, macaroni and peas & rice as well as hot dogs and chili dogs. There was also a table selling HTVFR branded merchandise such as T-Shirts, cups, badges and more.



Above: Volunteers from the HTVFR helped organize the cookout as a way to "give something back to the community." Besides food, boat rides and truck rides were a popular excursion for many who came to support.

Council nominee given his credentials



Pictured are Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting, right, of Man-O-War congratulating Mr. Eldon as Administrator Preston Cunningham, center, gives Mr. Eldon his certificate of office.

By Roving Reporter Dave Ralph

Arthur Eldon nominated for a seat on the Hope Town District Council to represent Man-O-War, replacing Michael Albury who resigned last fall. Since he was the only one who nominated, an election was not required. He was sworn-in on February 20, 2013, at the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour.

The Hope Town Council represents three towns: Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay. Man-O-War is still short one member on the Council as that town is entitled to three seats, matching Hope Town's three.

Guana Cay has a single member on the Council.

Barefoot Man and Band back at Nippers

Press Release

Fourteen concerts and counting, the ever popular Nippers-Barefoot beach concert is set for March 15 - 16 - 17. It promises to be a huge event as always when tourists, locals and hardcore Barefoot Man fans gather on Guana Cay for a long weekend of music and parties.



Barefoot Man and Band - left to right - Chuck Quappe, Mark McTaggart, Barefoot Man (wearing sandals) and Barrie Quappe - Missing from photo "Bugs" bass player

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The Cays

Hope Town raises funds for animals

By Jennifer Hudson

Jarrett Park in Hope Town was crowded with people between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on February 22 enjoying a bountiful flea market. Whilst searching for bargains, these folks were also helping provide for the needy animals of Abaco. This was the 5th annual fundraiser organized by the group 'Friends of Abaco Animals'.

The two main, very hardworking, organizers of the fundraiser, Cheryl Noice and Patty Sands, said that although the group is based in Hope Town they assist animals all over Abaco. They work along with the vets, Dr. Bailey and Dr. Hanna, to spay and neuter cats and dogs and also feed the wild cats at feeding stations throughout Elbow Cay.

There were plenty of great bargains to be had and the keen treasure hunters were lined up in what one of the volunteers described as "a massive queue" well before the gates opened at 10:00 am.

Apparently there were some great deals to be found especially at the 'fine art table' where there were some exceptional pieces. There were also fantastic bargains to be found on the many other stalls which included clothing, books, marine goods, household items and a large variety of knick-knacks.

Many interesting items were up for bid in the silent auction including a water looking glass, telescope on tripod, one of a kind whirligig, painting of Mr. Vernon outside his baker's shop and a hand painted table. No occasion is complete without food and there was the usual tantalizing array of baked goods.

The organizers and volunteers were very pleased with the great turnout and the excellent sum of over \$8,000 was raised. Patty Sands stated that each year, two days after the sale, she begins collecting for the next one and collects throughout the entire year, storing items all over town wherever there is room, even utilizing the museum and the fire house.

Anyone with items to donate should contact Patty Sands at 366 0657. Also anyone needing help with getting animals spayed or neutered can also contact her or any other of the volunteers. If help is needed with transportation they will do what they can to assist and if a person is unable to pay they will also assist so no animals need be left to needlessly suffer.



Above: There were plenty of deals and steals to be had at the fundraiser on Feb. 22. This is the fifth annual fundraiser for "Friends of Abaco Animals."

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North Abaco

NAFA receives greenhouse donation

By Timothy Roberts

North Abaco Farmer's Association (NAFA) on February 18 received a significant donation from a Christian organization called Double Harvest who have given the association two greenhouses and associated supplies in order to help boost the farmer's ability to produce.

NAFA President Johnny Knowles and Vice President Daniel DesAugustine along with others worked to assemble the greenhouses. Arie and Nick Van Wingerden, part of the Van Wingerden Greenhouse Company, brought over \$100,000 worth of materials, including a watering and seeding system, to build and start a productive greenhouse.

The project to bring the greenhouses to North Abaco started over two years ago by Arie and Nick's brother, Tom Van Wingerden, but before it took place he died in a tragic accident. Tom's wife, in his memory, contributed the funds and the brothers contributed their time and labour to bring the project to fruition.

Mr. Knowles said he is extremely grateful for the donation and that it would "give a boost to our farmers by providing the seedlings to get their farms started." He said "If the farmers assist in getting this [greenhouse] going it will assist in getting their farms going. The other farmers need to be onboard to make this work."

North Abaco Minister of Parliament, Renardo Curry, said he "appreciates the donation of the greenhouse from Double Harvest to NAFA, and we believe when it is finished it will play a vital role in pro-

ducing vegetables, plants and flowers."

Mr. Curry said that it is an investment that has potential strengthen agriculture and to spur the economy of North Abaco. He added that he, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC), would check in from time to time to follow up and make sure it reaches its full potential.

The Van Wingerden family companies currently account for nearly 500 successful acres of production horticultural greenhouses across the United States and are considered the largest greenhouse producers in the world.

Double Harvest operates in third world countries to establish and develop agricultural projects by providing capital resources and implementing best practices to increase food production and to build the local economy.

Their parents, Aart and Cora van Wingerden, immigrated to America in May of 1948, raising sixteen children and launching as many agricultural enterprises in America and the Netherlands.

Aart and Cora felt called of God to help the needy and to feed the hungry. Convicted by the Bible verse 1 John 3:18, "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?", Aart envisioned how best to help his hungry "brother" and came to what he had been doing all along—starting productive, profitable agricultural businesses—but in places where there is poverty and famine.



The North Abaco Farmer's Association received a generous donation from the Double Harvest group. NAFA received two greenhouses and assorted equipment.



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North Abaco

Sand Banks Yacht Club has Change of Watch ceremony

By Timothy Roberts

Londoner Terry Donoghue was promoted to Commodore of the Sand Banks Yacht Club during their Change of Watch Banquet at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay, an annual tradition since the founding of Sand Bank Yacht Club in 1972.

Outgoing Commodore, George Mellon, thanked the past members for their service on the board and welcomed new members and the opportunity for new acquaintances. "I encourage you to get to know them and my guess is that they will become friends who enjoy the beautiful waters of the Sea of Abaco as much as we all have over the years."

The board, all seated at the head ta-

ble, then performed the ritual passing of the flag from the previous person to the new one holding the position. Mr. Donoghue thanked the group and welcomed the new member to the board, Barbara Farnan - Fleet Captain.

Each one of the tables in the restaurant was decorated with a uniquely decorated wooden seahorse created by Terry Donoghue. Three seahorses were auctioned during the banquet and the ten were set aside for the silent auction following dinner. The auctioned raised over \$1,300 which is donated to Every Child Counts.

The group enjoyed the evening of good friends and good food and danced the rest of the night away to the music of "The Burner".



Above from left to right: Paige Hammond, Cindy Watt, Dave Watt - Vice-Commodore, Ginny Shew - Treasurer, George Mellon - Outgoing Commodore, Terry Donoghue - Commodore, Al Shew, Mary Mellon, M.G. Kertland, Kim Kertland - Rear Commodore, Barbara Farnan - Fleet Captain, Paul Hammond- Past Commodore, Chris Donoghue.

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South Abaco

Valentine's Tea Party held in Cherokee

By Jennifer Hudson

A Valentine's Tea Party was held in Cherokee Sound on February 20. Though unavoidably a few days late this year, it still had all the atmosphere of Valentines with ladies elegantly attired in red dresses and it was a very successful and enjoyable event. This was the nineteenth year that a tea has been held in Cherokee Sound to celebrate Valentines and it is looked forward to annually by the ladies. Strictly no men or children are allowed. Each lady brings her own beautifully decorated porcelain or bone china tea cup and saucer which add to the ambience of the occasion.

Vanilla or cinnamon tea was poured from the traditional English teapot by Lee Pinder, organizer of the event, and there was a delicious array of mini sandwiches, lobster quiches and cakes and pastries. While the ladies were enjoying their tea and goodies various guests read appropriate poems and inspirational readings.

When everyone had finished enjoying their tea, good fun was had by all during a series of party games with plenty of prizes. The ladies were required to tax their powers of concentration, memory and perception skills in a wide variety of fun activities. They were also given the tasks of colouring with crayons and designing and cutting out fancy hearts which took them back many years to the days of craft projects in Primary School.

Right: Shirley Higgs, winner of the special tea cup, being presented with it by Tea Party organiser Lee Pinder.

Shirley Higgs was the lucky winner of the traditional bone china tea cup and saucer. This was a custom initiated by the Reverend Carla Culmer when she was Minister of the Methodist Churches on Abaco and she continued to donate one each year until she left Abaco. Although a cup and saucer had not been presented for several years, the nice custom was reinstated this year.

This year, for the first time, each lady was asked to make a donation towards work on the Epworth Methodist Church which is badly in need of repairs. The Reverend Marie Neilly, the current Minister of the Methodist Churches on Abaco who was a guest at the tea party, stated that she had really enjoyed the event.

"It has been good fellowshiping with the ladies; this type of thing builds up communities and relationships and I feel it is something we should do more often," she stated.

Hats were off to Lee Pinder, who worked extremely hard each year to organize this very enjoyable event.



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Deteriorating hydrant poses risks



The fire hydrant next to the Anglican Parish Hall has rusted presumably beyond repair and now appears to be more of a problem than a help. The seals and caps at several points are leaking persistently while bolts and surface areas are scaling and cracking. The Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) said hydrants are the responsibility of the Ministry of Works (MOW) directly and the direction they are going is to install hydrants with their own wells. Presently; however, the hydrant poses a risk due to the level of corrosion and the loss of the hydrant would impact the fire response times forcing engines to seek a hydrant that may be further away. In the meantime WSC will look to see what can be done to stop the water leaks.

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Love Rush Junkanoo Parades scheduled for the weekend. He was particularly interested in the Junior Junkanoo parade, featuring nine schools, that was to take place on Friday evening. The Minister has a special interest in Bahamian Youths and is eager to follow their accomplishments.

During the meeting with MP Curry, the Minister reiterated the Ministry's intentions to support programs that had been promised during the Prime Minister's former visit especially youth development programs. He mentioned the economic impact for Abaco of events such as the parades and asked the local representative of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, to give him a detailed report of airline bookings, car rentals and hotel rooms occupied during the Junkanoo weekend.

Mr. Morley had already established that all rental cars had been taken, that hotels in Treasure Cay were booked-out and that the fast ferry had brought over several hundred people.

The Minister also wanted to find out the amount spent per capita in order to have an idea of how much money the government should invest to promote such events and how much to expect in return, comparing the possibilities offered by Junkanoo to Mardi-Gras festivals which bring thousands of people to Trinidad and Brazil.

"We can generate economy from arts, sports events and other cultural ac-

tivities", he stated.

Mr. Curry acknowledged the Minister's comments, explaining that he too visualized a variety of sporting events taking place on the island.

Minister Johnson conversed with two Abaco Central High Students who had been invited to the meeting as reporters, asking them what their interests and visions were. Akeem Adderley, a gifted Gospel Singer, said he would like to see a recording studio on Abaco to be able to record and produce CDs. The other student, Raymond Telusma, who plays the trombone, also proffered an interest in building a music facility such as a facility where an Abaco Youth Orchestra could perform.

Dr. Brown proposed that the three

best musical talents of each island be invited to be part of the National Youth Orchestra. The Minister pointed out the difficulty involved in addressing the needs of the many individual lands masses that comprised the Bahamas.

The three National Junkanoo Committee members, "Bola" Percy Francis, who will be retiring this year, Eddie Dames and Anton Dean, the Saxons' leader, took turns to offer advice on developing local talents. They suggested that the youth be advised to look for mentors to guide them and promised that workshops could be organized to help people with talent.

Please see Youth

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Above: Min. Johnson (center) along with MP Curry (second from right), Dir. of Culture - Dr. Moxey-Brown, Dir. of Sports - Timothy Munnings, Dir. of Youth - Darren Turnquest, Eddie Dames, Ishmael Morley and other important members of the community.

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Ceremony held at construction site of Teachers and Salaried Workers Complex

Youth

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The Director of Sports said he shared Mr. Curry's vision of developing international competitions not only on Abaco but also on various family Islands.

The Press Conference was opened by Mr. Curry, who expressed his happiness at having the Minister and his team of Directors come to Abaco to support the Junkanoo Festivities. He also praised the Minister's aggressiveness concerning youth programs.

The Minister confirmed that the construction of the Moore's Island Sports Complex, located near their airport, was to commence soon and that the Abaco Sports Complex would follow. A new site for the Abaco Sports facility has been identified near Abaco Central High School and Murphy Town Park.

When asked where the money will be found to support such projects, the Minister responded it would involve partnering with corporate entities and that such a corporate business had already been found on Abaco to partner in the Murphy Town project.

It will be a private and public partnership, he announced.

He also confirmed that Junkanoo will become part of schools curriculum as of next school year.

Accompanied by the Director of Sports and Mr. Morley, Minister Johnson met with the Principal of Abaco Central High School, Ricardo Ferguson, and Dr. Lenora Black to identify the site of the new Sports Complex. Minister Johnson said the track will be re-surfaced as well as the basketball court.

The soccer field will be leveled and replanted with grass. A 10,000 square foot building to house administrative offices, an amphitheater for cultural events, changing rooms, showers and separate toilets for boys and girls as well as a small first aid room and a training gymnasium will be erected. The building will be supplied with audio-visual equipment.

Minister Johnson promised that the building is to be started no later than April or May.



Above: Woslee and Teachers and Salaried Workers representatives "breaking ground."

By Canishka Alexander

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Board members, supervisory committee and managerial staff members from the Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union Limited were on island on Feb. 22 for a groundbreaking ceremony and official tour of the construction site of their new business complex.

The members were able to appreciate a stately view of the 55,000 to 64,000 sq. ft. building complex where construction began during the last week of September 2012.

During the ceremony, Alvan K. Rolle, architect of the project, commented on the progress of the building complex, and was hopeful that the contractors had satisfied all of the members' expectations. Pastor Deion Gibson of Assemblies of God Church was asked to lead in prayer before Donald Symonette, chairman of the board, made opening remarks and stated the vision of the credit union.

Symonette recalled that after they had opened their head office in New Providence in 1977, they ventured over to Abaco in

the early 1980s in support of agriculture. Unfortunately, things did not work out, so they later went on to Grand Bahama. During that time growth was slow within the organization, he said, and they had even considered closing the Teachers and Salaried Workers office altogether. However, some people remained determined because they saw growth for Abaco, so they decided to stay.

The previous government recommended that Teachers and Salaried Workers purchase the property where they are now, and they were encouraged to sell lots. In the beginning, Symonette said, they envisioned a housing development, but that vision didn't go far.

Finally, The Counsellors Limited was invited to come in, and they found out what could be done to set up a business complex. The decision was made to develop something big because they saw this part of the island growing.

"On paper it looked small, but here, it is very, very large. Here it is divine vision that there would be some growth," Symonette said.

In October of this year, the members will return to the site for the official opening of the business complex.

"We'd like to thank you for coming here and supporting us because we're here to stay, so pass the word on," Symonette said.

Rolle then invited applications for tenants, which he said should be directed to Mrs. Hadassah Marche, Abaco branch manager, at the Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union Limited in Marsh Harbour, so that they can begin screening applicants.

"With all of the places that we have in here, it is an opportunity whereby local Abaconians can set themselves aside to do business as entrepreneurs. We have been complaining all along that we do not get opportunities - there it is," Rolle said, as he pointed toward the buildings. "Local people can become business people and improve themselves, so we are now taking applications.

Tour of Business Complex

Following the brief ceremony, Woslee executives, namely Ashley H. Glinston, Woslee President; and Don Wilmott, general superintendent, along with the board members were taken on a tour of the site with O'Neil Moss, project manager. Moss said that the tour gave the members an opportunity to get a good feel of the size of the food store area, which is presently identified as Building A.

"Once we're done with the roof like I said within the next two to three weeks, we're going to start our interior plaster work, so knowing anyone you have right now as far as any utilities or infrastructure that they need in this would be a great time to get them in," he shared. "One of the good things with where we are in the construction phase is getting to know the potential tenants, and who they are would help a lot in bringing some of what they need for their space if we can get it in while we are going rather than having to come back and retrofit."

According to Moss, the building is also equipped with two elevators and three independent generators dedicated for office spaces, the food store and the credit union building for security purposes. The parking area will be able to hold 200 plus vehicles, and flooding and runoff from the site are non-issues, Moss said, because it

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is an area that they are proud of and have paid close attention to.

Just one building down from Building A is a proposed hardware store at 4,000 square ft., which offers a one-stop shop with additional stores that complete the multi-office complex.

"The intent was to really bring a little of everything right to this central area here on Abaco," Moss said. "You've got your food store, we're about to walk to a restaurant on the opposite end, you've got your hardware, so it's really pulling just about every type of business."

The group also visited some of the office areas before completing the tour at the credit union building. Once completed later this year, Moss assured them that the Teachers and Salaried Workers business complex will be at the forefront and will be seen as a contemporary among other centers on the island. For more information, contact the Teachers and Salaried Workers Office at 367-3613/4.

Water and Sewerage resolving minor issues

By Timothy Roberts

The Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) are working to resolve a minor distribution issue which was recently exacerbated by a leak in the Eastern Shores area of Marsh Harbour.

According to Barrington Murphy, Manager of WSC's Abaco Office, in the past week there has been a loss of pressure (about five psi) in the distribution system due to problems with one of the pumps in the Marsh Harbour area. He said, however, that "we don't have a production issue; in fact we are producing well above demand."

Residents at Eastern Shores and some in the Pelican Shores and Little Orchard area may have noticed reduced pressure levels.

The distribution system at WSC includes four pumps, so the issue this past week only had a minor impact on the overall system, though persons in the area of the leak experienced a greater impact to their pressure levels.

Parliamentary Secretary hears about Chamber's concerns

Press Release

Six directors from the Abaco Chamber of Commerce met with MP Renardo Curry, Parliamentary Secretary for Abaco, on February 11, 2013, to discuss topics of mutual concern and interest. The Chamber also offered its services to government to act as a go-between where consultation with the public or business community would be helpful and productive.

Topics ranged from road and traffic issues, the need for beautification, opening the new terminal, squatter settlements, a visitor-friendly satellite post office in Marsh Harbour, the opportunity for Bahamians to bid and to work on the North Abaco Port project and other items.

A primary goal was to meet Mr. Curry and offer the Chamber's services to government in helping to move Abaco's economy forward. The cordial meeting closed with everyone satisfied with the meeting.

This meeting is one of several the Chamber is hosting with various government agencies and staff in an effort to either work together on common issues or present the business community's view when appropriate.

Attending were Chamber President Michael Albury and Directors Keith Bishop, Daphne de Gregory, David Ralph, Chris Roberts and Rosnell Parker-Simmons.

BREA on Abaco embraces new technology

Press Release

On Thursday, February 14, realtors from all over Abaco became part of a growing trend in the business and social community: video conferencing.

In keeping with its schedule of monthly meetings for Abaco members, the Bahamas Real Estate Association, Abaco Chapter organized a first-ever online meeting between the board members of The Bahamas Multiple Listing Service and all of the active agents in Abaco.

Since its inception, The Bahamas MLS has strived to provide a streamlined platform where agents and consumers can easily search and access information regarding listed properties for sale in the Bahamas. As a move to encourage participation and facilitate accuracy of information, MLS committee members Gino Maycock, Maxine Hussey, and Stephanie Williams addressed Abaco realtors via a Go-To Meeting platform.

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This software, along with reliable high speed internet, enabled live video chat among attendees, and instant messaging, as well as the ability for Mr. Maycock, the chairman of the MLS, to present the members with information regarding the tools available to agents, the implementation of an automated data feed, and the benefits of utilizing these resources to better serve our clients.

Chris Albury, president of BREA's Abaco chapter, said "The hope is that after this first successful meeting, the agents in Abaco will be able to continue to use this platform and engage other dynamic individuals that are active in the business of real estate and further educate themselves as to the new tools and technologies available."

BREA Abaco operates locally as a sub-committee of the Bahamas Real Estate Association. Its goal is to promote real estate in Abaco, encourage the use of BREA licensed agents by buyers and sellers, as well as support education and compliance among local agents.

Island Luck manager presents cheque to Spring City Rockers

By Canishka Alexander

Rory Major, Island Luck Abaco manager, presented a \$1,000-cheque to Colon Curry and Geoffrey Victor of the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group on Feb. 14, which aided in their participation at the Love Rush 2013 Junkanoo Parade. Major said that Island Luck wants to continue supporting culture and festivals on the island – something they have been doing for the past three years.

"Abaco has been good to us. We just want to give back to the community, and give back to Junkanoo which is a big part of our culture," Major said.

Despite recent challenges with the legalization of gambling in the country, he said they still look to show their support to

the community in a way that benefits the youth and sporting events as well as those in need.

With plans to attend the BTC Love Rush Junkanoo Parade, Major was excited to see what Junkanoo is about on Abaco.

"I am happy to be here, and I am happy to service Abaco. I wish the entire Junkanoo Committee and the Spring City Rockers all the best."

C & C Accounting to assist start-up, small businesses

By Canishka Alexander

C & C Accounting & Business Consulting Services, owned by Charmaine Bonaby, offers services in accounting, business plans, budgeting, financial planning and management consulting. The business specifically targets new, small business ventures.

Ms. Bonaby is looking forward to assisting her clients with their accounting, and financial statements and to offer them business and financial advice. Business plans are available for startup and existing businesses.

Ms. Bonaby realized there was a need for this type of service because there are some business owners who aren't familiar with accounting, or who don't have enough time to deal with the financial side of their company but are unable to hire a full-time employee. However, she wants to help businesses realize their greatest potential.

Ms. Bonaby is a business degree graduate with 10 years of accounting and banking experience, and eventually, she plans to offer training workshops for persons who want to improve their accounting and business skills.

Contact Charmaine Bonaby at 1(242)375-3734 or by e-mail: cbconsultants@live.com. She is available on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and is open to travelling to the cays to provide her services.



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CRIME REPORT

Assault

At 7:50pm 11th February, 2013, a 39 year old male of Central Pines, Abaco, reported that his 8 year old son of Central Pines, Abaco, reported a bruise on the left side of his face and when questioned, he stated that an adult male hit him in his face with a stick. Police action requested.

Police at the M.H.P.S. are continuing investigation into this matter.

Stealing

At 11:00am on 14th February, 2013, a 53 year old businessman of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 3:20pm on 13th February, 2013, and 7:00am on 14th February, 2013, some unknown person/s entered his business establishment located Dundas Town, Abaco. The culprit stole the HP hard drive. The suspect in this matter is a former employee.

Officers from the Central Detective Unit Abaco are continuing investigations into this matter.

Housebreaking

At 5:05pm on 15th February, 2013, a 48 year old male of Forest Drive, Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 11:30am and 5:30pm on same date some unknown person/s entered his house and stole one Toshiba TV with built in DVD player, one silver Coby DVD player, one play station 2 with games, one table top stove and one tank of gas. Police action requested.

Officers from the Central Detective Unit Abaco are continuing investigations into this matter.

Stealing

On Saturday 16th February, 2013 at 10:50pm, a 31 year old female of Murphy Town, Abaco reported to the Marsh Harbour police station that she is the manager of a local furniture store Abaco and that sometime between Monday 11.2.13 and Wednesday 13.2.13, it was discovered while during the annual inventory check of the store, the following items are miss-

ing four 45" televisions. Police action requested.

Officers from the central detective unit Abaco are continuing investigations into this matter.

Sudden Death

On Tuesday 19th, February 2013, at 8:40 p.m. Police at the Marsh Harbour Police Station received a telephone call from a 59 year old male resident of Crockett Drive, Dundas Town Abaco, who reported that he accidental shot a male friend while on a Hog hunting expedition approximately six (6) miles south of Spring City. Police assistance requested.

General Information.

Same date a team of Police Officers from the Marsh Harbour Police Station, the local doctor c/o Marsh harbour Government Clinic, Emergency Medical Team and Detectives from the Central Detective Unit Abaco Outpost visited the scene and confirmed the shooting death.

Further information is that the deceased along with three other men were hunting for wild hogs when one of the men discharged his licence shotgun fatality injuring one of the men.

Deceased Person.

1. The deceased is a 39 year old Haitian male of the Mud Marsh Harbour Abaco.

The body of the deceased was pronounced dead on the scene by local doctor c/o Marsh Harbour Government Clinic.

The body was later secured at the morgue.

Her Majesty's Coroner was informed of this incident.

The male who discharged the firearm is assisting Police with its investigation into this matter.

The family of the deceased was informed by the officer in charge Abaco Division along with a number of local Pastors and Police Detectives.

Investigations into this matter are being continued by Abaco Central Detective Unit and a team of officers from Grand Bahama District.

SPORTS

Soccer Season started late January

Abacom United and Fresh ahead with two wins

By Mirella Santillo

The football (soccer) season reopened on January 26 with two games played on the soccer field of the Murphy Town Park. The first one took place between ABACOM UNITED and ABACO HEAT. ABACOM UNITED won 2-1.

The second game was disputed between FRESH and FLESH, two Marsh Harbour teams. FRESH won the match 3-1.

ABACOM UNITED defeated the HOPE TOWN SHOW STOPPERS 1-0 on February 2. FRESH also took a second victory by beating the SHOW OFFS 1-0.

On February 9, the SHOW OFFS lost to ABACO HEAT 1 to 2 in the first game.

The second game was won by the HOPE TOWN SHOW STOPPERS 2-1 against the ABACO HEAT.

The Abaco Soccer league is comprised of six teams, one from Treasure Cay, one from Hope Town and four from

Marsh Harbour. Team Presidents and Coaches are excited about the start of the new season. A few friendly games had taken place before in anticipation of the league reopening but nothing official.

Three teams have sponsors. Abacom United is sponsored by Abacom; Abaco Heat is the team of Fes Construction Company of Cooper's Town and Dr. George Charity helped put together the team called Fresh. The president of the Hope Town team, Ivnet Alcime is waiting for sponsors to finalize their commitment, but Show Off and Flesh do not have any business supporting them.

The President of the Abaco Football Association, Malcom Spicer, said that in spite of the league's late start this year, he is hoping to be able to complete the schedule by May as Friday games are about to commence under flood lights.

He is looking forward to a very exciting season.



Above: the second game of the season the Hope Town Show Stoppers vs. Abaco Heat.

Abaco girls earn medals on road to CARIFTA

Lilly and Albury Higgs of Hope Town posted golden results at a recent set of swim meets in Nassau.

At the Atlantic Medical Invitation on Feb. 15 & 16 medaled in four events. Silver in 100 Breast. Silver in 50 Breast. Bronze in 200 Breast. Gold in the 200 IM.

At the same event, Lilly's older sister Albury - Gold medal winner for The Bahamas at the last CARIFTA Games - did similarly well.

Albury snagged four golds, a silver and a bronze in her events. Her and her parents are hopeful she continues building on her considerable success for a diving start into this year's CARIFTA Games.

Moore's Island Track Club receives donation from Scotiabank



The Moore's Island Track Club, on the recommendation of the President and 1st Vice President of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA), was awarded a financial contribution towards the training and development of their athletes from Scotiabank Bahamas Ltd. Picture shows Coach Anthony Williams, Head Coach, along with members of the team receiving their donation from Indra Rolle - Scotiabank's Marketing Manager Sponsorships. Photo courtesy of Bahamas Athletics.



Above: Albury Higgs at a recent swim meet.



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Central Abaco News

"Lucayan Taino" signed by author and artist at Sand Dollar Shoppe

By Jennifer Hudson

Artist Alton Lowe and writer Sandra Riley were very pleased with the turnout for their book signing event held at The Sand Dollar Shoppe on February 15. More than 100 people braved the rainy, cold weather to attend the function and support the work of these two talented people.

The goal of the evening was to present the new edition of their book 'The Lucayan Taino; First People of The Bahamas' to the public and to promote sales. All proceeds from the sale of this special edition will be used to jump start the fundraising efforts for a monument memorializing the Lucayan people to be placed in a central area of Marsh Harbour or Dundas Town.

Mr. Lowe and Ms. Riley were very pleased at the amount of books purchased during the event which also continued during the following day. "I am amazed that so many people came out in the rain," stated Mr. Lowe. All copies purchased during these two days were signed by both artist and author.

This superb book 'The Lucayan Taino' is the result of 30 plus years of research by Sandra Riley into the life and culture of the Lucayan settlers and has been beautifully enhanced by the inclusion of many vibrant and well researched paintings by local artist Alton Lowe. The first edition of the book was produced in 1991 for The Bahamas Quincentennial but the new edition has been greatly enriched by additional research resulting in 40 additional pages and



Above: Alton Lowe (left) and Sandra Riley (right) at the book signing event at the Sand Dollar Shoppe. Proceeds from the book are going towards efforts for a monument memorializing the Lucayan people.

additional paintings.

"I have been as accurate as I possibly can because the history books which the children learn from in school are wrong and I like to get facts straight," stated author Riley. The book also contains a glossary of Taino words, giving important insight into their culture. Also included in the new edition is a DVD by Travis Neff; a docudrama based on the novella which is a dramatic exploration of the Lucayan Taino.

Daphne de Gregory, of Abaco Neem, was delighted to have purchased one of these special editions and to support the artists. "This is valuable information everyone should have, it is a great piece of Bahamian literature," she commented. Bru Brubaker, a frequent boater to Green Turtle Cay, also expressed his delight in the book describing it as 'spellbinding'. "It is a very enlightening history of The Lucayans and the pictures are stunning," he stated.

On display was an eye catching bronze sculpture by James Mastin, long-time friend of Mr. Lowe and frequent visitor to Green Turtle Cay. This model depicts a Taino family dancing in the water with the dolphins celebrating life and is the pre-cast for the life sized monument which will be created when sufficient funds have been raised.

The bronze sculpture will then be placed in a public place as a monument to the Taino people all over the world. "We think this monument will create tremendous publicity for The Bahamas as there is no monument to the Lucayans anywhere in the world," stated Ms. Riley and Mr. Lowe.

Sandra Riley is a historian, playwright, director, teacher and scholar and has written a previous history of The Bahamas, historical novels and also all the plaques for the Memorial Sculpture Garden at Green Turtle Cay. She assisted in the excavations of the Carleton Loyalist Settlement and the Miami Circle.

Alton Lowe is a seventh generation Abaconian born on Green Turtle Cay. He is a world renowned artist with paintings in notable private collections throughout the world. He received his education in art in Miami and New York City but, fortunately for Abaco and The Bahamas, he maintains his principal residence at his Green Turtle

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HOPE TOWN LODGE?

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The beautiful Mrs. Fernande Pinder has been an employee at the Hope Town Lodge for the past sixteen years. She moved to Nassau at age twenty-nine and later married Lionel Pinder at age thirty and they later had two wonderful children.

At age forty-four, she moved to Hope Town and was welcomed with open arms into the Hope Town Lodge family and Hope Town community. She refers to the Lodge and the Hope Town community as her family away from home. Initially, Fernande started out as a dishwasher and after a year was promoted as a kitchen help which she continued for two years. However, her outstanding skills led to her being promoted as a chef, which she has enjoyed doing at the Lodge for the past thirteen years.

When Fernande first joined the Hope Town Lodge team she met Carmella Russell Scott, Karen Forbes and Luc Guilarme, later Diane Sweeting, Pherrol Duncombe, Gary Richardson, Bernadette Forbes, Candace Key and Natasha Albury joined what she considers her Hope Town Lodge family.

Fernande says she loves the Bahamas and the Hope Town Lodge because they have provided her with so many opportunities which have allowed her to give her family better lives and to further their education. "I love everybody!" she exclaims.

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Central Abaco News

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FRIENDS launches "Go Native!" campaign

Press Release

Abaco boasts a wide variety of plants, animals, and other living things. This is our biological diversity or "biodiversity" for short. Unfortunately, our biodiversity is currently under threat from habitat destruction and invasive species. And, as our health is directly related to the health of the environment, that means we are also under threat.

To help protect Abaco's biodiversity, Friends of the Environment has started a project called "Go Native!". This project supports the planting of native plants for landscaping and encourages businesses and homeowners to remove invasive plants and replace them with natives. In addition to affecting biodiversity and taking over native habitat, some invasive plants, such as Casuarina, also accelerate erosion.

To join the Go Native program, all you have to do is send us a photo of you

removing Hawaiian seagrape (and other invasive plants) from your property. We will then give you some native plants to help you get started, and a cool sign that says "Gone Native!" to show your participation. We'll share the photo on our website and Facebook page to help encourage others to participate.

The first business participant of the Go Native program is The Abaco Inn on Elbow Cay. In an effort to improve the grounds, manager Tom Hazel has removed 60 truckloads of Hawaiian seagrape! This is an impressive commitment to the environment, for which we applaud The Abaco Inn. FRIENDS looks forward to further partnership with The Abaco Inn and other businesses to help Abaco's environment by planting native.

If you, your business or place of employment would like to help Abaco's environment by "Going Native!", please contact Friends of the Environment or visit our website for more information. This project is supported by the GEF Small Grants Programme (<http://www.sgpbahamas.org/>).



Above: Olivia Patterson, FRIENDS Program Coordinator and Tom Hazel, Manager of the Abaco Inn holding the Abaco Inn's Go Native sign after the Elbow Cay hotel joined the program.

Junkanoo committee receives donation



Above: On Feb. 22 Bill Simmons Co. presented a cheque to the Abaco Junkanoo Committee. Above and left to right: Tony Davis - Junkanoo Committee Chairman, Wynsome Ferguson -Ministry of Tourism, Renardo Curry -MP for North Abaco (presenting on Bill Simmons Co.'s behalf), Ishmael Morley -Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture. The cheque was in the amount of \$1,300.

Right: Similarly, Bill Simmons Co. donated to the Murphy Town Junkanoo group. Left to right: Ricardo Brown and Renardo Curry (on behalf of Bill Simmons Co.)



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REGULAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town

20 minute ride

7:15am / 9:00am / 10:30am / 12:15pm 2:00pm
4:00pm / 5:45pm

Hope Town to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am / 1:30pm 3:00pm
4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War

20 minute ride

7:15 / 10:30am / 12:15pm / 2:30pm*
4:00pm / 5:45pm

*Except Sundays and Holidays

Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:15pm* / 5:00pm

*Except Sundays and Holidays

Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay

30 minute ride

6:45am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm 5:45pm

Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour

8:am / 11:30am / 2:30pm / 4:45pm / 6:30pm

Any stops outside the main harbour will be a minimum charge of two persons. Two persons or over will remain at regular charge.

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REGULAR FERRY FARES

One Way: \$17.00

Round Trip - Open Return: \$27.00

Children 6-11: Half Price

Children 5 and under: Free

Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.
Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.

Prices subject to change without notice.

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Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119	
Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm	800-628-1447	
Spanish Cay			
Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083	
Treasure Cay			
Bahama Beach Club	88 units	365-8500	
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Web Sites with Abaco Information			
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Police - Man-O-War	365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518
The following services are provided by volunteers	
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay 365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019
Abaco Crash Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town 366-0549	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

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

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

Pharmacy	
Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour	367-2544
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Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour	367-3551
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Abaco Air	367-2266
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Dive Shops	
Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
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Dive Abaco Since1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Dive Time, Man-O-War	365-6235
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
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Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers	
Extra \$3 for each passengers above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08	
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$10
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Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.	
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Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm

Return: 8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm

Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)

Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
T Cay Airport>Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm* 5:00pm

Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**

* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only

New Plymouth: One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some G T Cay docks

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

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$40 Round Trip

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

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Albert Lowe Museum Green Turtle Cay
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Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour Pelican Shore
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- Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour
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- Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805
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 - 60' Atlantic Beach
 - 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
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"CONCHED OUT" - Lot 2 - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of
 Atlantic beachfront - 12' elevations - #GTV1008 -\$350,000. Lot 3 -
 36,440 s.f. - 0.836 Acre - 117' on Coco Bay- 30' elevations - #GTV1206 -
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 ations - #GTV1207 - \$697,000.

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 prime development opportunity, possibilities unlimited.
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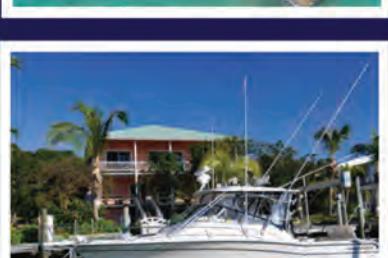
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Junior Junkanooers bring their best



Forest Heights Academy, for the second year in a row, took the top prize in Junior Junkanoo. Though they faced fierce competition from ACH, the falcons creative and well made costumes won the evening. Above: a costume (part of their "Island Hopping" theme, features a crab, fish, palm trees, and the mythical chickcharney.

Students debate to win Rotary Club's Hugh Cottis Trophy



Above: the top three students competing in the high school division stand with their trophies. First: Jannajah Boodle - Forest Heights Academy; Second Joshua Robins - St. Francis de Sales Catholic School; third, Kirkland McIntosh - Abaco Central High School. Leslie Kennedy -FHA Language Arts Teacher- was also presented with the floating trophy.

By Canishka Alexander

Enthusiastic Junkanoo fans lined Don Mackay Boulevard for the 2013 Junior Junkanoo Parade as the streets came alive on Feb. 22. With the persistent pounding of goat skin drums, dancers and members from local schools performed to the rhythmic beat in a frenzied splash of colourful costumes.

Exuberant banners introduced each school and proclaimed religious, mythical and cultural themes while participants executed synchronized dance moves in their symbolic attire. Fictitious worlds were created with the appearance of unicorns and cupids, pharaohs and queens adorned in silk headdresses and exquisite regalia, magic carpets, the legendary Snow White carried by the dwarfs, a horse-drawn carriage, and seaside warriors from the Kingdom of Atlantis.

There was also a bit of island hopping aboard vessels and airplanes, a tribute to the late Percy Archer as a Junkanoo Icon as well as the reinforcement of Jesus' message of love to all the children of the world.

Once the Junior Junkanoo Parade was completed, the Senior Junkanoo Parade was held the following night. As the time drew near for the announcement of this year's winners, William Davis, chairman, and Ishmael "Stretch" Morley of the Junkanoo Committee first thanked everyone for their support of Junkanoo this year. Mor-

Please see Junior Page 2

By Mirella Santillo

A student of Forest Heights Academy (FHA), Jannajah Boodle, placed first in the senior category of the Rotary Club of Abaco's Speech Competition. Her victory allowed the Trophy to return to FHA from the previous year's winners - SC Bootle High School. FHA held the trophy two years ago.

Davante Tate from Moore's Island All-Age School placed first in the Junior Division. Central Abaco Primary School's Tanae Roberts won the Primary Division category.

For over twenty years the annual Rotary Club of Abaco's Speech Competition, created by Rotarian Hugh Cottis in 1989, had given the students of Abaco the opportunity to learn how to express their opinion in public and to sharpen their oral skills.

This year, twenty four students from private and public schools, from as far north as Cooper's Town and as far south as Moore's Island, gathered at St Andrew's Methodist Church on February 13 to participate in the event.

The competition was preceded by remarks by the District of Education Superintendent, Dr. Lenora Black, who said she was proud to work among students who

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Junior From Page 1

ley announced the much-anticipated results for the Junior Junkanoo 2013 Parade.

In the Primary School Division C category were J.A. Pinder Primary School and Crossing Rocks Primary School. The groups were judged on banner, execution of theme, costume, music, group performance and choreographed dancers. J.A. Pinder came second with 1434 points. Amassing a total of 1778 points was Crossing Rocks Primary in first place.

In the B Category, Fox Town Primary School placed second with 2422 points; Treasure Cay Primary placed first with 2432 points. Central Abaco Primary automatically won first place in Category A because they had no competition.

Wesley College placed second with 760 points in the All Age School Category, while Every Child Counts placed first with 769 points.

For the High School Category, 2747 points were awarded to Abaco Central High School for a second-place win. Ac-

cumulating 2890 points, Forest Heights placed first place for the second year in a row.

Davis said that the weekend had been a total success, and that both nights were well attended. He was pleased that the level of competition was excellent, and that the events as a whole gives our island a huge economic stimulus during what is considered a slow period.

Davis added that next year there will be a preschool division and primary division as well as an All Age school and high school division to conform to the national standard.

Although Davis observed that Junior Junkanoo had been excellent, it was unfortunate that Abaconians came out late, so they got off to a late start to prevent the children from performing in front of empty

"It would have been wrong to allow the kids to practice so hard, and do such amazing work to perform in front of nobody," Davis explained. "We wanted them

the kids to practice so hard, and do such amazing work to perform in front of nobody,” Davis explained. “We wanted them to have a great time, we wanted them to be

supported, we wanted them to show their hard work, and we wanted them to step lively.

"You realize that even the ones who made the second lap, they were high energy because their work was being appreciated."



Forest Heights, which won the high school category for the second year, featured many unique scenes. *Bahamasair* (above) and dancing flamingoes (below).



Above: even the younger students were feeling the beat. Below: TC Primary took 1st in B Category.



Above: the ACH brass section was a highlight of the event.





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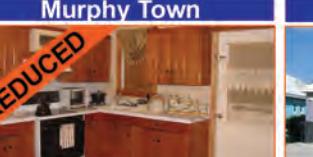
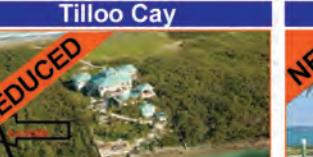
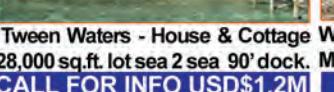
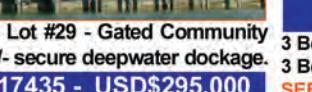


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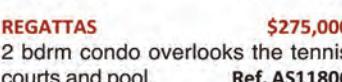
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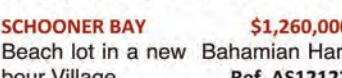


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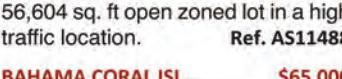
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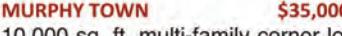
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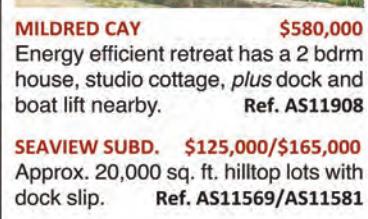
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School & Youth News

Local, national writers attend Annual Writers' Workshop at ACH

By Canishka Alexander

Abaco Central High School's (ACH) Language Department held its 3rd Annual Writers' Workshop on Feb.4. A display of some of the students' work was fastened to a nearby tree.

Yasmin Clinton, Language Arts teacher, was the first presenter in the dynamic lineup. Clinton's poetic words centered on family, love, the fate of Palestinian women, and the main inspiration for most of her poetry: her mother.

In a poem called Her Voice is my Direction, Clinton talked about a phone conversation with her mother that sent "shocks in my skin, her righteousness burns me, she be rebirthing the skin she born me in."

"Well hello," she'd say, and I'd find all my paths leading me back to where I first learned to grow, and in there I'd find every shade of myself and all of our futures," she recited, "with a tray of scones and a mug brimming with hot chocolate saying: 'Baby, welcome home.'"

Next in line was Jason Evans, an animator, who is working at Garnell Limpres-Dawkins' Island Waves Community Centre for a year. He invited the students to be a part of the Comedy Improv show practice sessions on Tuesdays at the center. The official show begins April 23.

His first piece was about a woman who told lies with a twisted tongue. The lies drove him to a point where he cried out for his sanity, and had to move on in order to put her out of his head, his soul, and his mind.

Soon the drummer began to pound out a rhythmic tone for Evans' next act, which was a song called Chickcharney. His final contribution was a Chickcharney Skit written by another Bahamian artist.

Poet Annischa Cock from Minneapolis was the third presenter. Cock was born to an American father and a Bahamian mother from New Providence.

She shared poetry written by other authors from all around the world like Langston Hughes' "Theme for English B", Nikki Giovanni's "Legacy", Ian Gregory Strachan's "Abaco Excursion", as well as poetry by Gwendolyn Brooks and Lucille Clifton. Her poems were labeled: "Fourth Generation and Meditating on the Unborn."

Another Language Arts teacher – Stacia Pitt – contributed a collaboration of a poem and painting called "Tears of the Fetus", which depicts the cries of an unborn child pleading with its mother to live and to have a future.

The final speaker was Tyrone Burrows, CEO of Collage Entertainment, which is a multimedia production and talent agency founded in The Bahamas. According to Collage Entertainment's Web site at <http://www.collagedem.com>, Burrows is an uprising actor, scriptwriter, director and producer.

While at ACH, Burrows fully engaged the students in a role play activity on the power of writing a script, and showing them samples of his work like the "Stop Likin' Man" (SLM) series and the "Get

Charlie" feature film. He outlined important steps to writing a good script beginning with a good story, and cross referencing to ensure others will approve.

Burrows told students that the beginning of the script has to capture the audience, while the body tells deeper aspects of the story. By the time the scriptwriter comes to the conclusion, also called the apex or climax, everything should be brought to a closure.

"If your script is a good read, it will be good to watch," Burrows assured.

The presenters were given gifts for their participation, and Ruby Rolle, Language Arts teacher, gave the vote of thanks. ACH Principal Ricardo Ferguson and the entire Language Arts Department Staff were commended for another successful writer's workshop.

sons. They can create a package for any budget to include a movie only or movie and food. Theme features are also available upon request.

Recent and classic movies can be selected from their gallery of movies. The Center can also host meetings, birthday parties, conferences, seminars, concerts and similar events. Interested persons can contact the Center by calling 458-6314.

Group movies can be scheduled any day from Monday to Saturday.

Central Abaco Primary wins Grade Four Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

Twenty-two students took part in the Grade Four Spelling Bee held on Friday February 15, 2013 beginning at 10am at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. The students spent eight rounds on the Seen List of Words before moving to the Unseen List at which time the words got harder as they moved from Grade Four to Grade Five words.

The results for this Spelling Bee were announced in an unusual way. The first place winner was named prior to the second and third place contestants being named. This took place because the second and third place contestants spelled their words incorrectly resulting in the winner being given a second word which she spelled correctly.

The battle was then on for second and third place.

At the end of the competition the top three contestants were named as follows: in third place was Darrinique Stuart of Moore's Island, in second place was Edison Saunders of Crossing Rocks Primary and the winner was Kaitlyn Francis of Central Abaco Primary School. Her coach was Rochelle Russell.

Dr. Lenora Black encouraged schools to continue their Spelling Clubs and teach them the skills needed for them to become great spellers. The judges for this event were Samantha V. Evans, Melissa Newbold and Eunice Mills. The Pronouncer was Sandy Edwards and the Dictionary Consultant was Beatrice Moxey. Organizer of the event was Felemease Sawyer.



Above: Yasmin Clinton, Language Arts teacher at ACH, spoke about family, love, humanitarian plights and her biggest inspiration: her mother.

Myriad Community Center offers film viewings

By Samantha Evans

The Myriad Community Center is offering a place to watch recent film releases. The center is attempting to fill the entertainment void on Abaco, since there is no movie theater. Group packages are also offered to schools, church groups, and civic organizations.

Bekera Taylor stated that schools can plan a day for their students to have a down-day or they can have a movie day at the Center as a fundraiser for the school. The Center can comfortably seat 350 per-

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School & Youth News

CAPS students adapt excellence as a lifestyle

By Samantha Evans

The grade five teachers in conjunction with the Guidance Department of Central Abaco Primary School hosted the grade five students to a one day seminar at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall on Don Mackay Blvd. on Wednesday February 20 from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The theme chosen for this event was "Adopting Excellence as a Lifestyle."

The purpose of this seminar was to foster excellence in each area of their lives and to encourage self-motivation. This is the first time the school has embarked upon such a venture with the intention of providing additional educational and motivational enrichment for them.

There were four speakers on this day who all spoke on topics that would help the student to adapt an excellent lifestyle. The first speaker was Felemease Sawyer- Education Officer with the Ministry of Education- who spoke on the "Importance of Obeying Rules."

Ms. Sawyer spoke to them about obeying school rules and the laws of society. She told them that if they do not obey rules now that there will be consequence to their actions later.

The second speaker was Whitney Bain Youth Pastor at Church of the Latter Rain who spoke on the theme chosen for the seminar. He spoke to them about excellence, the importance of setting goals, and remaining focused. He provided them

with information and practical examples to help them see excellence in themselves. He gave them a questionnaire to fill out over the mid-term break to get feedback from people who know them. Once they complete the questionnaire, a life profile will be prepared by Mr. Bain and given to each student to frame and display to keep them focused.

The third speaker was C. Claudia Rolle-White who spoke to them on the topic "Personal Hygiene and Grooming." She spoke to them about keeping their body and uniform clean, wearing deodorant, grooming their body well and what to do when they go through changes in life which can affect the way they feel and smell such as during puberty. She also had a session with the girls and boys separately. They were all given a packet with information to help them groom themselves.

The final topic for the day was "Child Abuse and What to do if You Experience Abuse." The school counselor, Samantha V. Evans, was the presenter. She spoke on four types of abuse including sexual, physical, neglect and emotional abuse. She gave the students some tips on what to changes to look for to determine if their family or friends are being abused and what to do if abuse takes place.

Throughout the day, the students took part in trivia games and other fun activities. The teachers were very pleased with the information shared with the students at the seminar and look forward to them becoming more responsible in their school work, behavior, and choices.

Grand Cay students participate in Majority Rule Day

By Canishka Alexander

Last month, Majority Rule Day was marked by a special event at Grand Cay All Age School. The observation of the day was highlighted with a special assembly to inform and educate the students, teachers and the community about the history that caused this day to be prominent. Principal Arnald Cooper emphasized the importance and necessity for everyone to know where we came from in order to understand where we are going.

"It was also necessary for us to pay tribute to those freedom fighters that made the type of political existence we have today possible," he added. "It was therefore a pleasure for us to do all we could to effectively execute the mandate given us by the Department of Education to highlight the historical significance of January 10, 1967, and how it changed the educational, social, political and economic landscape of The Bahamas."

Invitees to the special assembly were council members, community group leaders, pastors and parents, who witnessed a well-organized and well-executed program.

The very talented and not-so-shy Ieasha Saunders, a student from Grade 9, chaired the program.

The message on Majority Rule from the Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes was read by Mr. Cooper, and set the tone for what was planned on the program.

Students from various grades willingly participated in the items on the program to send the message of Majority Rule. The

program featured Bahamian songs such as the prominent "Going down Burma Road," a skit on Majority Rule, and a dance.

After the assembly, students viewed an exhibition depicting photos of the many events that led to Majority Rule. Students also worked on projects and essays about Majority Rule in The Bahamas.

Mr. Cooper said that everyone worked extremely hard to make this event a reality, and for that, they were grateful.

He surmised: "God has truly blessed us with a very talented community."



Principal Arnald Cooper of Grand Cay All Age School with Mr. Redwin Miller, a community elder. Mr. Cooper said that Mr. Miller can always be counted on to attend every single function held at the school.

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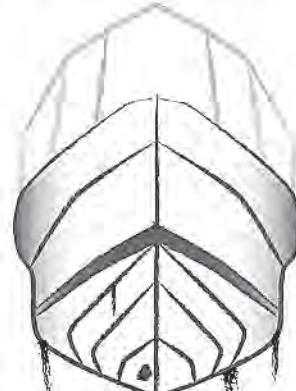
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Sports Day brings Grand Cay All Age School, community together



Above: The Lignum Vitae team from Grand Cay All Age School. Though their team won the most events, according to Principal Cooper everyone in the community won that day.

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 1, Grand Cay All Age School held its in-house Sports Day with representation from three teams: Lignum Vitae, Yellow Elder and Blue Marlin. Principal Arnald Cooper said that even though the school does not have a properly-paved track, they make good use of what they have.

The weather was fine that day and parents, teachers and students alike were

overly excited," Mr. Cooper commented. "We had events like track and field, egg and spoon, discus, shot put, and the three-legged race, and even though the power went out for almost the entire day, we did not allow that to stop the show."

In the end, Lignum Vitae proved victorious with Blue Marlin placing second and Yellow Elder in third. Mr. Cooper said the Sports Day was a major accomplishment in the Grand Cay community

because for the first time parents, teachers and students came together in a way that was never before seen.

"They were all competing against one another – a community spirit was indeed felt. This I feel is the beginning of something great, and would not have been possible without having a dedicated and committed staff like Grand Cay has," he observed. "So at the end of the day, I guess we all won."

Myriad Community Center launches school incentive program

By Samantha Evans

Myriad Community Center has been open for approximately one year. The Center has been making an impact within the community, especially in the lives of disenfranchised children. Recently, Bekera Taylor launched a new incentive for schools where she delivers free movie passes to teachers to give to students who are doing well in school as an incentive for bettering performance.

She realizes that schools are on a very tight budget and may not always be able to purchase tokens for students so she decided to help out in this regard. To date, only two schools have taken advantage of the passes: Central Abaco Primary School and St. Francis de Sales School.

The movies can be seen on Saturdays from Noon until. Movies are shown every two hours. Besides this, she also invites parents to drop their children to the Center to watch movies while they shop, clean the house, or just spend some time relaxing at home.

Schools that want to receive incentive movie tickets can call 458-6314.

Banner and Cheer Competition held at Long Bay School

By Samantha Evans

On Wednesday February 20, 2013, Long Bay School held its Banner and Cheer Competitions at the school beginning at 10am. The school has four houses and they joined forces for this event to increase their numbers.

The yellow and blue houses paired up and the red and green houses paired up. Each team had to create a unique banner that represented them. They were judged on originality, creativity, execution and overall beauty of the banner.

The cheer was judged on originality, creativity, execution, music and song. The winner of the banner and cheer competition was the same team: yellow and blue houses with 75 points.

Cross Country Race held at Long Bay School

By Samantha Evans

The Cross Country Race started at 10:00am on Friday February 15, 2013. The route the students and staff of Long Bay School took was from the school East onto Forest Drive to the roundabout then they turned north onto Crockett Drive to Queen Elizabeth Drive then west onto Queen Elizabeth Drive to Godfrey Cooper Street.

Finally they turned south onto Godfrey Cooper Street then back to the school. The race was long but the students were great troopers as always. A winner was

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named from each grade level and points given to the various houses at the school.

In first place for the lower primary school boys was Jeremiah Dean of Blue House. In first place for the upper primary school boys was Alex Joseph of Green House. In first place for the junior school boys was Rufus Martin of Blue House and the winner for the senior school boys was Brenton Davis of Yellow House.

In first place for the lower primary school girls was Brianna Pubien for Red House and the upper primary school winner was Alyssa of Blue House.

The winners for the junior and high schools were Tanisha Gelin of Red House and Luse Mara Gay of Green House respectively.

S. C. Bootle High School updates media center

Press Release

According to Principal Huel Moss, S. C. Bootle High School has just completed its final phase of the school's Media Center setup by having 10 networked PCs installed. Computer teachers Norbelus Bustemante-Perez and Tiska Johnson completed the final installations.

Over the years, several graduating classes have contributed to the school by purchasing gifts toward the completion of the Media Center – and these would have included – a Promethean Board, a 48-inch flat-screen HD Television, 30 folding desk-chairs, an audio-visual console on wheels, assistance with the 10 Internet-ready, networked computer systems, a heavy-duty printer, LCD projector, projector screen, two laptops, a DVD player/recorder and an easel.

Today, Moss said that the Media Center is one of the busiest rooms on the campus and is booked out by teachers for just about every period of the day.

"The teachers and students have em-

braced the technology especially as it relates to professional development such as electronic grading and record keeping as well as online courses; developing research skills; homework initiatives; and observing live national and international events to name a few," Moss said. "S. C. Bootle High School is thankful to those who have contributed for us to get to this point. Rest assured that the Center will be used fully to advance excellence in education for years to come."

James A. Pinder names their Student of the Year

By Samantha Evans

Nickael Roberts is the Student of the Year for James A. Pinder Primary School 2013. He is a well-mannered, friendly, obedient and unique individual who does not allow anything or anyone deter him from striving for excellence.

At school, he is involved with the Spanish Club, School Choir, the Drama Club, and Sports where he has won several medals in various sporting events at the Inter-house and District Sports Levels over the years. He is a dependable and reliable young man who makes himself available whenever he is needed; including Public Holidays and Summer Time.

He is also a member of the School Safety Team. Nickael is always willing to sacrifice his spare time to assist in the upkeep of the beautification of the school. Additionally, he is an active member in his church and participates in Youth Month activities and Summer Camps. Because of his efforts, Nickael was chosen as Head-Boy and Most Outstanding Male in the School.

He has been on the Honour Roll in 2011 and aims to become an accomplished man when his school years have ended. He also wrote a poem to celebrate this year's Majority Rule celebration.

A black and white photograph showing several students in a media center. Some are seated at desks working on computers, while others are standing or sitting in chairs labeled "MEDIA CENTER". A teacher and a guidance officer are also present. The room is filled with computer monitors and desks.

Above: Guidance Officer, Carol Scriven; Music Teacher, Enzil Cooper; and several students making full use of the latest additions to the Media Center.

Grade six students equipped with tools for success

By Samantha Evans

"Facing Challenges; Overcoming Barriers" was the theme penned for the first sixth grade seminar held for the senior students of Central Abaco Primary School. The Grade Six teachers in conjunction with the Guidance Department planned and hosted them to a powerful one day seminar at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall on Don Mackay Blvd. on Wednesday January 16 from 9am to 2:30pm.

The purpose of this seminar was to equip the students with the tools they need to successfully complete grade six and advance to junior high school. The assistance of persons from key sectors in the community was sought to make this day a success by providing educational, motivational and uplifting information. The speakers for the day included: Dr. Lenora Black -Superintendent of Education, Ricardo Ferguson -Principal of Abaco Central High School, Nurse Ticia McKinney of Marsh Harbour Government Clinic, Police Officer Sergeant Jocelyn Smith of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, and Youth Pastor Kyle Johnson of First Assembly of God.

Dr. Black spoke on the topic "Expectations and Requirements at the Grade Six Level." She told the students that at this level they are expected to achieve great things, be disciplined and pay attention to details in their preparation of self and school work. She further encouraged them to make a personal commitment in respect their education, write it down and refer back to it often to ensure that they are on track. She told them to let today be a new day of achievement.

Principal Ferguson spoke on the topic "Expectations and Preparation for Grade Seven." He spoke about some of his experiences in high school and how one of his teachers did not speak positively into his life but he decided that he was go-

ing to succeed. He shared his journey to college, the challenges he faced and how he overcame them to become a successful teacher now principal. He told the students that "your destiny is your destiny." He reminded them that they can do anything they put their mind too but they have to separate themselves from the crowd. He told them what they can expect if they come to Abaco Central High School for Grade 7 in September.

Nurse McKinney spoke on the topic "Personal Hygiene and Grooming." Her presentation was very personal as she told the students that personal hygiene and grooming can prevent illness, improve appearance, and result in more social acceptance. She spoke about each individually and involved the students.

Sergeant Smith spoke about "School Violence, Repercussions and Prevention." She gave them the definition of school violence, various forms of school violence, the repercussions and what they can do to prevent becoming a part of school violence (and violence in general). She told them about some of the school-based and community initiatives Urban Renewal 2.0 has on the horizon such as Renew, Bahamas Scouts, the After-school Drill Core Program, and the Green Space Conservation.

The final speaker was Kyle Johnson who was the motivational speaker for the day. As a young man who was raised in The Bahamas and the United States, he faced many challenges including the death of his mother, choosing inappropriate friends, and not graduating from school (on the first try) while watching his friends graduate without him. His presentation was very student friendly and uplifting.

According to the teachers, the event was a huge success. They are looking forward to the students embracing all of the challenges that come with Grade 6 and overcoming them one at the time. The Grade Level Coordinator for Grade 6 is Eleanor Held.

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Above: Junior Division Finalist with Rotarian Debbie Curry (far right). 1st: Davante Tate - Moore's Island All-Age School. 2nd: Priscilla Bain - Forest Heights Academy. 3rd: Jaaronia Stuart - S C Bootle High School.

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had made a commitment to excellence and that she expected a competitive round in each Division. She acknowledged Rotary's contribution to education, affirming that the Club shared in the overall mission of the Department. She wished the best to all the students and urged them to continue to inspire their friends and their classmates.

Nine children entered the Primary School Division, telling the judges and the audience why "Manners make a Man." Some kids were more articulate than others in their presentations, but they all agreed that good manners help you get further in life; being polite, considerate and respect-

ful were prerequisite for good behavior and success in life.

"How can my generation contribute to the world we inherit" was the topic for the Junior Division. Addressing crime and protecting the environment were issues commonly found in the students' speeches. They all thought that their generation could improve the state of affairs in The Bahamas and leave a better world for generations to come.

The Seniors had to explain how to achieve "Peace through service, on a local, national and international level." Some thought that conflicts were created by public issues such as racism, drug abuse, unequal treatment, poverty and government leaders' faults. They would like to see a

Bahamas without poverty or social issues.

They mentioned famous peace promoters who changed the society they lived in through their service to a cause, such as Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Maya Angelou. They also cited international organizations such as Rotary and Red Cross, which by their commitment to service helped promote international peace.

"Violence breeds violence" quoted one of the contestants, but there are ways to resolve conflicts besides violence. World leaders should try to resolve issues in a diplomatic way.

"Those at war are not at peace with themselves" was an ending quote by one of the participants.

Head Judge, Rotarian Gentry Morris, congratulated the contestants, saying that the numbers were very close and that no one should feel that they lost. He gave

a few words of advice having to do with deportment, gesticulation eye contact and voice tone. He also urged them to engage the audience.

The final results were as follows:

Primary Division: first, Tanae Roberts - CAPS; in second place, Dikembe Wilkinson - St Francis de Sales Catholic School; in third place Delon Hunt - Moore's Island All-Age School.

Junior Division: first Davante Tate - Moore's Island All-Age School; second Priscilla Bain - Forest Heights Academy; third, Jaaronia Stuart - S C Bootle High School.

Senior Division: first, Jannajah Boodle - Forest Heights Academy; second Joshua Robins - St Francis de Sales Catholic School; third, Kirkland McIntosh - Abaco Central High School.

After the trophies' presentation, a light lunch was served.



Above: Primary Division Finalists with District Supt. Dr. Black (far right). 1st: Tanae Roberts - CAPS. 2nd: Dikembe Wilkinson - St Francis de Sales Catholic School. 3rd: Delon Hunt - Moore's Island All-Age School.



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Maritime students continue their learning aboard Duke of Topsail, Albury's Ferry



Above: Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps students with BMCC coordinator, Glender Knowles, Mr. Knowles, who assisted with transportation, and S.C. Bootle Teacher Kimberly Butterfield in front of the Duke of Topsail.

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 9, students enrolled in the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps (BMCC) accompanied Glender Knowles, BMCC coordinator, for a field trip aboard the Duke of Topsail and Albury's Ferry.

Knowles explained that the cadets were taking what they had learned from their theory session in the class about parts of the ship and the rules of the sea and applying it to the practical side of their course.

At Albury's Ferry, they travelled to

Hope Town to learn how to enter the harbour properly, how to determine whether the vessel is on the starboard or port side of another approaching vessel, and to look at navigation markers in terms of setting up a range to enter the harbour promptly as well as markings such as red or green buoys to indicate port or starboard on entering the harbour.

"So a lot of what we'll be doing today is looking at how vessels come together, how they're supposed to pass port to port, and how they're supposed to meet

and overtake," Knowles said. "So we're just applying some of the lessons that they learned in the classroom today out on the sea."

It was encouraging to see the large numbers of females represented in the group even though the maritime industry sounds like a field dominated by males. Overall, there are 300 students in the program within New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco.

"In Abaco, we do have females in the classroom. As a matter of fact, one of our females is now at the College of The Bahamas studying engineering. We have another at the end of this month sailing at sea for six months – she's out of Fox Town – Patiqua Thurston. Her first port of call will be Argentina."

Knowles added that the program is only about three years old in the classroom setting, and is expanding quickly. The BMCC Program is offered on Tuesdays at Abaco Central High School, and on Thursdays at S.C. Bootle High School to students in Grades 10 through 12. This year, they were fortunate to have Campbell's Shipping introduce a maritime program for Grades 7 to 8 students for the first time.

"The private and government sectors are looking at the fact that there is a need to introduce the program earlier to high school students because it gives them a better competitive edge."

Additionally, Knowles was excited to see that the maritime program is moving beyond the classroom in The Bahamas with students being sent into Canada and New York. Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to incorporate

the State University of New York (SUNY) and Holland College into C.O.B.'s program. Students can begin their studies at C.O.B. then in the third or fourth year transfer to SUNY or Holland College and then graduate in The Bahamas.

"So many things are happening that are for the advantages of students now because we are a maritime country, and we need to get these students involved in career opportunities that are just out of the box whether they want to go on sea or on land. We're looking for maritime lawyers and naval architects – so it's not just on the sea; it's also on the land."

Also on the trip was Ms. Kimberly Butterfield, faculty advisor and teacher at S.C. Bootle High School. She expressed that it has been an interesting experience and her first time being involved in a maritime program. Growing up on the island, though, she did catch some glimpses of the industry with her grandfather running a yacht club.

"It's good to see students involved in a career path while they are still in school. From what I understand, the maritime industry is growing, and they need people especially here in The Bahamas. As you can see The Bahamas is surrounded by water, so there's no excuse not to have these professionals readily available," Butterfield shared. "I usually travel home by boat to the Regattas every year, and I never really understood why they blow the horn when they leaving the port or coming into port. I've learned that the horns do have a meaning. It's been a very interesting program, and I think that it should stay around for a long time."

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Royal Bahamas Police Force Band presents books to schools



Above: CAPS students show off their new books with police officers and Dept. of Education officials.

By Jennifer Hudson

This year the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band celebrates its 120th anniversary and in recognition of this occasion it is donating 10,000 books to students in government schools throughout the country. The programme was launched on Grand Bahama on 27 January. Then on February 11, it was Abaco's turn when the RBPF Band visited the Central Abaco Primary School and the Abaco Central High School.

The entire student body of the Central Abaco Primary School sat waiting patiently first thing on Monday morning for the much anticipated visit of the band. The Band Director, Superintendent Ron-

Campbell, gave a short history of the band informing the young students that the RBPF Band was founded in 1893 and during that time has had 14 band leaders and that he has held that position since 2010. Although, when the band was first formed it was very few in numbers it now boasts 150 members. In 1958 the band gained in popularity with its first trip abroad to Las Vegas. The band has been travelling ever since all around the world.

"I believe we are the number one ambassador for our country," stated Supt. Campbell. "We represent it well; we are never late, never absent and never out of step. If you find a job you love you will

never work; we are paid to play," he quipped.

Then came the part everyone had been waiting for. Supt. Campbell called on the band with the words; "Band Ready—Come Let's Celebrate," which is their theme for this special year. The band delighted the children with not only their catchy music and lively rhythms but also their marching displays and especially the demonstration put on by the drummers who, while never missing a beat, performed an amusing display of dance steps garnering much applause.

Supt. Campbell presented the books to the head boy and head girl and deputy head boy and deputy head girl of the school who accepted them on behalf of their fellow students. The souvenir exercise books have a very attractive front cover depicting

a photograph of the RBPF Band and on the inside is a history of the band. The back inside and outside covers contain all of the metric tables and very appropriately musical terms, signs and key signatures.

Following the visit to the primary school the band moved on to the high school where the books were received by school Principal Ricardo Ferguson. The band put on a similar show for the high school students with the addition of a special dance display by the drum major. He called out a very surprised student to hold his baton while he thrilled his audience with his moonwalk and other fancy steps which elicited loud cheers.

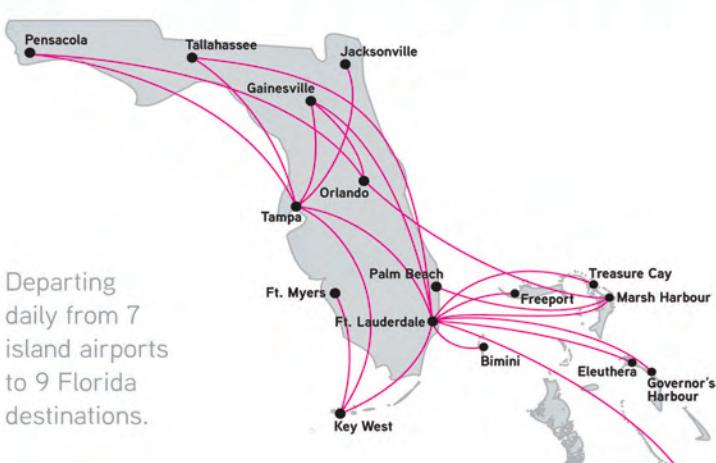
Superintendent Noel Curry, Officer in Charge of the Abaco District, was also in attendance along with ASP Simmons.



Above: the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band marches in front of Central Abaco Primary School.

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School & Youth News

Children's Art Class hosted at Hummingbird Art Gallery

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hummingbird Cottage Art Gallery which opened in the center of Hope Town on January 5 is rapidly becoming a well-known hub for both local and foreign artists. One of its premises is to foster art education in the young and old and to this end the first 'Kid's Art Workshop' was held at the Centre during the school mid-term break.

Classes were held from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm on February 22 and 23 and catered to children between the wide age range of 2 -17 years. The workshop was the brainchild of Erika Fest who was assisted in its organization by the Art Centre manager, Robbie Bethel.



Above: children creating their masterpieces during the Hummingbird Gallery Art Class.

The children were instructed in three separate groups, 2-4 year olds, 5-7 year olds and 8 and above. The instructor was Joli Feszt who is a resident of Hope Town. Ms. Feszt studied art in England and taught art for many years at Queen's College in Nassau. "There is a very good group of artists in Hope Town, both resident and visiting, so it is an ideal environment for the kids to get interested in art," she stated.

During the first session the younger children were painting scenes of Hope Town with its colourful homes, palm trees and flowers. The youngest little boy who had been very hesitant to try anything at first soon got into the flow and by the end of the session was thoroughly enjoying creating his masterpiece.

At the close of the session all of the children proudly placed their works of art at the side of the room to dry below the works of the masters hanging on the walls

which one day they themselves may be emulating.

Six year old Dawson Thompson said that she wanted to come to the class because; "I really love art" and six year old Meredith Knowles already had a head start because she says, "My daddy teaches me at home."

The older students were creating a still life picture of a beautiful red hibiscus and its leaves with Ms. Feszt helping them to discern carefully the shapes of each petal

and the intricacies of the leaves. Some very nice pieces were materializing by the time I left.

The workshop was visited by Christy Young, owner of the Hummingbird Cottage Art Gallery. Ms. Young is herself an artist and is delighted to see the gallery being used not only as a place where people can view art but also where young people can become inspired to become artists of the future.

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Artist Highlight

Photographic Artist, Kevin Carroll, calls Abaco home

By Jennifer Hudson

Kevin Paul Carroll of KP Carroll Photography, is a professional freelance photographer with 35 years of experience in the field. He describes himself as a photographic artist who provides a service which was not really being offered. "I like to pop colours and my photographs are often mistaken for paintings," he says. "Some of my paintings I convert to look like oil paintings but I always tell people what they are and never try to pass them off as paintings."

Mr. Carroll achieves the vibrant colours in his stunning photography by what he describes as "tweaking the colours for artistic effect" and says that when he takes a photograph he sees in his mind the finished shot he wants to achieve.

Mr. Carroll also specializes in black and white photography and, in fact, during his first year as a photographer, he took only black and white since he had been told; "If you really want to do true photography, do black and white". He says that he has always admired the work of the late Colyn Rees who was well known for his outstanding black and white photography and he has aspired to reach that level.

"I am not trying to copy Mr. Rees's work but feel that I am filling a niche where a large void has been left by this great photographer as no-one has yet taken up that banner," says Mr. Carroll who deems it a great compliment when his work is likened to that of Mr. Rees.

Mr. Carroll's venture into the world of photography began as a hobby when he was a young man and continued as a hobby until the mid-1980s. "I was always interested in art but knew I could never be an artist so I turned to photography as I was told that I had an eye for art," he declared. He began by taking family



Above: Kevin Carroll with two of his scenic photos. One photo a scene from one of Abaco's cays with colours altered to "pop." The other, a black and white scenic view.

portraits and was influenced greatly by photographer Andrew Aitken but was soon drawn to the commercial side of the business.

At that time Mr. Carroll had a career in the insurance business but photography soon became his second career. His job caused him to travel extensively especially throughout The Bahamas, so he took the opportunity to photograph wherever he went.

About seven years ago Mr. Carroll began selling his photography, mostly scenic but some commercial. He participated in an original art competition at the Sheraton Hotel when it reopened on Cable Beach, Nassau. His original work was chosen for 16 public areas of the hotel. The Wyndham Hotel also placed his images on two floors of the hotel and some

have been commissioned for the new Bahamar Project. He also specializes in architectural, aerial and real estate photography and his work is displayed in many offices and businesses.

Mr. Carroll has been coming to Abaco on a steady basis since 1999 and decided five years ago that he would like to make it his permanent home so he and his wife relocated here from Nassau about one year ago.

He enjoys photographing the great scenic beauty of Abaco as well as travelling the rest of the Bahamas and the world to explore its beauty also. He remains

committed to scenic, architectural and aerial photography as he knows that there are several photographers here who specialize in portraits and photography and he has no intention of 'stepping on anyone's toes'.

Mr. Carroll's work can be viewed at various local art shows and on his website www.kpcarrollphotography.com. He can be contacted at 367 3707 or 477 6200.



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Opinion

Insights for your Innerspring Your organization needs more than a Vision and Mission Statement

Submitted by Whitney Bain

In the last column we dealt with systems and discussed why they are so necessary to the successful development of an enterprise. In this column we will look at the skeletal structure of a healthy organization by discussing why your organization needs more than a vision and mission statement.

If I were to challenge you to find five companies, churches or organization that presented a thorough plan for organizational excellence where you could see a clear series of methods being used to bring concepts into reality; I would venture to say that you may find it very difficult if not impossible to find two. Many companies, churches and organizations feel that by slapping a bunch of words together, calling it a vision and mission statement, placing them in a frame and then hanging it on a wall is all that there is to making sure their employees, members and supporters know what they are about, know what to do in their specific roles and can communicate the company's ideals to others. Many companies, churches and organizations find their existence through the flamboyance or magnetism of a strong leader. After the initial thrill has worn off many soon find out that it takes more than flamboyance to make a company great or to cause a church or organization to be effective. Just as a baby is developed over the course of several months by placing malleable tissue over a growing framework of bones and cartilage; so must a company, church or organization be developed over a framework of structure, systems and strategy that can support the continued growth and development of the enterprise.

If you sense that your company, church or organization is stagnant or in decline, it could very well be linked to the fact that you never created a proper framework on which it could grow and develop. Maybe you are guilty of slapping a few words together and later finding out that even you don't understand or are even inspired by them. All is not lost. A company or organization can be transformed into a totally different entity over a relatively short period of time through the adoption of systems and strategies. Several years ago I did some research on what it takes to create synergistic, optimized and vibrant organizations. I found some great information but it is one piece of data that I really would like to share with you as it relates to this conversation, and that is The Balanced Scorecard. On its website The Balanced Scorecard Institute presents a circular and pyramid model that relates to the building of proper framework for a viable organization. During my research I used their model to

create a Balanced Scorecard for the company that I was employed with at the time. Those points are presented and explained as follows;

Mission - In the creation of a Mission Statement one need only provide answers to these three questions – what is our purpose, what do we do & why do we do what we do? Answering these three questions and reducing them down to as few words as possible without losing the essence of the answer, gives you a sensible, clear and simple mission statement. For example, a barber may answer the questions in this way, my purpose is to build self esteem and confidence in young men, I accomplish this by being an agent that teaches and delivers proper grooming standards (cutting hair), I do this because I recognize that when young men receive an outstanding hair cut it changes their appearance for the better, gives them a more confident posture and builds their self-esteem. That barber's finished mission statement may look something like this ... "Through exceptional personal grooming services 'A2Z Supercuts' will improve the community by providing outstanding hair cuts to men and boys that will improve their appearance, build their self-esteem and lead them to become positive contributors in the society." Now a hair cut does not stop violence or other vices, however; if you can make people feel better about themselves they tend to do more positive things that are in keeping with their new sense of self worth. It is not the millions of gallons of water that creates the force of the waterfall but the willingness of every single drop to contribute to the power of the whole.

Vision - A vision statement need only consider one question; what is our picture of the future? This barber could create a vision statement that sounds like this ... "'A2Z Supercuts' will develop a generation of gentlemen who are confident in themselves and influence others to follow a similar example.' When added together the mission and vision statement may sound like this ... "A2Z's purpose is to improve the community by providing outstanding grooming services to men and boys who through their change in appearance will be more confident, recognize their inner value and eventually become the gentlemen that they truly are." Both items should tie into each other and speak of the present actions (mission – purpose, what we do, why we do) and then give an indication of the future result of those current actions (vision – where will we be in 5, 10, 15 years). Most companies stop building a structure after they have put together a mission and vision statement. However, they must recognize that it is critical to move from the present state of the company to the future state of the company. A baby is an immature man and only comes to be a man through a process of maturation. Mission state-

ments are like a birth certificate and vision statements are like a christening certificate but after those are accomplished that child must grow up and reach the potential it possesses inside. This takes time, effort and patience. Similar to our example of using a baby, the points that follow are the maturation stages of a business. If the business never grows up, you will find 20 year later a business dwarfed in size and capacity, still making the same mistakes it made in its infancy – figuratively wearing diapers and operating with unfulfilled potential.

Strategic Perspectives - this item asks about results and how we are to evaluate them. In the case of the barber he may approach this aspect of his operational structure by creating a survey that customers can answer honestly so that he becomes aware of whether his current actions are achieving the results that are in line with his mission and vision. You must measure what you are doing! You cannot take for granted that your service is second-to-none and that it does not need to be improved.

Strategic Themes & Results - In this area of the business the barber must now ask the question; what are my main areas of focus? What results do I want to achieve in order to satisfy the customer's needs? In this area the barber must set quality goals for himself (number of cuts per hour, acceptable percentage of quality haircuts based on daily or weekly customer feedback, use of the best products and machines) and must then incorporate the feedback he gets from his customers (for example a customer may say, "I prefer 'X' product to 'Y' when you are finishing my haircut" or "I want to be shaved by a rotary trimmer rather than a razor"). It is only by this kind of understanding that the barber will soon see an increase in customer loyalty, a greater acceptance of his vision to create gentlemen and improved service delivery standards. Many people are not inclined to write things done but rely on memory to run their operations, this is a fatal mistake. It is important to document your progress and actions; for it is by this that you will know how well you are progressing, what you need to change and what is the general health of your business.

Objectives - The question that must be answered here is what continuous improvements are needed to get results? In this instance the barber has to set some objectives for himself like upgrading his skills, learning innovative haircuts from other barbers or magazines, trying new ideas and techniques and asking the customers what they would like to see. This approach creates a strong bond between the barber and the customers; it challenges the barber to stay on the cutting edge and ensures that quality stays high. Customers appreciate that.

Strategy Map - this can look like a

jumbled mess when viewed for the first time but once you know how to read them you soon see it as a map that can be used to navigate your business operations, be sensitive to the customer's behavior, see daily results and view future projections all on the one document. Strategy maps answer the question ... How do we create and improve value for customers? It introduces new products, refines processes, and creates an avenue for the customer's voice to be heard consistently and as a result one can then develop and create initiatives to answer their needs and wants.

Performance Measures & Targets - everyone needs to get feedback, whether it is the CEO or the janitor. In business there must be an ongoing dialog between the company and the customer. This is the stage where that happens. It answers the question ... are we achieving the results we want from the actions and efforts we are exerting? It is here where companies would use surveys, interviews and internal reports to determine where they are on target and then create a plan to make improvements as necessary.

Strategic Initiatives - this is where the rubber meets the road! After all the talk about reports and interviews, market tests and statements; there must come a time when the business must act! It is at this juncture that the company must implement the projects and programs necessary to contribute to the results they desire. From a philosophical point of view the mission and vision statements act as a rallying cry for the organization but it's the implementation of strategy that injects energy and action into an organization's operation. In physical terms the mission and vision are the brain and the strategic initiatives are the feet; while everything in between operates to ensure that what is thought of is eventually carried out.

There's a reason why recipes and maps are created. Recipes show that consistent results can be achieved when a set series of actions are followed and maps enable a destination to be arrived at even without prior knowledge of where one may be going. In business the recipe and map is called the balanced scorecard. It allows organizations to utilize a set series of actions to reach consistent business results and allows business leaders to march confidently towards an unknown destination.

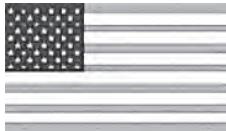
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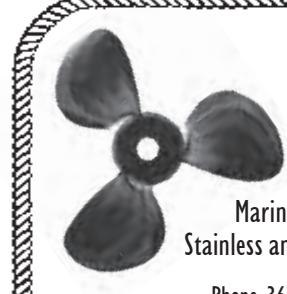
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VALUE: \$171,000
- 17. MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO**
LOT NO. GRANT B-215
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Marsh Harbour.
VALUE: \$110,000
- 18. MOORES ISLAND SUBDIVISION, ABACO**
LOT NO. 24
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Farm Road in Hard Bargain.
VALUE: \$286,000
- 19. MURPHY TOWN - ABACO**
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 8,600 sq. ft.
UNIT (1): 2 beds / 1 bath
UNIT (2): 1 bed / 1 bath
LOCATION: Property is situated on the left hand side before Little Doves Academy.
VALUE: \$145,000
- 20. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 23 Portion of crown grant #72
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Duplex
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,614 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Murphy Town.
VALUE: \$186,842
- 21. MURPHY TOWN – ABACO**
LOT NO. 66, Units 1 & 2
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family residence
UNIT (1): 3 beds / 2 bath
UNIT (2): 2 beds / 2 bath
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,805 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Property is located approx. 300 feet before the Southside Road.
VALUE: \$157,000
- 22. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 77 - Crown Allotment
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Storey Structures
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,000 each
LOCATION: The subject property is on Great Abaco Harbour Road off the main Murphy Town Road.
VALUE: \$135,000
- 23. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 120 - Crown Allotment
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Murphy Town.
VALUE: \$320,000
- 24. SPRING CITY, ABACO**
LOT NO. 10
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 8,200 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Spring City.
VALUE: \$70,460
- 25. TILLO CAY, ABACO**
LOT NO. Lot of Land
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.73 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Russell Tract, Tillo Cay
VALUE: \$312,000
- 26. TREASURE CAY, ABACO**
UNIT #2331
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Condominium
PROPERTY SIZE: 950 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located in Royal Palm Condominium, Treasure Cay.
VALUE: \$475,000

VACANT LOTS

- 1. BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND SUBDIVISION, ABACO**
LOT NO. 20 Block O
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,000 sq. ft.
Multi-family Lot.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located in Section III of Bahamas Coral Island Subdivision
VALUE: \$20,000
- 2. BAHAMA PALM SHORES SUBDIVISION, ABACO**
LOT NO. 22 Block 1 Section 2
PROPERTY SIZE: 10,000 sq. ft.
Single Family Lot.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located in Bahama Palm Shores in Abaco.
VALUE: \$32,000
- 3. CHEROKEE SOUND, ABACO**
LOT NO. 4N
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family Lot, 27,231 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located at Yellow Wood Creek
VALUE: \$74,000
- 4. DUNDAS TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 7 Crown Allotment #7D
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family Lot, 7,360 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on Faith Avenue in Dundas Town.
VALUE: \$14,720
- 5. LEISURE LEE, ABACO**
LOT NO. 20
PROPERTY SIZE: Single-family Lot, 10,639 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located off Joe's Creek in Leisure Lee Abaco.
VALUE: \$37,400
- 6. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 47, Crown Allotment
PROPERTY SIZE: Single-family lot, 8,857 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located in Murphy Town.
VALUE: \$17,271
- 7. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. Crown Allotment #49
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family, 10,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is situated on the Great Abaco Harbour Road off the main Murphy Town Road.
VALUE: \$28,000
- 8. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 27 in Crown Allotment #125
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family, 15,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is situated off the Front Street of Murphy Town.
VALUE: \$37,500
- 9. TREASURE CAY, ABACO**
LOT OF LAND
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family Lot, 10,928 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located at Brigantine Bay Estates in Treasure Cay.
VALUE: \$78,612
- 10. TREASURE CAY, ABACO**
LOT NO. 80 Block 3 Subdivision 1
PROPERTY SIZE: Single-family lot, 5,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located in Murphy Town.
VALUE: \$110,000
- 11. WOOD CAY, LITTLE ABACO**
LOT NO. Parcel of Land
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 39,999 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the western section of the main street of Wood Cay.
VALUE: \$25,000

Church News

Women of Purpose seminar held

By Vernique Russell

The Women of Purpose International Ministries was founded in Eleuthera in 1995. Since then the committee has hosted seminars and conference throughout the Bahamas. This year the committee accomplished a major mile stone by hosting the conference outside of Eleuthera for the first time, and Abaco was the chosen destination.

On February 1 through 3, Gretrude Saunders and her team took Abaco by force. Accompanied by a contingent of guest speakers and conference supporters, Minister Saunders and her team united with forces here on Abaco and hosted the 18th Annual Women of Purpose Conference.

The event was staged at the Faith Convention Center in Marsh Harbor with services beginning nightly at 7pm. On Friday, Feb. 2 at noon, a midday encounter was hosted. Speakers throughout the event included Apostle Hayes from Fort Lauderdale and Apostle Brenda Pratt of Nassau.

Archbishop Patrick Pinder visits St. Francis de Sales

By Canishka Alexander

The Most Reverend Patrick Pinder, Archbishop of Nassau, and Claudette Rolle, director of Catholic Education, visited St. Francis de Sales School on Feb. 12. That morning a service was held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church for students and teachers.

During her welcoming remarks, Principal Josephine Kumar commented on the announcement of 85-year-old Pope Benedict XVI's resignation on Feb. 28, and for his courage despite being the first pope in nearly 600 years to do so. She also told Archbishop Pinder that she wished the Archbishop would visit the school more often, but because of his busy schedule, she realized he could not do so.

The St. Francis de Sales Choir sang two selections before Archbishop Pinder addressed the audience on the significance of Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday. He explained that beyond the day's cultural ties to Mardi Gras in New Orleans or to a similar celebration called Carnival in Trinidad & Tobago and Rio de Janeiro,



Above: all of St. Francis de Sales School's teachers at the front of the church after being greeted by Archbishop Pinder.

Brazil, its Christian origins point to the practice of giving up things as a special devotion to Christ.

He also congratulated students for their performance in the Scripps Howard Spelling competition. The students, he said, also "stole the show" at the end of Catholic Schools Week while in Nassau. According to custom, Archbishop Pinder asked Claudette Rolle, director, to find a suitable day on the school's calendar to give the students a holiday.

The All Male Teachers Gospel Ensemble was invited to deliver their winning selection from last year's National

Arts Festival. Gifts were presented to the Archbishop and Director before teachers were called on to meet with them. The Archbishop also visited the students and staff of Every Child Counts later that afternoon.

The following day the students of St. Francis de Sales School made their way back to the Catholic Church for Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting leading up to Easter Sunday.



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- Prepares course notes, training aids, evaluation and making schemes for all courses.

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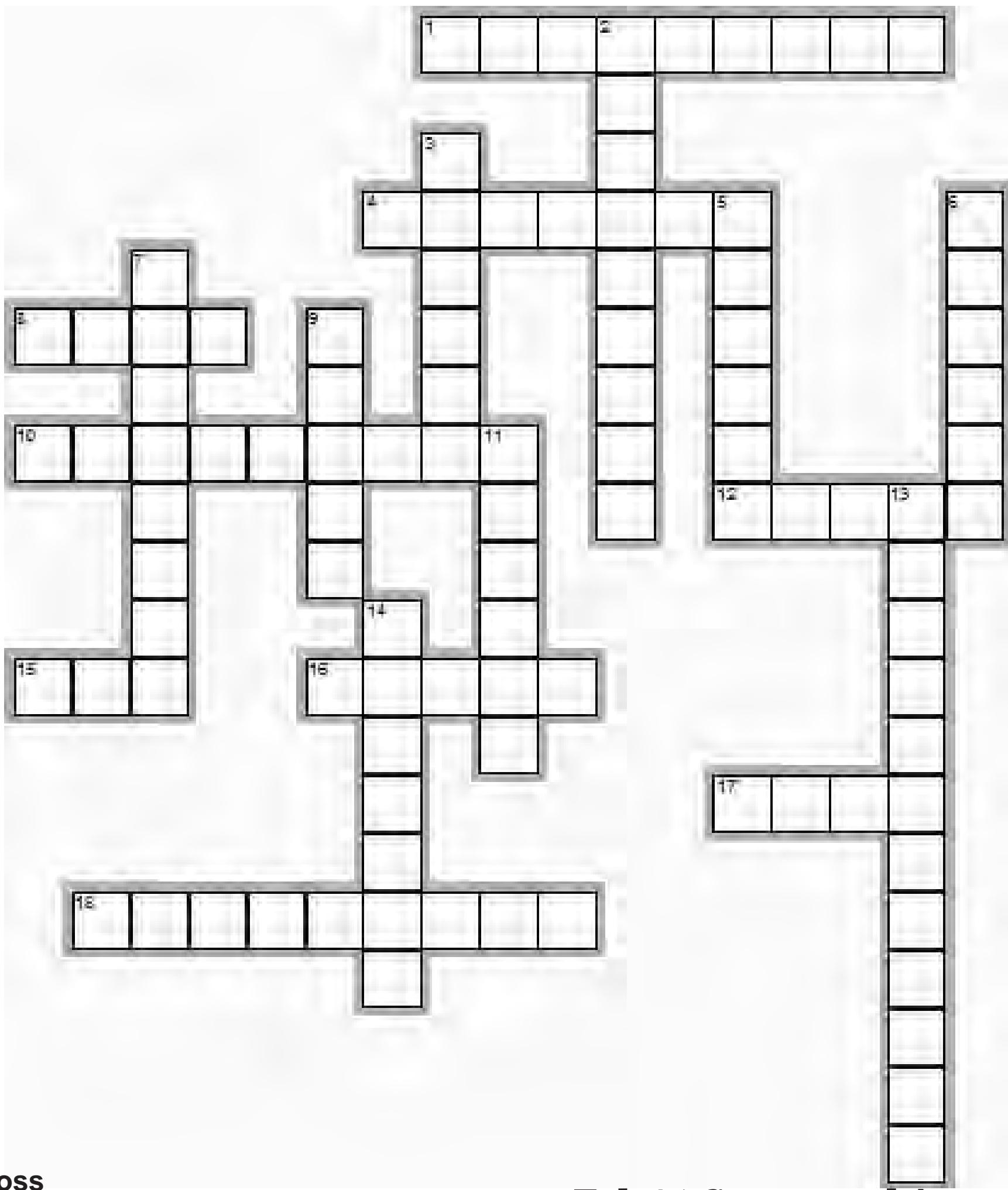
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**Across**

1. When more than one interpretation can be made.
4. A time to plant and a time to _____.
8. Like an exam, but usually less serious.
10. Italian, English and Japanese are examples.
12. Important invention for submarine navigation.
15. Proposed new tax.
16. Six in one, half _____ in the other.
17. Religious figure recently in the news.
18. Float like a _____ sting like a bee.

Down

2. 2010 film: but was it a dream?
3. Feast or _____.
5. Live under bridges and, more recently, on the internet.
6. Mind over _____.
7. Noon of the night time.
9. Classical philosopher.
11. Football
13. Can use both right and left.
14. This group took top spot in the closely contested Senior Junkanoo Love Rush Parade.

Feb 15 Crossword Answers

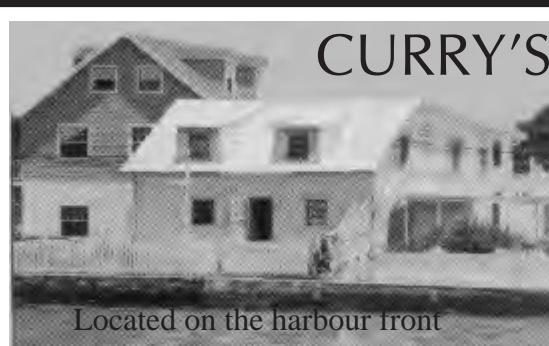
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|---|---|
| 1. QUAIL—Bob White. | 1. QUACK—A hack doctor. |
| 2. TAINO—The Lucayan was a subset of these indigenous people. | 3. OPINION—"Everybody has one." |
| 5. ROCKERS—Central / South Abaco Junkanoo Group. | 4. BEHOLD—Bahamas' superbowl ad. |
| 7. CRAWFISH—This 47 inch beast was recently caught off of Grand Cay, Abaco. | 6. URCA—This organization recently denied Cable Bahamas' rate hike. |
| 8. LEACHATE—This critical component has been compromised in Abaco, "LEACHING" pollutants into the water table for months. | 9. AUDIO—The "A" in A / V. |
| 10. DORSETT—Minister in charge of housing and environment. | 11. RUBBER—Elastic export of India. |
| 15. GUANA—Island hosting first leg of the BBC. | 12. ECC—The Music Doing Good group performs benefits for this Abaco school. |
| 16. TOMATOES—Are these fruits or vegetables? | 13. TWITTER—This social media platform is "for the birds." |
| 17. FLEA—This Market won't leave you itching, despite its name. | 14. DARTS—Abaco recently brought home a gold trophy for this nationally played sport. |
| 18. EXPLORERS—North Abaco Junkanoo Group. | 15. GEORGIE—This lumbering, lovable visitor now lives at Dolphin Cay. |

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Church News

RBPF hold annual parade and church service

By Jennifer Hudson

The Royal Bahamas Police Force, Abaco District, held its annual church service on February 12 at the Saint John the Baptist Anglican Church, Marsh Harbour. In addition to The Royal Bahamas Police Force, the service was also attended by The Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Road Traffic Department, Bahamas Immigration Department and Bahamas Customs Department.

The service is always preceded by a parade of all the uniformed law enforcement branches led by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band. This year the parade began and ended at the new government complex in Dundas Town. Pastors from several different church denominations participated in the service along with members of all of the uniformed branches.

The service began with rousing fanfare from the RBPF Band which also presented a selection later in the service as well as providing a strong accompaniment to the excellent congregational hymn singing.

The sermon was delivered by the Reverend Willish Johnson, Rector of the host church. Rev. Johnson was ordained as a Deacon in 2002 and served as Assistant Priest in parishes on several of the Family Islands before her posting to Abaco in 2005. She made history on her appointment to St. John The Baptist, Marsh Harbour, as she became the first female Bahamian Rector of the Anglican Church of The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos islands.

Reverend Johnson took as her text Matthew 5: 1-14 (The Beatitudes) and preached a forceful sermon which, while directed most specifically to the tasks of the uniformed services, also presented a very valuable message to the entire congregation and people throughout The Bahamas.

She told the officers that they have an awesome responsibility and that while their task is not an easy one they get their greatest mandate from knowing the Master. "Many look up to you and count on



you but who do you look up to?" she asked then told them to "look up to Jesus, the greatest teacher that ever lived and become His disciple."

Reverend Johnson spoke of the challenges the nation is facing and the serious issues needing to be dealt with and asked all to consider if they are giving their best for the advancement of God's people here on earth.

"Crime and violence are on the rise; this is a generation of young people with no regard for law or life. We must ask ourselves if we have come to the Maker or moved him so far away from our existence that we do not know him anymore."

She told the officers that God knows the difficult task He has called them to but if they spend time with God they can give to others and He will protect and keep them and enable them to live a life of integrity.

Each year a very moving part of the service takes place near the close when the colours of The Bahamas and the Police Standard are presented in preparation for the Remembrance of the Deceased. The names of the officers fallen from the ranks

during the previous year are read by officers of each of the departments. This is followed by the playing of the Last Post and Reveille by trumpeters of the RBPF Band.

At the close of the service, following the singing of The National Anthem of The Bahamas, members of the uniformed forces led by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, marched from the church then joined with members of the congregation in the Parish hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Above and below: Royal Bahamas Police Force, Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Road Traffic Department, Bahamas Immigration Department and Bahamas Customs Department joined together for a special service on Feb 12.



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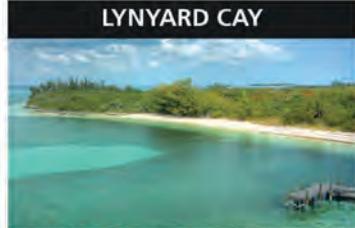
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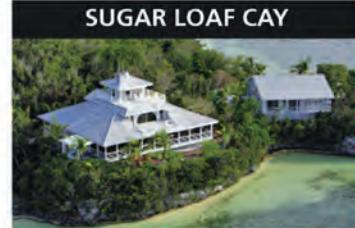
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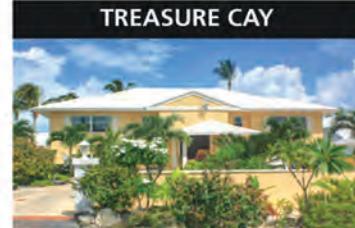
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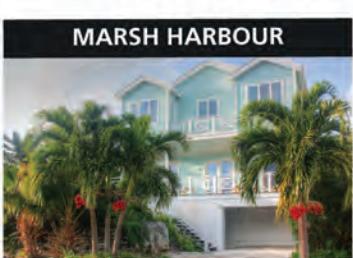
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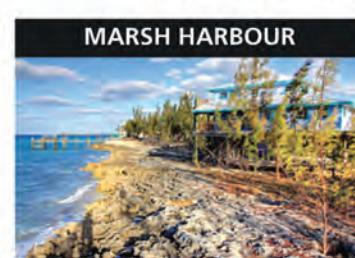
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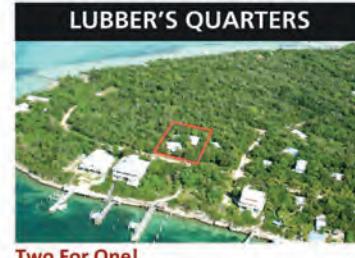
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