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## Marsh Harbour Reef Ball raises money for good cause



The Marsh Harbour Reef Ball took place on March 2 at the Job Room. Celebrating Twenty Five years of environmental education, Friends of the Environment made sure the event was one to remember. With a silent auction, a vibrant live auction and the rocking sounds of local band "Suppa Time" the Reef Ball was a delight to many.

The event drew a large crowd of locals, second-home owners and boaters. The eclectic crowd mingled, socialized and met with Friends of the Environment staff. The silent auction, set up on the deck of the Jib Room, was constantly ebbing and flowing with patrons looking for deals and steals and for those just looking to spend money on a worthy cause.

As the staff of the Jib Room and of Friends of the Environments bustled around to ensure a pleasant evening, few paid attention to the sloppy weather outside. All were cozy and dry in the expertly decorated, closed-in deck of Marsh Harbour Marina.

As the crowd settled down, with a conch fritter in one hand and spirit in the other, the main event was hinted at. Those in attendance took their seats.

Above: Kristin Williams, Director of FRIENDS, displays one of the many live auction prizes during the Reef Ball held at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour. This year marks Friends of the Environment's 25th anniversary.

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## People to People recognizes second-home owners



Above: Jim Pitocha doing the limbo at the Ministry of Tourism's People to People event in Treasure Cay. The event is a way for the Ministry to say "thank you" to Abaco's second-home owners. See Page 10.

## Hope Town Heritage Day recalls memories of past generations



Above: some organizers and participants in Hope Town's Heritage Day.

By Timothy Roberts

Despite overcast skies and intermittent, light rain hundreds of locals and visitors came out to enjoy the annual Hope Town Heritage Day

The museum's president, Suzanne Bethel, welcomed the audience and said "If you are a descendent of Wyannie, the courageous lady, then be happy for us that she found this beautiful island so many years ago. I hope you enjoy its beauty as she did and we do."

She told the visitors that "items from the past help us to appreciate the present, while others give us hope for the future". With a focus on our common ancestry she noted that "our genealogy links us all as one."

She said that the Wyannie Malone Museum looks forward to having even more displays in the museum, some which

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# Central & All Abaco



Above: Chad Sawyer (left) being presented with his award of appreciation by Cha Boyce (center) and James Richard (right).



Above: two young socialites pose for a photo between tracking their silent auction bids.



Above: Michael Albury sporting some fancy headwear while conducting the live auction.

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Before the live auction, however, several people and organizations were honoured for their involvement in raising awareness about Abaco's environment. Local motorcycle group, the Scurvy Few was honoured, with member Sid Dawes present to receive the award. Chad Sawyer, local businessman, was also presented with a plaque for his efforts.

As dinners were being served to the now seated patrons, Michael Albury, the always-energetic auctioneer at these events, took the mic to raise funds for the environmental organization. Prizes included a ten pound box of crawfish tails from Marsh

Harbour Exporters and Importers, a weekend stay at Firefly Resort in Hope Town, a weekend in Treasure Cay, a Junkanoo headpiece, and many other donated items that many happy bidders walked away with well under-value.

After dinner, Suppa Time took the stage to entertain and shake the guests up. They played many favourites and easy-to-dance-to hits.

Friends of the Environment is a local non-profit geared towards raising awareness and education about the environment. This year marked their twenty fifth year of service to the community. The funds raised will go towards educational projects.



Above: Kevin Pinder and Leazona Richard of Suppa Time take the stage.

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# Central & All Abaco

## BASRA Abaco awarded top Caribbean honour for search & rescue

*Press Release*

The Abaco branch of Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association has been awarded the prestigious Association for Rescue at Sea (AFRAS) Caribbean Search & Rescue Award for 2012. AFRAS membership includes the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the British Royal National Lifeboat Institution as well as many other marine rescue organizations worldwide.

During the week of 6-10 November 2011, the Abaco's experienced some of the heaviest sea conditions seen in fifty years. This was caused by a sub-tropical weather system offshore. Small craft advisories were issued and many larger cargo ships elected to remain in port. The passages between the Sea of Abaco and the Atlantic Ocean were generally judged as impassable.

Unfortunately, some did not heed these warnings and there were four separate maritime incidents to which BASRA Abaco responded. A total of 61 lives were saved but sadly three souls perished.

On Monday 7th November 2011, the 46' boat "Hideout" with 6 persons aboard, capsized and broke apart while trying to negotiate North Man-O-War passage. The BASRA 26' RIB was immediately dispatched from Hope Town with Mr. Clay Wilhoyte in command and crewed by his eldest son, Andrew Wilhoyte. A Royal Ba-

hamas Defence Force (RBDF) patrol vessel was also dispatched from Marsh Harbour, Abaco and a formal request was made by BASRA to the United States Coast Guard, for helicopter support.

Over a period of two hours, in extremely dangerous conditions and 12-15 foot breaking waves, Mr. Wilhoyte picked his way through coral heads and recovered four persons from the water, transferred them to the RBDF vessel and then returned to the reef to look for additional survivors. One further person was recovered but unfortunately they were unresponsive. The search for the last remaining crew member was unsuccessful.

The BASRA boat suffered significant damage during this search, with the centre console becoming separated from the boat deck by a wave.

In a written note to the United States Coast Guard Liaison Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Nassau, LCDR William Friday, the aircraft commander of the helicopter that assisted in the search for survivors commented as follows:-

"With the Coast Guard helicopter located over 45 minutes away, BASRA's Rescue Boat Captain Clay Wilhoyte's selfless actions are the reason four people are alive today. By the time the USCG helicopter arrived, BASRA had already saturated the immediate scene of the capsized

sport fishing vessel, and provided recommendations to us to expand the search area based on local knowledge and weather conditions. The rescue efforts were compounded by dangerous seas breaking over the reef, threatening the BASRA vessel with its own peril as it continued the unsuccessful search of the final crewmember."

The AFRAS plaque qualified the award to BASRA "For Demonstrating Superb Vigilance, Skill, Determination and Teamwork".

On learning of the award, Mr. Clay Wilhoyte, the Captain of the BASRA boat for the rescue said "It's always a team effort in these types of rescues, for every responder actually on-scene in the boat, there are two or three others diligently working phones and radios, coordinating the search and just as importantly, those making sure the equipment is maintained and ready to go when needed. We had four major rescues that week and for each one, there were different members in the boat, this was just the one that was picked for an award".

The Abaco branch of Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association was established in the 1960's and is a volunteer organization whose members give their time freely to save and assist those in peril. It is wholly financed through donations and fundraising events.

## Central Abaco Red Cross Group to partner with Lovely Reckley

*By Canishka Alexander*

The Central Abaco Members Group of the Bahamas Red Cross Society held their monthly general meeting at the Dundas Town Church of God on Feb.23. Sarone Kennedy, group leader, outlined the fundamental principles that guide the Red Cross movement adding that one of the greatest unwritten principles is confidentiality. He also mentioned the need to maintain membership in the group.

During the last meeting, two committees were appointed one of which was put in place to assist Lovely Reckley. Mr. Kennedy asked Ms. Reckley to give a brief presentation on her "Feed the Children" Lunch Program, which began approximately 24 years ago. According to Ms. Reckley, a woman from Green Turtle Cay assists her as she feeds more than 100 children every day. Last year, she was feeding 130 children every day.

It only takes \$3 to feed a child each day.

For those willing to make donations, Ms. Reckley can usually be found seated at Maxwell's Supermarket to collect funds for her lunch program as you exit the store. Red Cross members are expected to assist her going forward.

Mr. Kennedy said that it is sad to know that children are going throughout the day without food to eat as he calculated that Ms. Reckley supplies more than 500

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lunches a week. He has spoken with the Abaco Christian Council about supporting the initiative. Presently, Pastor Earlyn Baillou of New Rehoboth Ministries provides lunches twice a week to one of the schools.

Another member – Regina Kennedy – pointed out that if we don't take care of these hungry children now we will suffer the consequences later on. Subsequently, Maria Rose suggested the donation of products to schools for children to grow their own food and to also partner with farmers and farming associations. Mr. Kennedy agreed that the Red Cross can be a channel through which organizations can make donations. Another suggestion was to see what restaurants, hotels and bakeries would be willing to donate food items. Sharing with peers at school can also be encouraged among students.

Moving on to the month of May, which is designated as Red Cross Month, the group members have begun to plan for their annual Community Emergency Preparedness Day. To summarize, the event is about educating the public on the types of emergencies and what they can do to ensure their safety. Local businesses are represented as well organizations that deal with emergencies to demonstrate the services they provide. Mr. Kennedy reminded members to spread the word that we must all "Be Red Cross Ready."

Finally, Mr. Kennedy said that there is also a need to reactivate the youth arm of the Red Cross called Junior Links. Crystal Linden, youth officer, will spearhead that project.

## Eastern Shore Property Owners voice concerns



Above: congestion at The Crossing.

By Timothy Roberts

For the second time in two years the Eastern Shore Property Owners' Association (ESPOA) is appealing to the local government to halt plans for a proposed restaurant/bar applying to occupy the building at the head of the government dock at the Crossing.

The group of 41 homeowners who live in close proximity to the location expressed their opposition to any new business at the already crowded and under supervised area at the Crossing. Presently Albury's Ferry Service operates from a building at the same location.

The statement said "a restaurant and bar which will grossly overtax the already fragile environment and encourage more intensity of use there than already exists."

"We are taxpaying owners living on Eastern Shore and we are sickened by the existing conditions at Crossing Beach. As the residents who are most directly affected by the goings on at Crossing Beach, the inadequate parking facilities for a business like Albury's Ferry Service, not to mention any new business there, the despoliation of one of the only public beaches in all of Marsh Harbour and the after-hours activities which already take place there, we know full well that the idea of adding a restaurant/bar to what's already there is a very bad one indeed."

The ESPOA further stated to local government "please be advised that we are steadfastly opposed, in the strongest terms possible, to any additional business, of any kind, being permitted at Crossing

Beach. Please do not allow this intended use to subvert the residential security of our neighborhood."

## Wild Horses of Abaco receives Atlantis Community Service Award

By Canishka Alexander

The Atlantis Paradise Island Nassau Community Service Award was granted on Feb. 13 to the Wild Horses of Abaco (W.H.O.A.) Preservation Society for their community service on the island. On March 12, W.H.O.A. board members Milanne Rehor (also known as Mimi), Wynsome Ferguson of the Abaco Tourist Office, and David Knowles of the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) met at the BNT office for the presentation of the cheque received from Atlantis.

Rehor expressed that they were happy to receive the award, which came at a very important time. She commended the preservation society's board members for their tremendous support in assisting with the horse project.

According to the Arkwild.org Web site, the project began in 1992, and although the horses were first called Spanish barbs, they were more appropriately named "Abaco Spanish Colonial Horses."

The site goes on to say that: "The

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# Local Government

## Central Abaco Town Planning Mar 7

By Timothy Roberts

The Central Abaco Town Planning Board met on March 7 reviewing plans totaling over \$3.2 million in estimated construction cost for residences, apartments, multiplexes, shops and cottages within the district.

During the meeting a plan for a proposed take-away restaurant located near the public dock at the Crossing in Marsh Harbour was tabled. After a long discussion two members approved while three members of the board rejected the proposal.

Also presented during the meeting was a 2400 square foot studio/workshop for Every Child Counts (ECC). The plan was unanimously passed by all members.

## Marsh Harbour Town Committee Feb 13

By David Ralph

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee met on February 13, 2013, in the government complex building. The predominant topic was the issue of the Mud squatter settlement and the problems it is creating. These problems included the rampant addition of new structures and the expansion of existing structures, sanitation and refuse, the influx of new immigrants, unlicensed businesses, and the ability of residents there to conduct themselves without any apparent oversight or adherence to Baha-

mian laws or regulations.

Funding was authorized to install a larger storm drain across the road at Captain Mac's corner on the road leading to the ferry. The road will be trenched to replace a small pipe with a larger one. Normal heavy rains flood this intersection. This drain will connect with a larger pipe draining into the Abaco Beach Resort's residential lagoon.

A lateral drain may be installed between the BTC technical building and the street in front of ECC School. This would divert storm water that collects in a low road section to an existing storm sewer in front of the BTC building.

Steps will be taken to prepare for the relocation of a Ritz Carlton building at Winding Bay donated several years ago but still at that location. Plans are to relocate the portable building to the BAIC Park where the recent Junkanoo was held.

## Hope Town District Council Feb 28

By David Ralph

The Hope Town District Council met in Hope Town on February 28, 2013 for its monthly meeting.

A small group of homeowners from the north end of Elbow Cay met with the Council asking for assistance with road repairs for the north end. As taxpayers, they wondered why the residents south of town got an existing paved road upgraded with new pavement several years ago while their 50-year-old road remains a dirt rut. Furthermore, they claimed the present law discriminates against them by prohibiting traffic north of the Methodist church.

These homeowners are willing to make some repairs themselves but need permission. They asked if Council could cooperate with them in funding or help in pursuing assistance from Nassau.

Council members were receptive to their plight but have no surplus funds. In the past, Council had been given token amounts for small capital projects. If funding of this nature should be given again, this road would be considered.

A resident south of town on Elbow Cay built a fence years ago according to a survey he paid for and with an approved building permit based on that survey. Recently, a neighbour hired a different surveyor who found the fence to be encroaching on his land by four feet. Based on this new survey, the Council approved a permit for a fence. Without further notice or approval, the neighbour removed the property markers established by the first surveyor, removed the first fence and built his own fence four feet over on the first person's property. The property owner of the first fence asked to see the documents giving permission for the new fence. Not sure of the legal issues, the Administrator was asked for advice which he will give after investigating the facts.

After a public meeting on a proposed noise ordinance for Hope Town in which the public overwhelmingly objected to, Council members voted to leave things the way they are but ask that flagrant disturbances be brought to the attention of the police.

A local ordinance prohibiting the ownership of pit bulls and similar breeds was passed. This applies to Elbow Cay only.

A moratorium on additional golf cart rentals passed based on traffic congestion and limited parking in Hope Town.

On matters related to town planning, the Council approved the construction of a 100-foot free-standing tower on the BTC property beside the Hope Town School. This is to give improved cell phone coverage the Elbow Cay area.

The construction of a recreational building was approved behind the Methodist manse in Hope Town.

Other routine plans were passed for Guana Cay and Man-O-War Cay.

## Central Abaco District Council Feb 28

Council met on Feb 28 at 6:30pm. They made no corrections to the minutes.

Matters on the agenda included deciding that an errant lawnmower, which was brought in by the Marsh Harbour Town Committee several years ago but fell into an outside party's possession, has proven too difficult to recover and will now become a civil matter.

The airport was discussed as well. No official word as to who the management company would be was offered as of that meeting. It was decided a full report about the airport would be presented at next meeting.

The issue of regularizing government employees was brought up. The waiting list gave those working for fifteen years or more preference. Clerical staff would not be included in the program.

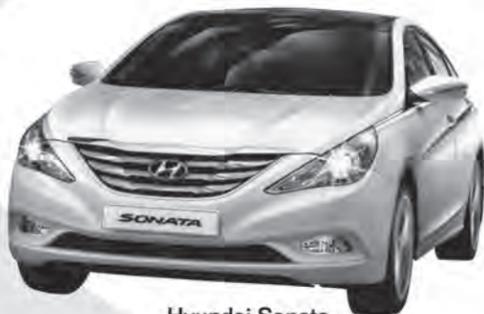
The Council is still waiting for refunds from NEMA which were released by the Council on good faith for hurricane

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## From the Editor's Desk // Cycle One



Dear reader, it has been one year since I took the helm of our paper. The Abaconian has, remarkably, remained intact. Despite a few hiccups I feel like things have gone well.

And I have you to thank.

I have the others to thank, as well. Others read The Abaconian. Others do the crossword. Others pick apart the stories and write letters and look for their daughter's or cousin's name in the student section. I thank the others. But since they don't read the editorials they may never get my thanks.

So I especially thank you.

If you have been with me since March 15, 2012 then you have a special place in my heart. I, at once, pity you for reading through my sometimes sophomoric attempts at tying together a coherent editorial. And I also envy you for having the amount of patience it must take to make it through my ramblings.

But we've made it through one whole cycle. One year. Twelve months of compiling the happenings of Abaco and presenting them to those who are interested. We have found ourselves center stage nationally, with the "all-important" by-election. And we've found ourselves forced into introspection with violent crime right in our community and watching the failure of our businesses and government(s).

We've had highs and lows. We've had cycles. I am about to write you a

script you are most likely all too familiar with:

Illegal immigration, power failures, decaying infrastructure, crime, environmental degradation, issues with the landfill, political fighting.

Broken.

All too familiar? It's all been in these pages. Over and over and over again. A cycle. Sometimes I feel like my mind is slipping when I realize the same issues have plagued us, not just since I took the helm of this publication, but for years and years.

Break the cycle.

But what if I told you there is a concurrent cycle also buried in these pages. Sure, they may not be "buried" per se because I love to broadcast good news whenever I can. But bad news will always be remembered. Our brains are hardwired to remember the negative. It is a survival mechanism.

But there is so much good trying to counter the cycle.

There ARE young Bahamians returning from college and furthered education. But we only seem to remember the stories of cousins and friends who opt to remain in the US of A.

There ARE opportunities and areas of growth. But it's hard to shake the sight of shuttered up shops and ghostly shells.

There IS a counter-cycle. But its inertia will slow should we continue to focus on the negative and take no steps to better ourselves.

Break the cycle.

I hope this time next year I have new things to talk about. If I have to read more letters to the editor about power going out and garbage and potholes I think I might go over the deep end. Yes. The deep end. Behind Man-O-War channel. And fish all day.

But for another cycle we at The Abaconian will continue to bring you the news. Whether it is good or bad. Without bias. And with you in mind.

Thank you for reading.

-Bradley Albury

## Community Calendar

- March 15-16: Barefoot Man in Guana Cay
- March 16: Abaco Inn Art Show & Wine Tasting
- March 22: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend
- March 22: Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation Spring Fundraiser
- March 22: Seniors Math & Science Competition
- March 23: Island Waves Community Center Fundraiser
- March 23: Christian Counselling Center Easter Concert
- March 23: Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Fundraiser
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# Letters to the Editor

## Time Flies

Dear Editor;

A recent edition of "The Abaconian" reported that yet another investigating group visited the Marsh Harbour Airport, its closed terminal and control tower on Jan 16, 2013. This assemblage, like previous meetings and visitors on Nov 1, Dec 10 and Dec 18, 2012 all praised the new terminal and the improvements to the airport.

However, as with previous meetings, no concrete or accurate listing of the yet to be completed requirements was recorded. It was interesting to note that at the Jan 16, 2013 visit, the chairman of Airport Authority and his colleagues would give their opinions of the building instead of a written report.

It has now been some 2 & 1/2 years since construction began on the redevelopment of the Marsh Harbour International Airport.

Isn't it time that the citizens of Abaco, visitors and second home owner be given a more definitive outlook as to the deficiencies still present and a more accurate time table for their completion.

A great deal of the future of Marsh Harbour and Abaco is directly related to the completion of the Leonard M. Thompson International Airport. Tempus Fugit.

Sincerely,  
Max Swartz  
Hope Town

## Support Education through Pathfinders

Dear Editor:

Have you ever been given a life-changing opportunity? I was given such an opportunity at a private school when I entered the 7th Grade. Years later, I had the privilege of providing one for my daughter when she needed special schooling. I saw what a difference it made!

Abaco Pathfinders is in the business of offering life-changing chances to the deserving students of Abaco who, without help will not go to college. If you come to the Fundraiser on March 22nd at the Abaco Inn, you will have an opportunity to meet some of them.

I will tell you two stories in case you can't attend.

Jane (not her name) lives far from Marsh Harbor and walks to work there every day so she can try to save the money to go back to school. She got herself out of a very bad family situation and now wants to study psychology to try to understand what happened and help other people here in Abaco. She has few places to turn for help. We, at Pathfinders would like to pay a portion of her tuition but can't do it without your donation.

John (not his name) is exceptionally bright. We need to help him because if we do, he may well change the world. He wants to study Mechanical Engineering and with our help he will be a success. His parents saved as much as they can, but the economy here is tough and their jobs do

not pay enough to cover the tuition. Can you imagine their pride and his if he can attend college and become an engineer?

To help the 10 top students Abaco Pathfinders interviewed this year we must raise \$200,000.00. That represents \$50,000 a year for four years. Once we give a scholarship, that student is guaranteed financial help for the duration of their college years if they maintain a successful GPA.

The Pathfinders organization awards scholarships and tracks the progress made by recipients. This is accomplished in an efficient way with 90% of the funds raised going directly to students. There is no better way to give back to this beautiful place we live in and love than to invest in the human capital that will enhance the lives of everyone here.

Please join me in supporting Abaco Pathfinders.

Hasty Evans  
Man-O-War

## Oil Slicked Lies

Dear Editor;

The government said it would not permit exploratory oil drilling in our waters without a referendum. Now Sunday (March 10), the government through its Environment Minister has announced that it will allow this drilling without the consent of the Bahamian people.

This is because the government never intended to ask the Bahamian people a

thing before permitting oil drilling - it was a lie when they said it, and they said it because they felt it was what the Bahamian people would have wanted to hear at the time.

But the fact of the matter is that the government was already personally invested, from the Prime Minister down the line, in the company (Bahamas Petroleum Company) that plans to drill for oil in our waters from the time they were in Opposition. So they never intended to do anything other than protect and boost their interests

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## Tweets to the Editor



Quick comment on the long overdue road works. They have to be joking!! What I see going on can't possibly be what the government paid or is paying 1.5 million for!! Looks like we are gonna get another half [done] job done on the roads!!!

-R. Farrington  
Via Facebook

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# North Abaco

## People to People reception draws large crowd



Above: the People to People event allowed for many second-home owners to feel appreciated. Dancing was a side effect of such happiness.

By Canishka Alexander

The Ministry of Tourism offered entertainment at its best during the Annual People to People Winter Residents Reception on Feb.27 at Coco Beach Bar in Treasure Cay. Someone did a fine job of spreading the word because there were at least 400 to 500 people accounted for at the event.

According to Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Abaco Tourist Office, the People to People reception is a way for them to say “thank you” to the second homeowners and to those who play a vital role in our economy.

“This is the one day that we set aside just to say thank you and to pamper them,” she said. “They deserve it, and even as we are going through the downturn in the economy, it’s people like them that are keeping Abaco moving, and so we’re very grateful to them.”

As Abaco musician Chris “The Burner” Russell accompanied by Tony Tony crooned out familiar tunes, guests made an extended cue on the deck outside for the buffet line to sample conch salad, tasty fish and conch fritter appetizers and coconut and pineapple pastries.

Following Ferguson’s welcoming remarks, her Tourism colleague Michelle Mikula took up the helm as moderator for the event. Mikula invited guests to participate in musical chairs, a limbo competition, trivia questions and a conga line. Meanwhile, Kendy Anderson of the Abaco Tourist Office and Tourism Trainees Regina White and Ashley Clarke were also present to serve the guests.

Clarke contributed a hilarious cultural performance, and the highlight of the event was a Junkanoo performance by students of Treasure Cay Primary School. Ferguson added that the intent of the activities is to

give our guests a taste of our culture.

Standing near the buffet line was a guest named Jim Pitocha from Florida, who had won the limbo competition with his “fancy footwork.” Remarkably, Pitocha recently had a knee replacement. This year was his family’s fourth visit to The Bahamas on their boat, which was anchored in Treasure Cay, and they accompanied friends to the event.

Pitocha commented that the weather, camaraderie and the Abacos keeps bringing them back to The Bahamas.

“It’s probably our favourite spot [Abaco]; we’ve been to the Exumas during the early summer months. From the standpoint of variety and places to take your boat, this is like coming to a little part of the world where you can go to a different island and in a lot of cases there is a different culture from island to island,” he explained. “It’s also a great place for us to bring guests.”

An American couple – Charles and Sue Hodges – were also out for the evening with friends. As boaters from South Carolina, they usually visit The Bahamas between Jan and April. Their first trip to The Bahamas was in the 80s, but they’ve been coming for the past 10 years recently. Like, Pitocha, they said they love the Abacos because it is the best.



Above: conch salad always proves to be a popular delicacy no matter the function it is served at.

## Treasure Cay Yard Sale is another success

By Vernique Russell

One of the most anticipated events in the community of Treasure Cay came and left recently. But those in attendance were able to get a few goodies and treasures, too. The saying, “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” was a reality for person at the Annual Yard Sale held in the old hotel parking lot. Items from clothing to furniture were on sale and so was food and drinks.

Gates opened to the public at 8:30am but people were lined up outside the gate from 6am. When the gate was open, enthusiastic shoppers came bursting in with shouts of excitement.

People from all over the island and all walks of life filled the parking lot to see what goodies they could find to carry home. Vendors were kept very busy as people picked out their piece, or a few pieces, of treasure to take home.

One lady came from Marsh Harbour and said she was at the sale site from 6am to see if she could find what she was looking for and indeed she did. By 9am she was on her way back to her home with a truck load of trinkets.

This year’s sale had more item vendors. Vendor booths also included a few non-profit organization including The Island Wave Community Center, Head Start Academy, Every Child Counts and Pop’s Animal Shelter. A wider variety of items were also available for sale.

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# North Abaco

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The yard sale has been designed to raise funds for the upkeep of the community center and library and to allow person to sell items that they want to get rid of but is still in good working conditions.

It has been an active and highly anticipated event for the past ten or more years.



Above: a booth selling treats at the Treasure Cay Yard Sale supporting Pop's Animal Shelter.

People traveled from throughout the island just to get a glimpse of what's on sale. Organizers are very grateful for the support that they have received over the year and wish to thank the general public for their continued support.

# The Cays

Heritage From Page 1

will be on loan and others that are gifts.

Special guests at the heritage day festival were local artist of renown, Alton Lowe, Bahamian Historian and Playwright, Sandra Riley, Crystal Parrot Players' Filmmaker, Travis Nett and Taino descendent Michael Lopez. The group was promoting a new book by Sandra Riley featuring the art of Alton Lowe; "The Lucayan Taino: First People of the Bahamas".

Mr. Lopez, also a Member of the Board of Directors for Crystal Parrot Players, noted that there is the impression that the Taino people do not exist anymore; "that is totally incorrect. The Lucayan have descendants in the United States and in the future we hope to get them back here for some celebrations."

"The rest of us live in diaspora in places like the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Florida, Texas and even some in London."

The event had the usually fare of locally crafted and items, jewelry and artwork as visitors browsed the wares. There was also an abundance of Bahamian and American cuisine as well as a variety of treats that would satisfy many a sweet tooth.

There were games for young and old from hoop-la for the children to the popular 50/50 raffle where the winner got to take home half of the jackpot. Despite the desire to try the inclement weather prevented the Abaco Dinghy sculling races from taking place.

Even with the poor weather everyone had a good time socializing and enjoying

the atmosphere of historic Hope Town and the Wyannie Malone Museum.



Above: a young lady dressed as a loyalist settler.

## Recycling comes to Green Turtle Cay

Press Release

Captain Roberts House is now including plastic bottles in its community recycling program.

It has been recycling aluminum cans for some time now in cooperation with the Friends of the Environment.

Volunteers bag the materials that are then transported to Marsh Harbour on The Legend.

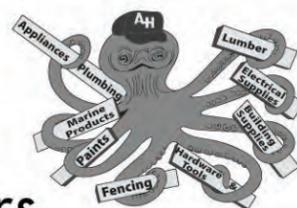
Local businesses, such as Sundowners Restaurant and Leeward Yacht Club, are cooperating in the voluntary recycling efforts.

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Community discussions are now under way to expand the recycling program.

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**TILLOO CAY** LOT 17 Stunning views & deep water frontage for a large vessel. Build your island dream home on this elevated lot. **WEB: 4000030533 US\$187,900.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



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**GUANA CAY** DOLPHIN VIEW & RAINBOW PARROT NEW LISTING Two homes, 7b, 6b on 1 beachfront estate, convenient location close to all amenities. **WEB: 4000038083 US\$1,650,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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**GUANA CAY** SEA SHORE VILLAS 3 town-house villas with private swimming pool. 250' dock, cabanas, gift shop & laundromat. **WEB: 4000028447 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



**GUANA CAY** WATCH HILL Fantastic 3b 3b beachfront home on large lot, convenient dockage. Excellent rental. **WEB: 4000038129 US\$875,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

## Lots, Acreage & Other Properties

### MAINLAND

BAH. PALM SHRS. LOT 43 **WEB: 4071 \$30,000.** Bill Albury  
MARSH HBR. High Rocks. Waterfront lot. **WEB: 4000008281 \$599k.** Bill Albury  
MARSH HBR. Royal Hbr. Canalfront lot. **WEB: 4000023659 \$525,000.** Bill Albury  
FIRE RD. 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. **WEB: 5990 \$368,500.** Kristi Wong  
LITTLE HBR. Waterfront 1 acre. **WEB: 4000036442 \$199,500.** L.Schreiner  
LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre, deeded dock. **WEB: 4000020749 \$119,000.** Bill Albury  
PELICAN SHRS. 3 waterfront lots. **WEB: 4000038353 From \$249,000.** B. Albury  
BAKERS CRK. LOT 18. 10 min N of MH. **WEB: 4000038780 \$70,000.** C. Albury

### TREASURE CAY

ATLANTIS 2207 Canalfront 2b 2b w/ dock. **WEB: 4000015088 US\$ 450k.** S.Sawyer  
CROSSWINDS 4b 3b w/ beach views. **WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k.** S.Sawyer  
MARINA ENTRANCE #5 Choice canalfront. **WEB: 4000009545 \$270k.** S.Sawyer  
BRIGANTINE BAY Block 85, Lot 2. **WEB: 4000030551 \$59,995.** S.Sawyer  
FIRE ROAD #8 Waterfront 2b 2b w/ dock. **WEB: 4000030286 \$249,999.** S.Sawyer  
PINEAPPLE POINT #5 Canalfront furnished 2b 2b ground floor unit with dock slip. **WEB: 4000023098 \$695,000.** Stan Sawyer  
CANALWATCH Canalfront 2b, partial dock. **WEB: 4000032849 \$495k.** S.Sawyer  
HIGH & DRY Canal view home, 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. **WEB: 4000032980 \$465,000.** Stan Sawyer

ROCK POINT LANDING Waterfront 3 bed 3 bath, 3,314 sq. ft., 2 storey home. Furnished. **WEB: 4000016642 US\$940,000.** Stan Sawyer  
ROCK PT. LOT 4 Frontage, 90 ft. **WEB: 4000019391 US\$320k.** Stan Sawyer  
ROCK PT. LOT 7 Frontage, 90 ft. **WEB: 4000032169 \$185,000.** Stan Sawyer  
ROCK PT. LOT 8 11,818 sf residential. **WEB: 4000031389 \$185,000.** S. Sawyer  
ROYAL PALM 2437 3b 3b, dock slip. **WEB: 4000019794 \$540,000.** S.Sawyer  
WINDWARD BEACH Lot 90' Beachfront. High elevation. Beautiful Home-site. **US\$599,000.** Stan Sawyer  
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2054 Beachfront furnished 3b 3b. Golf cart garage. **WEB: 4000016240 US\$875,000.** Stan Sawyer  
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2004 Beachfront furnished 5 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. **WEB: 4000012702 US\$1,195,000.** Stan Sawyer  
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2032 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Excellent rental. **WEB: 4000019527 US\$549,000.** Stan Sawyer  
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2088 Furnished beachfront 4 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. **WEB: 4000026852 US\$1.95m.** Stan Sawyer  
BAH. BCH. CLUB #2051 Beachfront. **WEB: 4000019275 US\$1.195m.** Stan Sawyer  
BAH. BCH. CLUB #2078 Beachfront **WEB: 4000019500 US\$949,000.** S. Sawyer

### GUANA CAY

LOT 32 & 32A 90 feet on water. **WEB: 4000019447 \$500,000.** J.Patterson  
LOT 26 22,000 sq. ft. corner lot. **WEB: 4000019424 \$250,000.** J.Patterson



### LUBBERS QUARTERS

A ABACO OC. CLUB LOT 46 Large waterfront lot. **WEB: 4000007872 \$250,000.** Laurie Schreiner  
B ABACO OC. CLUB LOTS 21-22 Two adjoining lots, boat slip. **WEB: 4000017223 \$149,900.** L. Schreiner  
C ABACO OC. CLUB LOT 152 Hillside w/ dockage available. **WEB: 4000008069 \$99,000.** L. Schreiner  
D 1 ACRE BEACHFRONT LOT Ideal dream home location. **WEB: 4000030027 US\$125,000.** L. Schreiner



### TILLOO CAY

E TILLOO BCH LOT 27 New Price Superior elevation, shared dock. **WEB: 4000038102 \$75k.** K. Sullivan  
F TILLOO BCH LOT 22 Nicely elevated for fantastic views. **WEB: 4000039059 \$137,500.** L. Schreiner  
G TILLOO BEACH LOT 17 Elevated, deepwater frontage. **WEB: 4000030533 \$187,900.** Laurie Schreiner  
SOAP POINT LOT 3 Secluded waterfront lot, ideal for a seaside home, elevated with 43,560 sq. ft. and dock. **WEB: 4000031352 \$199,000.** Laurie Schreiner

# Central & All Abaco

## Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club Art and Craft Exhibition draws artists from different backgrounds



Above: Ray Vallerie displaying his intricate model boats at the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club Art & Craft Exhibition in March. About forty members of the Yacht Club participated with a few local artisans as well. They hope to expand local influence in future events.

By Jennifer Hudson

Approximately forty members of The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club displayed their many talents at the club's fourth annual art and craft exhibit held Below Decks at Boat Harbour on March 7. There was so much to see and admire that after two hours there were still people and exhibitors to meet.

Some of last year's exhibitors did not

manage to attend this year but there were many new persons to fill their shoes and there were many new and interesting crafts to view. Persons exhibiting consisted of winter boat people, renters and second home owners plus two locals: Dave Ralph displaying interesting driftwood creations and Lovely Reckley demonstrating her beading technique.

Immediate Past Commodore, Mar-

go Caldy, said that next year they would like to extend the invitation to more local craftspeople to join in the exhibit; "That way we can all learn from one another and have fun," she stated.

In a short 'Thank you' address to exhibitors, visitors and the Abaco Beach Resort, Susan McDaniel, the lady responsible for pulling it all together, declared; "We've done it again!" She expressed her fear that after such a good exhibition last year they might not be able to pull it off again and was thrilled that they had done so for their fourth year.

"I am amazed at how talented everybody is in so many areas and this has been a work of love for so many people," she stated. Ms. McDaniel had an impressive selection of her own work on display. She is an extremely talented artist who has had no formal training but takes classes for a few weeks each summer and terms herself "A hooker and a painter" referring to her hooked cushion covers as well as her copious art work which ranges from landscapes and portraits to very whimsical pictures painted in watercolour and outlined in pen and ink which drew a lot of 'oohs and aahs' from the onlookers.

Prints of a painting done by Ms. McDaniel of Guana Cay's colourful tractor at Nippers were on sale to raise money for the Every Child Counts School.

Ms. McDaniel expressed special thanks to; "A very special person, Linda Weeks". Ms. Weeks now spends winters

on her boat at Boat Harbour having retired after 32 years as an art teacher in Canada and over the past two years she has helped uncover and grow the talents of many budding artists in the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht club. The work of eighteen of these artists was on display and was very impressive indeed.

It is remarkable how Ms. Weeks can, within a few weeks, have people who have never lifted a paintbrush before (except to perhaps to put a coat of paint on the walls of their house) painting pictures which look as if they are painted by professional artists.

Pine needle baskets are becoming very popular and several people displayed a variety of their personal designs. It was interesting to watch a basket being intricately formed from the pine needles which are collected from the pine forests here.

Gary Aldcorn demonstrated his wax sculpting skills working from photographs. Once he has completed his sculpture he then casts it in bronze and several of his 'bronzes' were on display. Another sculptor is Commodore of the RMHYC, John Canley. His form of sculpting differs from that of Mr. Aldcorn in that John uses polymer clay which can then be baked in a regular household oven instead of having to use a special kiln. He also had several of his wood carvings on display.

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# Central & All Abaco

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Rich Miller lives on his boat, 'Knot Tied'. This name shows his fascination with knots which was also obvious in the variety of objects he had on exhibit at the show. These items ranged from ocean plait mats to Turks Head bracelets traditionally worn by sailors to bottles encased in covers of the most intricate knotting.

Ray Vallerie's model boats were amazingly intricate and demanded thousands of hours of painstaking work to complete. Mr. Vallerie worked his way up to this very meticulous standard of work by first purchasing a sail boat kit. Upon completing that he decided to try building his own model out of wood and progressed from there. Two very impressive pieces of his handiwork were on display; one was a model of his own boat and one a model of his neighbour's.

Some of Vicki Lathom's spectacular photography covering both seascapes and architectural subjects was on display. She uses a special finish which makes her subjects really 'pop'. Vicki is also a freelance travel writer and has written articles on Abaco for international magazines, some of which she had on display.

Other interesting crafts on display were chain mail jewelry, needlepoint, sea glass jewelry, crochet and knitted items. The Every Child Counts School was represented by two students displaying some of the school's art and craft work. Sixteen year old O'Conno Cooper proudly displayed two of his colourful bird paintings. He discovered his talent just a year ago and began painting at that time because "he wanted to try something new".

Horses From Page 6

horses are now down to five. For over seven years, we have been working to bring in an equine reproduction expert. The horses are still fighting for survival, but with no reproduction since Hurricane Floyd, the vet's opinion is that the remaining horses must be transported to a University in the [United States] fully equipped to aid reproduction. We are so grateful that there can be a long-term solution. But without a local (Bahamas) and international effort to save them, these animals will be lost to us forever."

Rehor said that that through the community service award, they did receive a grant to fund upgrades and to take on upcoming projects. In order to increase the numbers among the horses, one of the projects will deal with bringing in similar blood, but different DNA to help with in-breeding.

"That's one of our big projects, and we're really working hard on it, but it's not something that happens overnight," Rehor explained. "It takes a great deal of preparation, but that's where we're headed."

She also mentioned that the W.H.O.A. Preservation Society has a benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous, and who is willing to match anything the government gives them.

"You know we are a charity, but we're closely connected to [Ministry of] Tourism and the Bahamas National Trust," Rehor said. "This is a community thing that's why we got a community service award, and we have someone who is willing to back that effort as soon as the government comes on board."

## Local government attempts to stem tide of mounting trash



The Central Abaco Council paid a crew to pick up and bagged trash on the E. Dean Highway between the round-about and the turn-off to the dump. Eleven pick-up loads of trash went to the dump on February 25. Council is asking the police for enforcement on littering as the constant clean-up is expensive.



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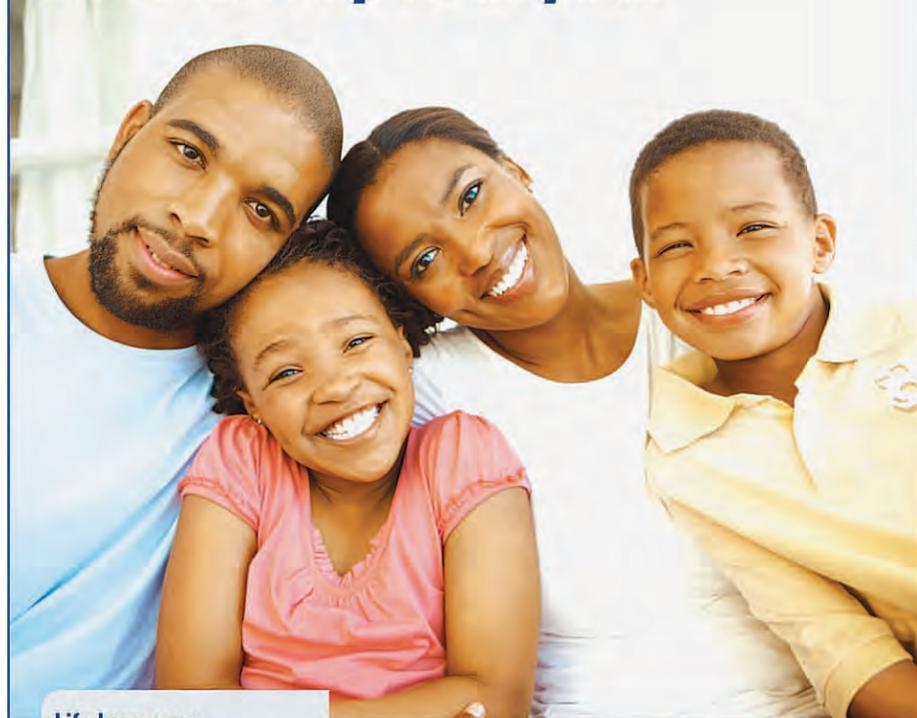
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# Business

## BTC hosts breakfast for Abaco business customers



On Friday, March 1 BTC held a "Breakfast & Business" at Abaco Beach resort. It was a function to socialize with and update BTC's corporate members on projects coming on-stream. There was a raffle and an introduction of BTC's Enterprise Team. Above: Member of Parliament for Central & South Abaco (left) seated with CEO of BTC Geoff Houston.

BTC, in an effort to reach out to its business customers, organized a complimentary breakfast for invited guests on March 1. Present from BTC were CEO Geoff Huoston, Marlon Johnson - VP of Marketing and Communications, Gershan Major - VP of Channels and Marketing, and many others among BTC's "Enterprise Team." The breakfast was held Below Decks at Abaco Beach Resort.

Throughout the morning BTC executives encouraged the business customers present to socialize, network and get to know the members of BTC better. Various business owners and managers took the opportunity to ask questions about BTC's current and future services.

After a brief welcome by Mr. Ma-

yor and a video presentation about BTC's continuing work by Mr. Johnson, BTC's CEO stood up to greet the audience and take a few minutes to explain certain new features and services his company would be rolling out.

Mr. Huoston explained some of the challenges facing BTC, which includes the volume of data they face. Since launching the 4G data network, according to Mr. Huoston, there had been a nearly 29,000% increase in data consumption, equaling about 1 terabyte of data usage per day. He explained this puts enormous strain on the network but their engineers were constantly working on easing the burden.

A new LTE network is the next network to be launched in The Bahamas.

Mr. Huoston also spoke briefly about new service management and improvement plans.

After Mr. Huoston's brief presentation and breakfast had been served, the Enterprise Team was introduced. It was explained that these were the people who would be responsible for taking the company to the next level in preparing for coming competition.

## Islands By Design opens Abaco office

By Timothy Roberts

Islands By Design Ltd. (IBD), a small Bahamian consultancy business, has opened their doors in Abaco providing environmental, marine engineering, and project management along with over thirty years of experience in The Bahamas

Islands By Design was formed out of EIA (Bahamas) Ltd., in 1994 by its principal, Keith Bishop, a professional with over thirty years' experience in project management consulting with more than twenty years' experience as a local environmental consultant in the Caribbean conducting environmental impact assessments.

To date, Mr. Bishop has performed environmental impact assessments and provided environmental planning and management for over one hundred and fifty projects ranging from small residential developments to major industrial and commercial projects.

IBD has an extensive network of associate consultants, local and international that allow it to offer a broad range of disciplines including marine sciences, wetlands ecology, coastal processes, plant ecology, air quality, archeology, socioeconomic and environmental permitting and planning. Additionally IBD is able to offer multidis-

ciplinary engineering design services, land planning and landscape architecture, project management and execution.

IBD also boasts experience in Land Planning and Landscape Architecture including project management, lead design for out island resorts, communities, marina complexes, master planned communities, residential sub-divisions, commercial facilities, office complexes, multi-family projects, urban renewal projects and recreational facilities.

The company also has a full understanding of infrastructure projects, having been involved in all aspects from design through construction and operations.

Mr. Bishop noted that as the company approaches its 20th anniversary that IBD has "achieved a track record that supports a reputation of reliable technical performance, unbiased analysis of project requirements and scientific integrity." He added that the company has a history of consistently providing objective analysis, particularly for projects that are environmentally, politically and legally sensitive.

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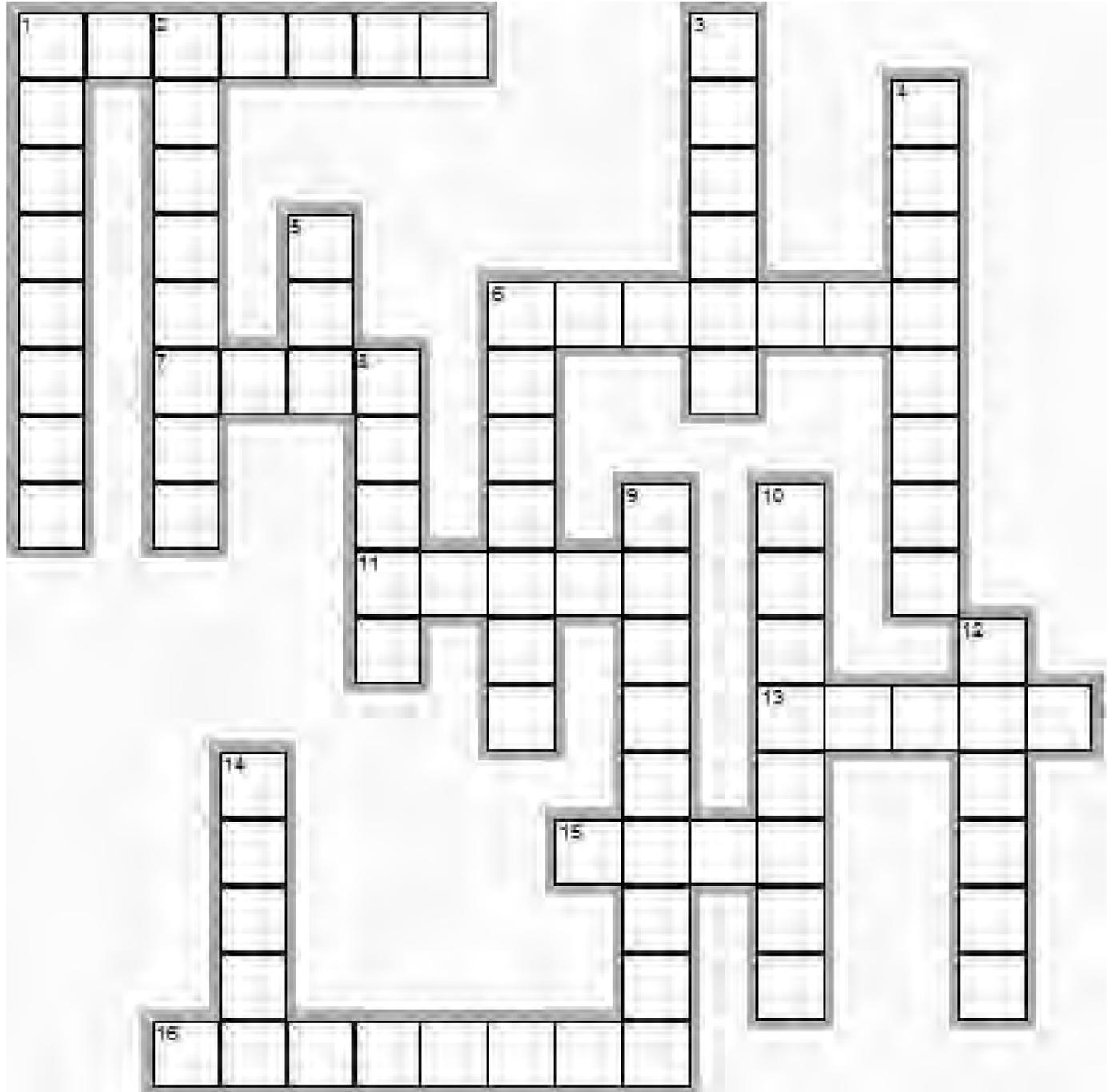
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RENTAL BIKES

- 1. Discovered "New World" before Columbus.
- 6. Rechargeable type of battery.
- 7. Cab
- 11. A trap; Part of a percussive instrument.
- 13. Rare, medium or well-done?
- 15. Don't have to be super to be one.
- 16. This male performer, often found in Guana Cay, has this style of footwear, also his namesake.

Down

- 1. "I need a \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2. City where CARIFTA Swimming Championship is being held.
- 3. Fight or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Sacred St. Patrick's Day Plant
- 5. Basketball star-turned Bahamian spokesman.
- 6. Baggage
- 8. Luck of the \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. "Spirit of the Age"
- 10. Stamped when entering a country.
- 12. Abaco-based collaborative art project.
- 14. This Abaco-based search and rescue group was recently awarded.



March 1 Answers

Across

- 1. AMBIGUOUS—When more than one interpretation can be made.
- 4. HARVEST—A time to plant and a time to
- 8. QUIZ—Like an exam, but usually less serious.
- 10. LANGUAGES—Italian, English and Japanese are examples.
- 12. SONAR—Important invention for submarine navigation.
- 15. VAT—Proposed new tax.
- 16. DOZEN—Six in one, half \_\_\_\_\_ in the other.
- 17. POPE—Religious figure recently in the news.
- 18. BUTTERFLY—Float like a \_\_\_\_\_ stinging like a bee.

Down

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

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**TREASURE CAY**

**Houses**

- "**Girasole**" # 1551 - Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guest accommodations. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades/extras. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100' + beach frontage. **\$4,450,000.**
- "**Summertime**" # 1550 - Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2nd, 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air plus 4,100 s/f covered & covered patios. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. **\$2,995,000.**
- Brigantine Bay Canal Home** # 1589 - Newly built 4 bed, 4 bath unfurnished home. 3,150 s/f under air, 4,850 s/f total. Many extras. 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, lay-along & finger docks, boat lift. **\$2,995,000.**
- "**The White House**" - # 2131 - Awesome 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 level tastefully furnished Ocean Blvd. beach home, 3,312 s/f under air, plus garages 58,500 s/f landscaped parcel - 150' beach frontage, panoramic sea & beach views. **\$2,655,000.**
- "**Top of the Rock**" # 2014 - 3 bed, 3 bath "turnkey" furnished home, 1,824 s/f living space, 740 s/f covered porches, double garage. 198' beach frontage on 2 lot parcel. Fantastic elevated views along entire Treasure Cay Beach. **\$2,300,000.**
- "**Turquoise**" - # 1696 - Ocean Blvd 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,127 s/f furnished beach home on oversized 1.561 acre parcel with 170' of sandy Treasure Cay Beach frontage. **\$2,250,000.**
- "**Casa Linda**" # 2107 - 5 bed, 5.5 bath Ocean Blvd. furnished beachfront home, 3,677 s/f under air, plus double garage & beach pavilion, oversized 6,000 s/f parcel, pool, 130' beach frontage. Fantastic sea views. **\$2,249,000.**
- "**Turtle View**" - # 1778 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 4,088 sq. ft. elegantly furnished home on landscaped 14,000 s/f parcel with 68' frontage on Treasure Cay Beach. **\$1,995,000.**
- Package Price option to include Galleon Bay bulkheaded canal lot with dock & garage. **\$2,199,000.**
- Cutwater Way Canal Home** - # 1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**
- "**Trident House**" - # 317 - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath furnished beachfront home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,500 s/f living space, 2 garages, 16,000 s/f parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous Sea Views **\$1,850,000.**
- "**Tranquility**" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, tastefully furnished 2 level canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks/balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift. Great water views, excellent condition. **\$1,799,000.**
- "**Windward Palms**" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof, 1,600 s/f patios & walks, 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel, 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, **\$1,500,000.**
- "**Green Gecko**" # 2283 - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay furnished canal home. 2,870 s/f under air, plus 1,045 s/f covered terraces. Immaculate condition. Many upgrades. Garage, dock, gazebo, dolphin pilings. **\$1,495,000.**
- "**Rising Sun**" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**
- "**Hull's Landing**" - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch. Pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$1,285,000.**
- "**Pisces**" - # 2085 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath harbourfront home, 2,189 s/f under air, plus 1,269 s/f double garage & covered patio. 15,716 s/f property with 71' deep water dockage. Private pool. **\$1,175,000.**
- "**Harbour's Edge**" - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof. 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage. **\$995,000.**
- Thompson Beach Cottage** : # 2084 - 3 bed, 2 bath turnkey furnished beachfront home on Windward Beach. 19,000 s/f parcel with 103' sandy beach frontage. Spectacular sea views **\$975,000.**
- "**Dolphin Watch**" - Galleon Bay # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (includes 2nd, 2 bath guest cottage). 2,800 s/f living space. 74' canal frontage with dock. **\$895,000.**
- "**Full Moon**" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$ 895,000.**

**TREASURE CAY**

**Houses**

- "**Yellow Coconut Cottage**" - # 2211 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay canal home. 1,541 s/f under air, plus balconies, patios & garage. Private boat slip & 20,000 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$799,000.**
- Palm Bay Harbourfront Townhouse # 2** - #1071 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f. Great water views. **Owner Financing Available \$799,000.**
- "**Laguna**" - # 1875 - Charming 1,550 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **\$695,000.**
- "**Sea Cliff**" # 2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level elevated sea view home. 2,550 s/f under roof, tastefully furnished & well maintained. 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental income potential. **\$599,000.**
- "**Carrollville**" # 1352 - Near Treasure Cay - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,100 s/f hilltop home on 6 acres from highway to Sea. 165' water frontage. Spectacular sea views. **\$595,000.**
- Palm Bay # 9** - # 2108 - Newly constructed 4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **80% 15 Year Financing Available! \$579,000.**
- Treasure House # 2** - # 1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & beach views. Close to beach & pool. **\$569,000.**
- "**Elysium**" # 1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 2 lots (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$525,000.**
- Treasure House # 11** - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$499,000.**
- Beach Villa # 715** - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa. Well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$499,000.**
- Ocean Villa 916** - # 1737 - 2 bed, 2 bath turn-key" 900 s/f furnished villa. Unobstructed sea views. Close to beach. Good vacation rental potential. **\$349,995.**
- Treasure House # 8** - # 1697 - Beachside 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f furnished Topsider villa. Community pool, great sea views. **\$345,000.**
- # 1898 - "**Starfish Cottage**" **Beach Villa 503A & B** 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential. **\$329,000.**
- Beach Villa # 655** - # 2241 - 2 bed, 2 bath exceptionally large 1,013 s/f attractively furnished villa near beach. Excellent vacation rental income potential **\$319,000.**
- Beach Villa # 605** - # 1635 - 1 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades can be modified for 2nd bedroom. Close to beach. **\$299,000.**
- Beach Villa 673** - # 1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f, Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. **\$299,000.**
- Beach Villa 607** - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f villa, furnished near beach, pool, shops & marina. **\$229,000.**
- Beach Villas # 651** - # 2230 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping. **\$219,000.**
- Beach Villa # 714** - # 2239 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f furnished beachfront villa. Recently renovated. Excellent rental income potential. **\$219,000.**
- Beach Villa # 601** - # 2240 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 865 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa. Recently updated, well maintained, near beach. Priced to Sell! **\$199,000.**
- Golf Course Home** - # 2287 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,200 s/f recently built, semi furnished, home on 7,500 s/f parcel adjoining golf course. Great starter home. **\$199,000.**
- Beach Villa 527** - # 1852, Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished, near pool/beach, shopping **\$179,000.**

**Condos**

- Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condo # 2505-Phase 4** # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condo. 2,860 s/f under roof, 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$1,995,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2047** - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$887,000.**

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- Bahama Beach Club 2020** - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1** - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **FURNISHED - \$599,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2 & 4** - # 1620 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished ground level condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **EACH \$599,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 3** - # 1984 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished ground level condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW \$599,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2025** - # 2057 3 bed, 3 bath ground level condo, 1,650 sq. ft. Tastefully furnished, well maintained. Great views. Excellent rental income. **\$599,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2035** - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. **Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club \$499,950.**
- Sand Dollar Condo # 3** - # 1599 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit, Sensational sea views, community pool, Golf course nearby. **\$499,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2511** - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$455,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2435** - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$419,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2512** - # 2060 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level furnished beachfront condo. Includes loft, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2403** - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront condo. Totally renovated & refurbished in 2008. Many upgrades, well maintained, owner occupied. Fantastic marina views. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2477** - # 2052 - 3 bed, 3 bath, upper level 1,264 s/f tastefully furnished "condo unit" condo. Includes 2 extra large private boat slips. Great water views. **\$399,000.**
- Sand Dollar Condo # 7** - # 1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$389,000.**
- Royal Palm Condo # 2420** - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2117** - # 1468 - Turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished unit, well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. **\$295,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2317** - # 1468 - 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 950 s/f furnished harbourfront unit, includes private boat slip & finger dock. Great harbour view, close to beach. **\$199,000.**

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**

- # 1181 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo, tastefully refurbished **\$499,000.**
- # 2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2008. Close to beach & marina **\$399,000.**
- # 2215 - Well maintained 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 800 s/f furnished 2 level harbourfront condo. **\$250,000.**
- # 985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **\$249,950.**
- Mariner's Cove # 1500** - # 2245 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level, 800 s/f harbour view furnished condo. Well maintained, near beach **\$219,000.**
- # 1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**
- # 655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$189,000.**
- # 959 - 2 bed, 1 bath furnished ground level condo overlooking marina, includes garage. **\$189,000.**
- # 2073 - Best Priced Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great harbour views. **\$149,000.**

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**Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2** - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**

**Beach & Canal Lot Package** #941- Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**

**Treasure Cay Beach Lot 16, Blk. 175** #1362 - Choice residential parcel, 12,600 s/f, 90' powder white sand beach frontage, good elevation, spectacular sea views, 140' depth. All utilities available. **\$1,275,000.**

**Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13** #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage, 44,675 s/f cleared, walled parcel. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **\$1,205,000.**

**Beachfront Lot 11, Treasure Cay Beach**: #2270 12,866 s/f elevated walled parcel with 118' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous panoramic beach & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,199,000.**

**Rock Point Beach Lot 9, Block 233** - #2140 12,257 s/f parcel with 90' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

**Treasure Cay Canal Parcels**

**Brigantine Bay** - #1662 - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** - #1559 - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**

**Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot** - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** #1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**

**Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Blk. 203** - #1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$399,000.**

**Galleon Bay** - #1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$399,000.**

**Galleon Bay** #422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

**Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4** - #1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$299,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** #1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**

**Brigantine Bay** #1622-1632 - A selection of 11 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,673 s/f to 19,068 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 173'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. Listing #1632 also includes 2 finger docks installed. **From \$266,000. to \$753,000.**

**#1173/1174 - Brigantine Bay Lots 7 & 8, Block 191** - 2 adjoining parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' seawalled canal frontage. All utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

**Brigantine Canal** #1971 - 17,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage. All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **\$149,000.**

**Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel**

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

**TREASURE CAY**

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

**Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #1692 - Prime residential lot #3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

**Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #2036 - Prime residential lot #17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

**#2217 - Lot 78, Block 1** - Prime 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' road frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$49,995.**

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

**#2176 - "Rivendell"** - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 17,090 s/f parcel with 110' of Sea of Abaco frontage. **\$359,000.**

**#1197 - Beachfront Lot #7**, 17,095 s/f with 126' hard rock & sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Enchanting Sea of Abaco views. **\$259,000.**

**GUANA CAY**

**"Ridge Runner"** #1185- 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,995,000.**

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

**Dolphin Beach Estates-Sea View Lot 88B** - #2223 - 19,000 s/f elevated corner lot, just 100' from Sea of Abaco & 5 minute walk to Atlantic Ocean Beaches. **\$99,950.**

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

**Inland Lot - Near Beach** - #2022- Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$59,000.**

**Inland Lot - Near Beach** - #1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$49,500.**

**Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4** #1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

**Inland Lot 11** - #1661 - Residential lot, 9,600 s/f in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **\$24,600.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

**Beach Home** - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,874 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$650,000.**

**#2269 - Turtle Rocks West** - 2 acre waterfront parcel extends from S.C. Bottle Hwy. to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

**Beach Lot "D"** - #1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

**Turtle Rocks South Beach Lot "E"** #2195 - 2,395 Acre beachfront parcel with 105' sandy beach frontage. Extends from S.C. Bottle Hwy. to Beach **\$369,000.**

**CASUARINA POINT**

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

**NORTH ABACO**

**Sugar Plantation 36**: #2238 - Lovely 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 level 3,400 s/f tastefully furnished Sea of Abaco waterfront home, plus 1,000 s/f garage & dock house. Pool, private dock, boat lift. 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline **\$995,000.**

**Blackwood Waterfront Parcel** #1521-38,514 s/f parcel, 167' deep water Sea of Abaco frontage & highway frontage. Ideal for a marina site. Utilities available. **\$98,500.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

**"Turtle's Nest" Estate** - #609 - Magnificent 2 bed/2.5 bath, 3 level main house & 2 bed/2 bath guest cottage on White Sound. 4,476 s/f under air on 1.75 acre parcel, 100' water frontage, pool, dock. **\$2,699,000.**

**Lot "A" - The Bluff** #1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$399,000.**

**"Island Reach" - Harbourfront & Sea View Lots** #1405- Bluff side of White Sound residential hillside & protected harbour lot with majestic sea views. Various sizes from 12,600 s/f to 38,000 s/f. **Starting at \$119,000.**

**SCOTLAND CAY**

**#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "K"**: Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$485,000.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

**Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home** - #1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home w/ pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

**"Regattas of Abaco 408"** - #2009 2 bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo with laundry/utility room. Many upgrades, great harbour views. Good rental potential. Will finance with \$150.K Down. **\$275,000.**

**#2265 - Central Pines Duplex** - 2 bed, 2 bath each, 2,200 s/f total, built in 2006, CBSI construction, 12,000 s/f corner parcel. **\$180,000.**

**Regattas of Abaco** #27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$176,000.**

**JOE'S CREEK**

**Lot "B" - Joe's Creek Vicinity** - #1053, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

**LEISURE LEE**

**#1846 - "Yellowbird"** - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home, 1,800 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$499,000.**

**Canalfront Home** #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage. 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

**#2213 - "Leisurely Times"** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 845 s/f furnished canal home on 12,100 s/f parcel w/110' bulkheaded canal frontage & 50' layalong dock. **\$299,000.**

**#2190 - Furnished Home Near Beach** - 3 bed, 2 bath, + den, large screened porch, double garage, 2,200 s/f under roof on 1/2 acre parcel **\$529,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

**#130** - 22,949 s/f beachfront parcel with 365' of Sea of Abaco water frontage. Great Sea of Abaco views. Electricity, water, telephone & DSL internet at road boundary. **\$365,000.**

**#1845** - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$225,000.**

**#1593** - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**

**#1080** - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$149,500.**

**#2054** - Lot #204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

**#1844** - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$125,000.**

**#811** - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$69,900.**

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in this regard.

If current members of the Opposition or other political leaders are shareholders in the Bahamas Petroleum Company they should say so now on their own, rather than it being made public without their disclosing this themselves – because it is now time for the Bahamian people to see exactly how deep this potential disaster for The Bahamas runs, and just who is personally vested in the planned selling out of the Bahamian people.

Incidentally – the referendum lie with respect to oil drilling is the same type of lie that was told to us regarding numbers houses, in that a referendum is not needed for the government to go ahead and do what it wants to do with either of the two.

They dumbed-down the population and threw around that word “referendum” as though it was a brand new construct they created, all to paint themselves as a “consultative” government. It was lies that they ought not have been able to get away with 40 years into the nationhood of The Bahamas, but it sadly appears that after 40 years (a generation) we still are found by our politicians to be a people far too easy to successfully lie to.

The Bahamian people have elected a group of people who are unafraid of the citizenry, and are now so comfortable in their seat of power that they are not even behaving like politicians who plan to come

back to the people for a new mandate. They are behaving as persons who never expect to be removed from office again – and are therefore boldly telling the Bahamian people “we don’t care what we promised you, we are in now, and we are gonna do what we want to do whether you like it or not.”

And at this point, I am beginning to wonder whether we as Bahamians actually do like it, because we are not yet behaving like people who won’t take it anymore.

When we lose our waters and coastlines, we have nothing else. If that is not enough to awaken the many thousands of us who still do not appear to be tired of the very real threats our government is posing to our livelihood and future – I do not know what is or what will be.

And since the government never met a lie it did not love, it won’t tell the Bahamian people that an oil spill does not need to happen to ruin our ecosystem – the chemicals used in the drilling process alone are dangerous to our reefs and sea life.

Meantime – where is the FNM? This country is about to be sold out – where are the elected and appointed officials who are truly about this country and its people as opposed to political personalities? Where is the DNA? Bahamians are asking “what can we do”? Where are the people who are dying to lead this country in a few years? Is there anyone left who is about country as opposed to fulfilling personal ambitions?

-Sharon Turner

Council From Page 7

cleanup. Administrator Cunningham assured the members the funds would be replenished very soon.

Some matters arising out of the financial report included notes that \$30,000 was still being spent by local government each month for landfill maintenance. It is expected when central government passes its new budget this responsibility, along with the coinciding funds, would return to central government.

Certain members expressed disgust regarding the road leading to the landfill. After a \$600 cleanup had been performed within a week the area had seemingly returned to its previous condition. Members discussed asking for police to patrol the area and to more aggressively pursue vehicles which dump and litter.

Members also agreed a full-time police officer was needed at the Marsh Harbour Airport.

Milton Swain will be retiring from Abaco Central High after faithful service for many years. The council agreed to honour him in an upcoming ceremony.

The Department of Statistics will be conducting a survey on Abaco and requested to erect a billboard near the airport announcing the fact. Council members decided to figure out the exact location before making any decision.

With the interschool track meet approaching the poor condition of the track was brought up. Council members decided to speak with MP Curry about it before agreeing to allocate funds to any repair efforts.

Further Business



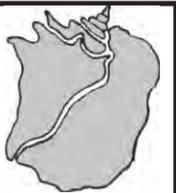
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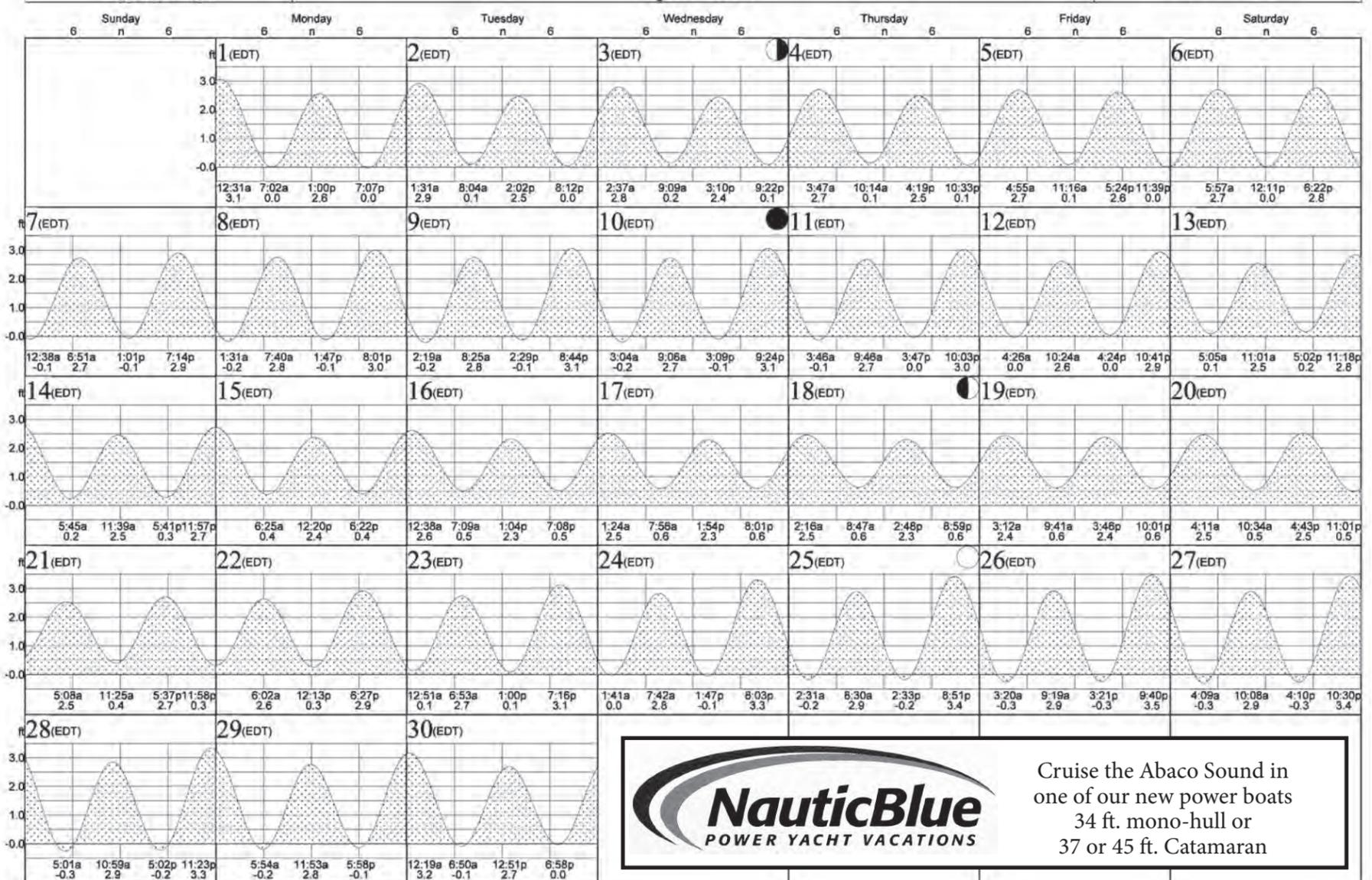
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## Mangoes reopens with new Food and Beverage Manager, new Pastry Chef and new menu

*By Mirella Santillo*

Mangoes Restaurant, a twenty year old establishment on Bay Street, Marsh Harbour, closed last year for a few months to deal, according to the owner Jimmy Vaughn, with management problems. And deal he did: reorganizing the place with new staff including a new food and beverage manager and a new menu. He also decided to spend all of his time in Marsh Harbour to make his presence in the restaurant acknowledged, to supervise and give his input when necessary.

The new Mangoes Restaurant reopened for breakfast and lunch on February 18 under the supervision of food and beverage Manager Sally Gaskins, a graduate from the West Palm Beach Culinary Institute. A very dynamic and motivated person, Ms. Gaskins has an overall knowledge of the restaurant business, but her favorite occupation is baking, a feature that she passed on to her daughter Jaimee.

Jaimee Gaskins who bakes all the pastries for Mangoes Café as well as the desserts and the breads for the restaurant, starts work every morning before dawn to get her baking ready. Should you want a simple continental breakfast, Mangoes Café which is open from 8:30am to 11:30am, offers fresh brewed coffee, tea and an assortment of pastries.

Dinner reopened on Friday, March 1. In spite of the chilly weather, the dining

rooms were full both on Friday and Saturday evenings. The dinner menu is also reasonably priced. The food is tasty, pleasing to the eyes and well cooked. Desserts are also a favourite.

For the time being, Mangoes Restaurant is open five days a week, Monday and Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday all day.

## Abaco Insurance Agency holds 18th Annual Golf Tournament

*By Vernique Russell*

On February 9th, 2013, Abaco Insurance Agency Ltd held their 18th Annual

Golf Tournament at the Treasure Cay Golf Course. The weather was perfect. The sunshine was warm and accompanied by a cool breeze for the approximately 80 golfers which were in attendance.

The tournament started at 7 am and by noon the winner for each flight was known. The golfers were then treated to a scrumptious lunch. After a delicious lunch at the golf club, the winners of each flight gathered at the 18th hole for a shootout.

To end this enjoyable occasion, a cocktail party at the Spinnaker started the evening. A special thank you was announced to the annual sponsors: Bahamas First General and Royal Star Assurance. After the awards, a sit down dinner was served.

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# Artist Highlight

## A Talented Young Musician

By Jennifer Hudson

Seventeen year old Charles Carey III is a talented young musician looking ahead to a career in music. He felt music running through his blood at a very early age and began drumming at the age of five years with the help of his father, Reverend Charles Carey, Principal of Wesley College, who is also a talented musician.

Charles III is now so accomplished on drums that he is teaching someone at Wesley College to play drums and recently he was invited by the visiting 'Music Doing Good' Group from the United States who performed a benefit concert for the Every Child counts School, to accompany the singers onstage for one of their songs.

Reverend Carey focuses strongly on music at Wesley College and many years ago formed the Wesley College Band which plays for many local functions. From the time he started school, young Charles III was enthralled by the music he heard the students playing. Thus, at age seven he chose to begin playing the trumpet like his father.

For the first few years he practiced on one of the school's trumpets but by the age of ten he had made so much progress that his father bought him his very own instrument. Over the years Charles has received musical instruction from several teachers including his father, cousin and members of the Wesley College Band.

Each year he performs with the Band in the Clement E. Bethel National Arts Festival and last year also performed well in the solo class.



Above: Charles Carey III on the trumpet. He has aspirations to join The Bahamas National Orchestra.

Charles loves to play whenever he has the chance. He performs a solo every Sunday in church and whenever the opportunity arises at concerts, funerals and family weddings. When he first began playing, his repertoire was mainly hymns, popular classics and Bahamian music, but recently he has turned his attention more to jazz.

For the past two years he has attended a summer camp in Nassau where he received instruction in Jazz from teachers from the United States and this has now become his favourite genre. He has also recently begun teaching himself to play the French horn with the aid of books and CD. At the end of grade 11 Charles sat and passed the GCSE music exam and is now studying for his Grade 6 Royal Schools theory examination.

Now in his final year of High School, Charles plans next year to begin on the next phase of his musical career. During the first two years of tertiary study he intends to study at the College of The Bahamas and then move onto a music college in the United States where he wants to focus on trumpet and French Horn.

When he returns to The Bahamas it is his goal to open a music store and possibly give lessons and, of course, continue performing.

In his spare time Charles enjoys playing tennis and helping his father on his farm but says: "Music is my passion." Charles has enjoyed playing in the Wesley College Band during all of his school years and he hopes, when he goes to Nassau, to become a member of The Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra.

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### Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560	•	911
Police - Hope Town	366-0667		
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911		
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048		
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4550		
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	475-1768
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
Guana Cay	365-5178
Marsh Harbour	367-3752
Treasure Cay	365-8749

### Medical Services

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

### Dental Services

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

### Pharmacy

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

### Veterinary

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

### Airlines Serving Abaco

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

### Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida

<b>Abaco Air</b>	367-2266
<b>Cherokee Air Charters</b>	367-3450

### Dive Shops

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

### Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each passenger above two

• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08

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

• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:

Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$ 10
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10

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

• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08

Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

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

### Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b> • 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.

<b>Green Turtle Ferry</b> • 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

<b>Abaco Adventures</b> • 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. \$50 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$60 Round Trip

<b>Pinder's Ferry Service</b> Between Abaco & Grand Bahama
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.

**Bahamas Ferries** Summer Schedule only (April to Dec)  
Sandy Point & Nassau Every Friday & Sunday, except holidays, under 4 hours. Call 225-3376 or 366-4119  
Call for rates.

**The Great Abaco Express** Eco & Historical bus tours • Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

### Attractions

Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannee Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay

### Pocket Beaches

- Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour
- Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour

### Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)

- Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
- Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
- Sandy Point & more

### Items of interest

- Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill
- Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide
- Hole-in- Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road
- Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805
- Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067

### Charter Fishing Boats

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

### Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	45	F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	12	F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club	26	F	365-4191

#### Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina	150	F	365-8250
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#### Man-O-War

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

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

#### Hope Town

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

#### Spanish Cay

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

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

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

### Tours & Excursions

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

### Bikes & Scooters • Boats

#### Cars & Cart Rentals

##### Marsh Harbour

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

##### Green Turtle Cay

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

##### Guana Cay

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

##### Lubbers Quarters

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

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

##### Hope Town

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

##### Treasure Cay

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

### Restaurant Guide

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

#### Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza	\$	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$	367-4444
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Junovia's	\$	367-1271
Jib Room	\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$	367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$	367-4005
Snappas	\$	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

#### Hope Town

Abaco Inn	\$\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$	366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$	366-0087
HT Coffee House (B & L)	\$	366-0760
HT Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$	366-0095
Munchies	\$	366-0423
OnDa Beach	\$\$	366-0558
Sea Spray †	\$	366-0065
Sugar Shack +	\$	366-0788

#### Little Harbour

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

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

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

#### Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$	612-1021
Grabbers	\$\$	365-5133
Nippers	\$\$	365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$	365-5175

#### Treasure Cay

Coco Beach Bar & Grill	\$	365-8470
Florence's Cafe	\$	365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$	365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	\$\$\$	365-9385

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	\$\$\$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$	365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill	\$	365-4191
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	\$\$	365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	\$\$	365-4234
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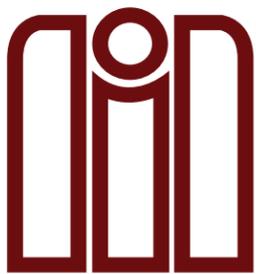
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## Bahamian photographer, artist collaborate on Layers Project

LEANNE RUSSELL + SCHARAD LIGHTBOURNE



Bahamian artists Leanne Russell and Scharad Lightbourne have set out on a collaborative, multimedia art project. They seek to capture the beauty they recognize in their lives and reflect the work of past Bahmian master artists. Photo: Russell/Lightbourne. Above: Abaco model Brieonna Russell. For the full story see page 18.



Above: Rebecca Strachan, vice president, and Colby Cross, president, of Eco Club. Under their student-leadership they made their school a Green Flag certified institute.

## Forest Heights receives Green Flag certification as an Eco-Friendly School

*By Canishka Alexander*

Deep Creek Middle School in Eleuthera was the first school to receive Green Flag Certification in The Bahamas and in the Caribbean, and now Forest Heights Academy has joined the ranks.

On Feb. 7, a Green Flag Assessment Team visited Forest Heights Academy and was given a tour by Colby Cross, president, and Rebecca Strachan, vice president, of the school's Eco Club. The team also visited several classrooms to see first-hand how conservation and eco-friendly standards have been implemented at the school.

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Green Flag Certification is an international recognition, which is awarded to eco-friendly schools committed to environmental education and performance. As a registered Eco-School, Forest Heights focuses on areas related to energy, waste, biodiversity, and school grounds.

By the end of February, Forest Heights Principal James Richard received word that Forest Heights Academy's application for the Green Flag Award was successful. They received a formal letter and a presentation ceremony is set for a later date.

In the letter, Musgrove said: "Forest Heights Academy should be proud to be the first high school in the country to be awarded this internationally recognized Eco-Certification for schools. As only the third Bahamian school to receive this award you are among our programme pioneers and serve as an example for other schools to emulate."

Upon hearing of the school's certification, Rebecca said it was very exciting news to her, and it makes her feel proud to achieve such a great accomplishment because they have been "so green," and that they are an Eco-Friendly School.

Colby was also proud of himself and the entire Eco Club. He said that they have made history, and that it helps to make them more well-known in The Bahamas.

"It is a great achievement for a school, and it helps to set an example for

others schools on Abaco and in The Bahamas," he said.

Musgrove further commended the school on engaging in Green activities like turning off lights when a room is not in use, servicing water fountains to encourage students to fill water bottles, recycling cans through CansForKids, recycling glass and paper, and composting for their school garden.

"Forest Heights Academy is in the process of partnering with a company to recycle Grades 1 and 2 plastics in their school community!" Musgrove enthusiastically added.

The students are also committed to eliminating Styrofoam in their cafeteria, using natural wood signs to identify native plants, and effectively engaging eco-committee members and non-members in the program.

However, Colby and Rebecca will both graduate in June. Nevertheless, the students said they will leave their Eco Club folder behind, so that remaining students can begin their record keeping and make sure data is recorded properly. Rebecca said that once the students continue doing what they have done and adhere to the Assessment Team's recommendations, they will do well.

Colby added that although there are sure to be challenges with teamwork anything is possible.

Forest Heights Academy will receive an Eco-Schools certificate and the Green Flag. Their first Green Flag Award is valid

for two years (June 30, 2015), so in order to renew their certification they will need to maintain their current efforts, follow up on the Assessment Team's recommendations with regard to record keeping and community awareness, and add new topics or goals.

Colby and Rebecca agreed that it would be good for schools like theirs who have gained certification to actually visit other schools to encourage them to become an Eco School. The students also had recommendations of their own for the Assessment Team. They suggested that the team provide a list of requirements that they are looking for beforehand because there were not many examples to follow, and to make the paperwork less tedious to fill out.

The members of the Green Flag assessment team included: Janel Campbell, Lead Assessor, Ministry of Tourism; Eustacia Jennings, Environmental Officer from the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC); Kaderin Mills, Bahamas National Trust; Olivia Patterson, Friends of the Environment; and Juliette Deal, Out Island Eco. Marcia Musgrove, Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF) Outreach Manager and National Eco-Schools Coordinator along with Deanna Stecker from Man-O-War Primary School, were observers.

Hope Town School was also awarded the Green Flag last year. They were the first government school in The Bahamas to receive the award.

## Amy Roberts wins Math and Science Competition

By Samantha Evans

On Friday March 8, eight schools took part in the Math and Science Competition held at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town beginning at 10am. According to Felemease Sawyer, organizer of this event, this is the first time they joined these two subjects together but they are sure that the students will do their best as always.

The competition had both individual and team questions. There were two rounds of individual Math questions and one round of Science. On the team questions, there were three rounds of Math questions and two rounds of Science questions. The competition began with the individual questions.

Once it began, the students could not assist their team mates with their answers even though some of them wanted to. At the end of this very long competition, Amy Roberts Primary School was declared the winner with 60 points. In second place was St. Francis de Sales with 50 points and after a three way tie breaker round for third place, Central Abaco Primary School was declared the winner with 45 points.

Angels Academy and Agape Christian School played extremely well but missed the mark for the final position.

The competitors from the top three schools received trophies along with the winning school receiving a trophy. Amy Roberts Primary also received \$500 from Ed and Cindy Newell of Abaco Estate Services in Treasure Cay. The other participating schools were Cooper's Town Primary, Long Bay School, and James A. Pinder. Students participating in this competition were from grades 4 to 6.



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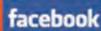
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# School & Youth News

## Every Child Counts Training Center and Shelter to become a reality



Above: the cleared site for the Center. The Training Center and Shelter has long been a dream of school administrator, Lynn Major, and many others involved with Every Child Counts. The Center will provide opportunities for continued self-help training for current and graduated students of ECC.

By Mirella Santillo

After three years of meetings, and prayers, about how to proceed with the creating of an after-graduation care center for students, the answer came when the school received a substantial donation from a benefactor. The donation was specifically for this project. The money will permit the construction of a training center and shelter combination that will allow students, unable to cope working independently in larger society, to continue being productive in a work setting. It will also provide the opportunity for continuing self-help training.

The school Administrator, Lynn

Major, organized a meeting on February 15 with parents and stakeholders to discuss the future of the center. She said the project now has the full permission of the Catholic Archdiocese.

Archbishop Patrick Pinder and Claudette Rolle, Director of Catholic Education, have agreed after visiting the school on February 12, that the services are needed and should continue.

The center, a 40x60ft building, will be built on the school grounds in front of the present facility. Part of the money has been used to level and fill the area which will be landscaped to provide safer parking as well as entry and exit from the school.

The foundations for the future center are now ready to be laid.

People from the business community are already helping: the excavating and filling was done at a special price by Big Cat Equipment and a local plumber, Mel Brice, has agreed to do the plumbing pro-bono if the school furnished the materials. Lyndon Hepburn also donated his time, assisting with cleaning.

Most of the construction will be done by parents and volunteers.

"We would like the remaining funds to go a long way," said Ms. Major, "as it is most likely that the center will not be self-supporting and funds will have to be raised for not only finishing the center but also running it."

The meeting went beyond discussion about the construction phase. Details were discussed concerning the physical building, where to buy materials at the best price or to obtain duty-free status, to the running of the operation. Parents were asked if they agreed to tuition being charged to support the running of the facility. It seemed that they were all in agreement.

Ms. Major also suggested applying for a grant as money will be needed to operate both the school and the center. Staffing the training center will also be a challenge that will have to be addressed. Since it is a new endeavor that has not been undertaken before there are no guidelines in place, so any input will be useful, she said.

The school staff is also waiting for the passing of the new Disability Act to find out how it will impact the school and center.

## Youth Night engages teens at Victory Tabernacle

By Mirella Santillo

To celebrate Youth Awareness Month, Victory Tabernacle organized a special evening of activities for youth of the parish. The two speakers were a teacher - Anastasia Dawkins - and the coordinator for the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture - Ishmael Morley. They had been invited to speak about issues confronting young people nowadays. The youth present were also urged to ask questions about subjects of interest to them and were offered words of advice.

The church priest, Pastor Lewis, welcomed the assembly, saying that the youth were at a cross road and needed encouragement to stay on the right road.

The MC for the evening, Youth Minister Cubel Davis, put the audience at ease by inviting them to sing before passing on the microphone to Mr. Morley who spoke on the importance for parents to support their children and urged the children to take their education seriously for fear of being left behind.

He said there were many opportunities on Abaco if only they paid attention to what the government was offering. He mentioned the possibility to obtain scholarships in United States colleges with a good SAT score and a good GPA. As an alternative, he mentioned is the College of The Bahamas which requires 5 BJC's and 5 BGCSE's with a minimum of a C in mathematics and English. COB will have open houses. There are jobs available after graduating from COB, he explained.

Ms. Dawkins addressed the young people present by reminding them that they must have goals, positive goals, she said- and you must stick to them. She also urged the parents to keep everything positive around their children; "positive vibes will stem away the devil".

Outlining each letter in the words "think big," she offered them a list of advice ranging from honesty, insight, knowledge to nice, books and God.

The young people present were invited to ask questions. They asked clarifications on whether Junkanoo was allowed by the Church and wanted to know more about scholarships.

The Victory Tabernacle youth group usually meets on a regular basis on Friday nights.

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## Haitian Youth Conference encourages youth to live better lives



Left to right: Pastor Edzer Meme of Friendship Mission Baptist Church L'Amitie; Bishop Anthony Campbell of Dundas Town Church of God; Pastor Lucien Cledillon of Feed My Sheep Church; Margaret Smith of the Christian Counselling Centre; and Pastor Ronald. Not pictured: Canishka Alexander.

By Canishka Alexander

The Haitian Youth Conference 2013 was held from Feb. 17-24 nightly at the Friendship Mission Baptist Church L'Amitie in the Peas community under the theme: "Better Decisions Today for a Brighter Future Tomorrow."

Although the conference's focus was on helping Haitian youth, numerous leaders and stakeholders and other youth in the community were invited to attend the conference. With the growth of the Marsh Harbour area over the years, a number of challenges have also arisen within the Hai-

tian community from poor decisions made by its youth.

Committed to bringing about a positive change among these young people, Pastor Lucien Cledillon, Whitney Bain and Evangelist Beauvoir Menas have joined forces. Cledillon is the leader of Feed My Sheep Church, and scout leader of the 50th Bahamas Scout Group of Abaco; Evangelist Beauvoir Menas is the coordinator of Delege (VIHAMO), which means "Vision for Haiti and the World"; and Whitney Bain is CEO of Innerspring Youth Program, and a member of the Community Policing Urban Renewal Team.

On the final night of service on Feb. 24, several of the youth sang selections and all in attendance sang congregational hymns together. Meanwhile, the lineup of speakers included Margaret Smith from the Christian Counselling Centre; Canishka Alexander from "The Abaconian" newspaper; and Bishop Anthony Campbell, district overseer and senior pastor of the Dundas Town Church of God, as the guest speaker.

In her remarks, Smith noted that we all have problems and need help from our brothers and sisters, and said that she is here to help people who have problems.

"A counselor is someone who allows themselves to be a healer," Smith said.

Speaking on the parent-child relationship, Smith told the worshippers that parents and children each have their own set of responsibilities. Parents, she said, have the responsibility of bringing up, caring for and protecting their children whereas children must be obedient to their parents.

Minister Ronal came forward to greet the church for himself. He thanked Pastor Lucien for allowing God to use him to help the children, and Evangelist Beauvoir for the advancement of the youth. He also commended Pastor Edzer Meme for supporting the men in their endeavor with the youth.

Alexander spoke on the importance of involving youths in decision making, and explored opportunities for them to become more involved in various youth organizations at their schools and in the community.

During his address, Bishop Anthony Campbell gave two Scriptural references: 1 Timothy 4:12 and Psalm 1:1-3. He warned the youth to be careful where they walk, stand and sit while encouraging them to associate themselves with people who have been and are going somewhere in life.

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## Angels Academy spells out a grade three victory



Above: Declan Bethel, from Angels Academy, holding his first place trophy along with his school's trophy for the Abaco Grade Three Spelling Bee.

By Samantha Evans

Twenty-eight students took part in the Grade Three Spelling Bee held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town beginning at 10am. The students were all poised and ready to prove that they were the best speller at this level.

It was clear from the outset that they were all well-coached and after eight rounds on the Seen List, it was evident that the remaining students had mastered this list. Once the students began spelling the words given from the unseen words, the top three spellers soon emerged.

The third top speller was Riley Sweeting of Agape Christian School, the second top speller was Erica Roberts of Man-O-War Primary School, and the winner was Declan Bethel of Angels Academy.

All students received certificates and the top three spellers received a trophy as well. The winning school also received a trophy.

## Parent Month celebrated at Central Abaco Primary School

By Samantha Evans

The Abaco District Education Office set the month of February 2013 aside as Parent Month. During this month, schools were asked to engage their parents in activities to show appreciation and to participate in any way they can within the classroom. Some schools had their parents read to their class, take part in General Knowledge Competitions or hosted them to breakfast at the school.

At Central Abaco Primary School, the staff and teachers invited their parents in with open arms. On Tuesday February 26, they served free breakfast, which included tuna and grits, corn beef and grits, Johnny bread, tea and soft drinks for all parents.

Wednesday, February 27 was Dad's Day when all fathers were invited to bring their child to school and spend a moment conversing with the teacher about their child's performance. This gave many teachers an opportunity to speak with parents they had not seen in a while or may not see again for a while.

On Thursday, February 28 was the "Picnic on the Lawn" where parents either bought lunch which they ate with their child or cooked a meal which they shared. There were all types of meals visible on that day from Kentucky Fried Children to pizza to meals fresh out of moms' kitchens. One particular parent, Cerizia Thelus, who has two children at the school, brought a full spread of rice and peas, meats, salads, chips and drinks which she shared with her children and those who had no food that day.

When interviewed, she stated that she is the same way at home. She added that she cannot see a child hungry and not try to assist them with something hot to eat. By living this way, she stated that her cupboard is never empty and her husband is always employed. Hence, she believes that God blesses her for this good deed that she does.

## Students plan Each-One-Reach-One campaign

By Vernique Russell

After learning in their religion class that we are all each other's neighbors, two seven year olds, who in the spirit of good-works wish to remain anonymous, decided that they want to help heal some of the issues other children face on a daily basis. As a result they embarked on their mission to feed and clothe children who have less.

Their project will begin with the Each One Reach One phase, and its goal is simply to put food on the tables of children that are without food in school. It is their desire to involve the entire community of Abaco beginning with the youngest child to the oldest adult, to donate food items to achieve this goal.

They are planning an introductory event to be staged on March 23 in Central Abaco. The children want to remain anonymous, as they said it is not for fame or glamour but simply to be a good neighbor to other children in Abaco.

The parents of the children are organizing the event and will be putting out posters and sending invitations to schools, church and business establishment in early March. They are also requesting that you mark your calendars and be sure to be a part of the event. They too believe that we can heal all ills, if we purpose in our hearts and mind to reach all starting with one.

## Abaco Central High students gain work experience

By Samantha Evans

The Grade 12 students of Abaco Central High School had a week of the on-the-job experience from February 18 to 22, 2013. They were assigned to worksites that are related to their career of choice so that they could gain experience and knowledge before entering the workplace.

In preparation for this week, letters were sent out to employers seeking their assistance. Once the students arrived on the job, they presented a packet that included the expectations of the students over the course of the week. The students were expected to work the hours as mandated by the site, adhere to all rules and regulations set by the establishment, complete all assignments given, dress and conduct themselves in a professional manner and

abide by the rules and guidelines required by their school.

The manager of each establishment had to fill out a report evaluating the performance of the student at their site. Over the course of this week the school counselors could be seen visiting job sites to view their students in action. Ms. Rahming and Mr. Longley were very pleased with their students as they always make them proud.

This is one of the requirements for graduation so all students have to complete their week of work experience if they desire to graduate.

## S. C. Bootle High School holds All Boys Seminar

Press Release

It was a session full of testosterone as all the male staff members and students of S. C. Bootle High School met for their annual All Boys Seminar. Under the theme: "There is a King in Every Boy," the male population met for three sessions on Feb. 19 at the Faith Walk Church of God in Cooper's Town.

Pastor Earlyn Baillou of New Re-hoboth Ministries International spoke during the first session and addressed the boys on manhood and the purpose of being a man. He told them that a man is known by his manufacturer and that his manufacturer is God.

He expounded on the fact that many men are lost because they do not know their true purpose, which he said is made known by his manufacturer. Pastor Baillou used many examples from his personal life to reinforce his objectives, and answered many questions put to him by young men in attendance.

In the second session, Stanley Wilson, officer in charge of the Bahamas Immigration Department in North Abaco, spoke to the juvenile kings on attitude and work ethic, obstacles on the road to success and on working in Public Service.

Mr. Wilson based his entire presentation on Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." He told the boys that success is where preparation meets opportunity, and that there is no substitute for hard work. He used several role-play activities to illustrate how not to give into peer pressure;

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Above: Immigration Officer, Stanley Wilson, uses a basketball skit to re-enforce an important life concept at the SC Bootle All Boys Seminar on Feb. 19.

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and that perseverance, applying yourself and being accountable are all important factors on the road to success. Mr. Wilson ended by telling the young men that they should not allow anyone's perception of them to become their reality.

Finally, the male staff of S. C. Bootle High School facilitated the final session with the young men. This was a very interesting session, as anatomy and physiology of the male reproductive system; male etiquette and social health, and personal male hygiene were actively discussed via PowerPoint presentations.

Principal Huel Moss concluded that the day was a complete success as the young kings ended the day much more enlightened about what a man is, what his purpose is, and how to get in touch with themselves spiritually, biologically, emotionally, and sociologically.

## Director of Youth meets with community leaders

By Mirella Santillo

One of the assignments of Darren Turnquest, Director of Youth at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, during his stay on Abaco was to meet with youth group leaders as a follow-up on the Youth Group Leaders training that took place a few months ago.

Only a few people attended the workshop which was held at Abaco Central High school in the morning of February 23, most of them teachers. Also present was the permanent Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Phedra Rahming who also acted as administrative liaison.

The goal of the workshop was to

strengthen the existing youth groups or offer help to people about to create one. There are many operating youth groups on Abaco, most of them associated with religious denominations. What we need, said Mr. Turnquest, is a uniform organization to bring everyone together. An organization that will foster growth and open avenues for young people to breach the gap and interact together, in spite of race, color or nationality, he explained.

Mr. Turnquest reminded the audience that grants were available from the Ministry to groups whose goals match their objectives to the needs of the youth in the communities.

Such needs may be psychological and moral, such as offering sex education and addressing issues such as abuse. He reminded the leaders that when a grant is accepted, the group leaders are to offer free camp to at least five to seven children and that it is the responsibility of the leaders to run their program. "The government is only here to assist, not to run the program", he insisted.

When he returns to Abaco, Mr. Turnquest said that he expected to meet with as many youth leaders as possible.

## Island Waves Community Center to host Charm School

By Vernique Russell

Being introduced on March 20, The Charm Center will provide a cool hang out every Wednesday for youth in the community. The Charm Center will offer lessons in etiquette and self-improvement. Classes will be offered weekly at the Island Waves Community Center.

Classes are open to both boys and girls, between the hours of 4-5pm. The first class will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Program instructors described it is a great pleasure to offer a program like this to residents of the Abaco. "We believe that young people deserves a chance to be the best that they can be," they said. "It is our goal to train those who come into our care for social success as they strive in education."

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Above: Director of Youth under the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture - Darren Turnquest - met with some leaders of the youth community on Feb 23. The goal of his department on Abaco is to strengthen ties between existing youth groups and pave the way for creations of new ones. He reminded the audience that grants were available to programs whose goals were aligned with the Ministry's own. Director Turnquest stated he will be returning to Abaco to again meet with youth leaders.

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# SPORTS

## S.C. Bootle students compete in Inter-house Sports Day

*By Canishka Alexander*

S. C. Bootle High School held its annual Inter-house Track and Field Meet over a two-day span on Feb. 7 and 8. The competition took place at the softball field next to the school.

According to Principal Huel Moss, the softball field was once again modified using sand to transform the area into a 200 meter track as well as a diagonal 100 meter track that was laid out in the middle of the field. Unfortunately, the school has no access to a proper track.

Four houses – Lions, Tigers, Cougars and Panthers – competed very keenly, but, of course, only one house was able to win.

“Many students performed admirably, turning in record results,” he said. “One of the highlights of the meet was the highly-anticipated teachers relay – [and] fortunately, no teacher fell this year.

At the end of the competition, the Tigers House stood alone as the winners on top of the points board.



*Left: events throughout the day allowed students to display their athletic prowess.*

*Right and above: students from the victorious “Lion” house strike a Usain Bolt pose.*



## Arawaks win ACH Inter-House Sports Competition



*Above: ACH’s Arawak house, which won their inter-house sports competition, hoisting the floating trophy.*

*By Mirella Santillo*

The Abaco Central High School inter-house Sports Competition was held over two days, Thursday, February 14 and Friday, February 15. The event was marred by inclement weather, especially

on Friday which was plagued by continuous rain. Except for a half hour when the rain was too strong, the competition went ahead and the students participated in all

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the field and tracks events doing their best to represent their houses.

The students were divided between Arawaks, Tainos, Caribs and Lucayans - the four houses that represents the student body of ACH.

Even though there were no records broken this year, the Arawaks managed to get ahead by nearly one hundred points, winning with 489 points ahead of the Lucayans who followed with 392 points. In third position were the Caribs with 376 points. The Tainos closed the list with 332 points. The results were announced on March 4 at a special assembly that also acknowledged the performances of athletes for the 2011-12 school year.

The outstanding athletes among the girls, were Kadesha Reckley in the under fifteen age group, Kavantia Reckley in the under seventeen category and Marsha Davis in the under twenty age group.

Among the boys, Lyndroff Delhomme in the under fifteen age group, Davante Arthur in the under seventeen age group and Wesner James in the under twenty group, dominated their category.

The Arawaks will keep the floating trophy until next year.

## CAPS wins Basketball Jamboree in March

By Samantha Evans

On Friday, March 1 at the Treasure Cay Primary School, the Primary School Basketball Jamboree was held all day. The participating schools were Green Turtle

Cay Primary, Fox Town Primary, Central Abaco Primary, and Treasure Cay Primary. At the end of the day, the soaring eagles won both girls and boys games against their rival schools.

The scores at the end of the day were as follows: Central Abaco Primary School Boys defeated Fox Town Primary School Boys 14 to 4, Central Abaco Primary School Boys defeated Treasure Cay Primary School Boys 14 to 8, and Central Abaco Primary School Boys defeated Green Turtle Cay Boys by forfeit.

The Girls of Central Abaco Primary School defeated Green Turtle Cay Primary School Girls 6 to 2 and Central Abaco Primary School Girls defeated Treasure Cay Primary School Girls 4 to 2.

The Boys MVPs were Ken Cornish and Oswald Meadows. The Girls MVP were Tania Lowe and Henrique Theagene.

The next Jamboree will be held in Green Turtle Cay on March 22, 2013.

## New executive members elected for Abaco Softball Association

By Canishka Alexander

On March 6, an election was held for the Abaco Softball Association (ASA) at Cooper's Town Primary School. Cay Mills was elected as president; Mark Douglas, vice president; Laura Albury, treasurer; George Knowles, assistant treasurer; Juanyette Curry, secretary; Haziel McDonald, assistant secretary; and Nigel Bootle, former ASA president as commissioner.

## The Agape Eagles make it to semi-finals in the Hugh Campbell Basketball Tournament



Above: the Agape eagles with Coach Rolle and basketball legend and Bahmian spokesman Rick Fox (center).

By Mirella Santillo

The Agape Christian School's Eagles are still riding high: they placed third in the Hugh Campbell Basketball Tournament, a tournament that highlights the best high school basketball players in the country. The Eagles were defeated by the Eight Mile Rock's team, the first time in the thirty years of the tournament that two Family Island teams found themselves among the final four. Eight Mile Rock was ultimately beaten by CC Sweeting's team.

According to Coach Adderley, the highlight of the tournament was defeating RM Bailey's team, 44 to 42 thanks to Godfrey Rolle Jr. scoring the last 2 points, seconds from the end of the game.

The Hugh Campbell Basketball Tournament took place in Nassau from Febru-

ary 17 to 26. Approximately thirty schools participated, including a team from Clement Howell High School from the Turks and Caicos, which was eventually defeated by the Eagles, 57 to 29.

Godfrey Rolle Jr. and Jaron Cornish were named in the All Tournament Team, which places them in the top ten high school players in the country. "I am very proud of them" said Coach Adderley; it is the result of three years of sustained work."

The two players and another team mate, Ashton Forbes will travel to Orlando as part of a Bahamian All Stars Team, for the AAU Boys Basketball Easter Classic Tournament that will be held March 28 to 31. Coach Godfrey Rolle Sr will accompany the athletes to Orlando.

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- PGT Storm Windows  
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- 1/2 or Full Ownership  
Offered - #GTH1197  
\$174,000 - \$347,000



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



**Green Turtle Cay**  
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
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- 74,182 s.f. - 1.703 Acre  
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Property  
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- Located at Bluff House Resort  
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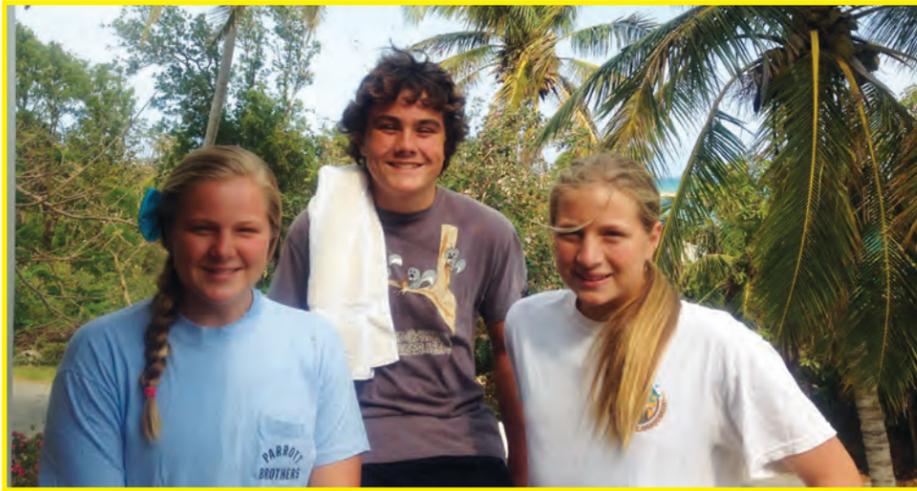
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# SPORTS

## Abaco swimmers poised to take CARIFTA



Above: the Abaco swimmers joining thirty six Bahamians at this years CARIFTA games. Siblings Albury Higgs (left) and Lilly Higgs (right). And Miller Albury (center). All three happen to be cousins as well. It seems the sport runs in the family.

Thirty six swimmers will represent The Bahamas at this year's CARIFTA event in Kingston, Jamaica. Three of those thirty six are from right here on Abaco. Miller Albury, son of Victoria and Bill Albury; and sisters Margaret Albury Higgs and Lilly Higgs, who are the daughters of Pleasants and Chris Higgs.

Margaret and Lilly Higgs are one of 4 sets of siblings on the Bahamas National Team this year. Both girls are trained locally by their father, Chris Higgs, and have been members of Swift Swimming since they started competing at age 5.

Miller Albury has steadily been improving his performance since he first started competing. With national, and international, competitions under his belt Miller is ready to once again swim at CARIFTA. Last year he was recognized for his performance but looks to build on it more this year. Miller has been training with local swim club, Abaco Swim Club, for several years.

CARIFTA Swimming Championship is being held in Jamaica this year March 29 - April 3.

# School News

## Students encouraged to develop School-Based Co-operatives

By Canishka Alexander

On Feb. 28 representatives from the Department of Co-operative Development and the Bahamas Co-operative League Ltd. (BCLL) met with more than 70 high school students on Abaco at St. Andrews Methodist Hall to introduce them to the idea of designing a Junior Co-operative Programme at their schools.

In attendance were: Cheryl Bowe-Moss, BCLL president, and treasurer for Teachers and Salaried Workers; Judy Simmons, deputy director at the Dept. of Co-operative Development; and V. Quintin Percentie, co-operative officer of the Dept. of Co-operative Development.

The Junior Co-operative or School-Based Programme was designed to attract and assist junior high to college students in their development. Junior Co-operatives gives underage children a great opportunity; however, they have a legal responsibility to record business transactions and send the information to the parent company. Soon, they hope to introduce co-operatives from as early as primary school to students.

Ms. Bowe-Moss explained that the purpose of a cooperative is to improve the economic well-being of the people within its bond democratically. There are also added benefits for those who are a part of such organizations. They are able to reap financial rewards; better their quality of life; and give back to society.

She told students that the Teachers

and Salaried Workers Cooperative Movement started out with \$91, and today, it is a \$165-million business. Added to that, it's all Bahamian, she said. Using Scotiabank Ltd. as an example, Mrs. Bowe-Moss told students that Scotiabank began as a cooperative, but is now all privately owned.

One of the tenets of the cooperative is saving, while another is helping people become self-sufficient. She also emphasized having cooperation among cooperatives.

Ms. Bowe-Moss shared that a good way to protect the community is by getting people to commit to forming cooperatives, so that we are able to provide jobs for ourselves. Locally, cooperatives have had a long history, but the most successful of them has been the credit union. She explained that it has the basis of an asue, but there are other principles added to it. To drive the point home, she told how the Penny Savings Bank was formed, and how it allowed women to borrow money to buy land in order to vote.

Ms. Bowe-Moss said they are hoping to design more school co-operatives on Long Island, Grand Bahama and Abaco. Over the years, there have been School-Based Co-operatives at C.C. Sweeting Senior High School; Abaco Central High School; Grand Bahama Catholic High School; Queens College; Doris Johnson Senior High School; St. Anne's School; and C.R. Walker Senior High School.

"Education," Ms. Bowe-Moss said, "is the tool to improve the quality of your life, but you have to be driven from within."

The Bahamas is a part of the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions and the World Council of Credit Unions.



Mrs. Sharon Rolle

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# MARSH HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue		
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		Prior YR.
as at December 31st, 2012		12/31/2011
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank & On Hand	21,211.69	9,622.78
Inventory - Promo. Merchandise	5,671.44	4,503.87
Prepayments & Deposits	285.00	100.00
<b>Total - Current Assets</b>	<b>27,168.13</b>	<b>14,226.65</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Property (Leased) Improvements	-	-
Building & Imprv. (Valuation or Cost)	377,988.00	370,733.39
Metal Building (Not erected)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	1,104.76	-
Tools & Equipment	973.94	415.58
Motor Vehicles	12,182.97	1,355.11
Sub-Total Fixed Assets	402,249.67	382,504.08
less : Depreciation Reserves	-	-
<b>Total - Fixed Assets</b>	<b>402,249.67</b>	<b>382,504.08</b>
<b>Total ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 429,417.80</b>	<b>396,730.73</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accruals	947.30	10,446.97
Bank Overdraft	-	-
<b>Total - Current Liabilities</b>	<b>947.30</b>	<b>10,446.97</b>
<b>Accumulated Equity</b>		
Equity - (Opening Balance)	370,973.93	370,973.93
Operations - Surplus/(Deficit) - Prior Yrs.	15,309.83	(35.50)
Operations - Surplus/(Deficit) - Current	42,186.74	15,345.33
<b>Total - Equity</b>	<b>428,470.50</b>	<b>386,283.76</b>
<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 429,417.80</b>	<b>396,730.73</b>

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue	
<b>The Firefighters' First Annual "FireBall"</b>	
November 24th, 2012	Final (Net) Revenue
<b>Banquet - TICKETS</b>	
Total TICKET sales less "Donated tickets" (Firefighters & Special Guests)	
GROSS Ticket Revenue	7,968.00
Less: Cost of MEALS & Gratuity	(5,856.96)
Sub-Total	2,111.04
Less: Venue (Marquee)	1,250
Rental and Set-up	(1,000)
Less: ABR Donation	(250)
Less: Deposit PAID	-
Add: Commission Proceeds from Beverage Bar	580.00
Add: Special Donations towards the EVENT.	2,350.00
(Insurance Management and Summit Insurance)	
	<b>5,041.04 \$ 5,041.04</b>
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	
ADVERTISEMENT Revenue :	Front / Back INSIDE & Back COVER
	Pages of Advertisements - 24
	Qtrs. Halfs Full
No Charge	22 11 12
	1 5.5 5.5 12 24
	Total Advertising Revenue 12,600.00
FULL COLOUR (40) Pages	Production & Printing Cost (2,399.00)
	<b>10,201.00 \$ 10,201.00</b>
<b>SILENT AUCTION</b>	
Gross proceeds from Auction	4,535.00
Less: Cost of Items (ALL DONATED)	-
	<b>4,535.00 \$ 4,535.00</b>
NET Revenue from Event (before OTHER Disbursements)	<b>\$ 19,777.04</b>
Less: LIVE Entertainment; Decorations; and other Misc. costs	(2,369.60)
<b>Total GAIN from Event.</b>	<b>\$ 17,407.44</b>

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue				
Statement of Operations		Prior		
Revenue & Disbursements		YEAR	8 Months	%
year ending December 31st, 2012		2012	2011	%
<b>REVENUE:</b>				
District Local Government	20,500.00	33.24%	17,498.66	76.56%
Donations	9,654.14	15.66%	2,122.00	9.28%
Other Fund-Raising Activities	2,437.00	3.95%	1,367.00	5.98%
Sale of Promotional Material	1,042.00	1.69%	1,867.00	8.17%
Firefighters' BALL Fundraiser	28,033.00	45.46%	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>61,666.14</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,854.66</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Direct Costs of Revenue</b>				
District Local Government	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Donations	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Other Fund-Raising Activities	923.73	37.90%	-	0.00%
Sale of Promotional Material	377.53	36.23%	1,265.45	67.78%
Firefighters' BALL Fundraiser	10,625.56	37.90%	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL Revenue Production COSTS</b>	<b>11,926.82</b>	<b>19.34%</b>	<b>1,265.45</b>	<b>5.54%</b>
<b>Gain from Revenue Activities:</b>				
District Local Government	20,500.00	100%	17,498.66	100%
Donations	9,654.14	100%	2,122.00	100%
Other Fund-Raising Activities	1,513.27	62.10%	1,367.00	100%
Sale of Promotional Material	664.47	63.77%	601.55	32.22%
Firefighters' BALL Fundraiser	17,407.44	62.10%	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL Gain - Revenue Activities:</b>	<b>49,739.32</b>	<b>80.66%</b>	<b>21,589.21</b>	<b>94.46%</b>
<b>Other Operating EXPENSES</b>				
Uniform Shirts & Patches	1,295.15	2.10%	-	2.37%
Stipend	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Office Supplies	138.44	0.22%	616.21	0.06%
Bank Charges	159.35	0.26%	123.50	0.34%
Fuel, Gas & Oil	1,833.44	2.97%	3,219.08	8.56%
Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	2,370.49	3.84%	1,831.02	0.64%
Travel & Meetings	42.00	0.07%	-	1.26%
Electricity & Water	881.71	1.43%	454.07	0.23%
Yard Maintenance	120.00	0.19%	-	0.00%
Appreciation Awards	712.00	1.15%	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>7,552.58</b>	<b>12.25%</b>	<b>6,243.88</b>	<b>13.46%</b>
<b>Operations - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>42,186.74</b>	<b>68.41%</b>	<b>15,345.33</b>	<b>67.14%</b>

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# School & Youth News

## College of The Bahamas opens an office at Mangoes



Jimmy Vaughn (left) - owner at Mangoes Restaurant - with Dr. Chervon Morley - COB representative in Abaco.

By Mirella Santillo

In October 2012, a delegation from the College of The Bahamas visited Abaco to find out the interest in the community regarding college courses being offered on the island. They conducted a town meeting at the Anglican Parish Hall, made a presentation at the Rotary Club luncheon and visited several schools including Abaco Central High School, Agape Christian School and SC Bootle High School.

They left the island with the understanding that an office representing the college would soon open on Abaco.

It took Dr. Chervon Morley, the representative of COB on Abaco, until now to locate a suitable and affordable office space. Her search ended when Jimmy Vaughn, the owner of Mangoes Restaurant and of the adjacent property, offered her a space that had just been vacated.

"I always had an interest in education" stated Mr. Vaughn who said he got involved with COB fifteen years ago while

trying to set-up a training program for cooks in his restaurant. The project did not work out but Mr. Vaughn is still of the opinion that trades training is badly needed on the island.

He would like to facilitate the training of young people in the service industry- especially cooking and baking- in electrical licensing, carpentry, solar energy installation and even furniture making. He feels that there are many people on the island such as retired winter visitors and second home owners who have knowledge to impart in those fields and he thinks that an office representing the College of The Bahamas and B T VI would greatly serve the community.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to help COB" he stated.

The COB office located at the back of the Mangoes Marina Office, is now open Monday to Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Dr. Morley is in attendance to answer questions, promote programs, distribute application forms and help students register. She mentioned that ten-week certificate courses for adults are now offered in accounting and in human resources management starting in March. After passing, participants will receive a certificate of completion.

She said that students are already doing college preparation courses online in English and mathematics. By Fall, she predicted, there should be enough students enrolled to have actual classes.

She is presently registering students for computer classes, plumbing, electrical phase I and cake and pastry baking. Any other courses offered under Continuing Education and Extension Services (CEES) at the College of The Bahamas in Nassau could be held on Abaco if there are enough people interested.

The ultimate goal of the College of The Bahamas is to have students attend the first two years of college on Abaco.

Dr. Chervon Mackey- Morley can be reached at 242 426 1420 or by email:cmackey@cob.edu.bs .

## Patient Care Technician course to be offered at Horizons Academy

By Canishka Alexander

Simmone Bowe, administrator of Horizons Academy, expressed her excitement over the partnership with Early Access Training Center out of Nassau for their Patient Care Technician (PCT) program that takes place on April 6 to July 27.

Horizons Academy will be facilitating the registration and hosting classes for the course.

Bowe said that the focus is to prepare people for life after school and for the world of work.

The PCT Course involves CPR, and material on the Health Care Industry today, communicating and teamwork, personal wellness and safety, medical terminology, and the nervous and cardiovascular systems. All and all, it includes an overview of the medical profession for interested persons to obtain an entry level position in the medical field.

Applauding the efforts of Early Access Training Center, Bowe said that the course represents a forward-thinking initiative on their part because Abaco will soon open its first community hospital. She said that this is an opportunity for Abaconians and residents interested in the medical profession to be professionally trained.

Additionally, Bowe likened the certification course to a nursing assistance program that assists those who are more qualified in the medical profession to do their jobs.

"This can be applied in lots of other areas beside clinics and hospitals - for instance, with those who want to do patient care at home maybe with the elderly or someone who is sick and shut in," Bowe suggested. "So there are lots of opportunities that can spin off from this type of training."

Although registrants are not required to have prior training in the medical field, they must be high school graduates, who are literate and have a passion for this area of work. The course is also extended to persons who are interested in a career

change, and want to study in the meantime to be prepared when the time comes.

"That's what life is all about; it's about preparing for opportunities and for change, and so this is a great opportunity for persons like that as well," Bowe commented.

Lecturers for the PCT course will travel from Nassau each week to facilitate the classes, and at the end of the day, participants will be certified in CPR and First Aid in addition to the overall Patient Care Technician certificate. The registration process is now taking place, and classes will only be held on Saturdays at Horizons Academy, so it will be pretty intense.

"I think when you're really interested in something and very passionate about it the time goes by really fast and you get into it," Bowe said. "I always say you have to find your rhythm, and once you find that rhythm, and how you approach your work and do your assignments, then you will be okay."

Fifteen persons can be accommodated for the upcoming course, so space is limited. However, the course will be offered again at a later date. The cost is \$1,000, and a payment plan can be arranged. Registrants can make a deposit of \$250, and pay the balance over the duration of course. Nevertheless, they are encouraged to finalize their registration by the first week in April.

Theresa Adderley will be the primary facilitator for the Patient Care Technician course. Early Access has other free-standing courses, and Horizons Academy is also planning to offer evening classes in September that will accommodate adult learners and high school students in Grades 7 to 12. The classes are career-oriented programs that are internationally recognized.

For additional information, Simmone Bowe can be contacted at 458-8938, or by e-mail at: horizonsdevelopment@yahoo.com. Registration forms can be collected at Horizons Academy, which is located at the old Friendship Tabernacle Church in Dundas Town.

## Sewing machine donated to S.C. Bootle



S. C. Bootle High School was the recipient of a brand new sewing machine recently, compliments of Priscilla 'Pinky' McIntosh of Cooper's Town. Ms. McIntosh confirmed that she got the machine as a gift, but was not using it and decided that the school could benefit from it. Principal Huel Moss said that it is very commendable when members of the community give to educational institutions "as it constitutes an investment in our most vital resource - our young people." The machine was received with much enthusiasm and will certainly be a welcome addition to the Consumer Science Department.

Picture Shows: Principal Huel Moss and Consumer Science Coordinator, Chavonne Reid, with the donated sewing machine.

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# ABACO LISTINGS

## DEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

1. **BAHAMA PALM SHORES SUBDIVISION, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 44 Block 27 Section 4  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence;  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 16,000 sq.ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Bahama Palm Shores.  
**VALUE:** \$284,800
2. **BAHAMA PALM SHORES SUBDIVISION, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 27 Block 26 Section 4  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 12,000 sq.ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Bahama Palm Shores.  
**VALUE:** \$212,000
3. **CENTRAL PINES SUBDIVISION, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 399  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Condominium complex unit 304, 2 beds / 1 bath  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq.ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in the settlement of Dundas Town.  
**VALUE:** \$205,000
4. **CENTRAL PINES, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 406  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Central Pines Estates.  
**VALUE:** \$240,792
5. **DUNDAS TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 1 Crown Allotment  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Dundas Town.  
**VALUE:** \$162,155
6. **DUNDAS TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 7  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Dundas Town.  
**VALUE:** \$130,000
7. **DUNDAS TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 7A - Crown Allotment #38  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located off Bay Street in Dundas Town  
**VALUE:** \$170,000
8. **DUNDAS TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 11 Crown Allotment  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence - 2 beds / 1 bath  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 3,150 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located at Godfrey Cooper Drive in Dundas Town.  
**VALUE:** \$84,000
9. **ELBOW CAY, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 47  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 15,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located inland on Elbow Cay.  
**VALUE:** \$675,000
10. **FOX TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 32 Block 32  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 650 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in the settlement of Crown Haven and Fox Town, Abaco.  
**VALUE:** \$220,000
11. **FOX TOWN, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 31  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Fox Town  
**VALUE:** \$233,360
12. **LITTLE BIGHT, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** GRANT B-215  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence - 2 beds / 2 baths.  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 11,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Little Bight GREAT CISTERN.  
**VALUE:** \$135,000
13. **LITTLE GUANA CAY /ELBOW CAY, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 6B  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 11,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Little Guana Cay (Elbow Cay)  
**VALUE:** \$218,000
14. **LITTLE ORCHARD SUBDIVISION, ABACO**  
**LOT NOS.** 31 & 35  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 22,880 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Little Orchard.  
**VALUE:** \$281,000
15. **MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** 1 - Tract B-88  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 19,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Sweeting Tract in Marsh Harbour.  
**VALUE:** \$141,000
16. **MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO**  
**LOT NO.** Lot of Land Property  
**DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 19,950 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located in Little Orchid in Marsh Harbour.  
**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.  
**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.  
**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

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# Church News

## Ordination Service held at Kirk of the Pines



Left to right: John Hudson, Kathleen Key and Bryn McPhail.

*By Jennifer Hudson*

During a special service at the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church on February 24, Kathleen Key and John Hudson were ordained as Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church. They will serve as Elders in both the Kirk of the Pines, Marsh Harbour, and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Nassau.

The Minister of St. Andrews Church in Nassau, the Reverend Bryn McPhail, travelled to Marsh Harbour to lead the service and conduct the Ordination, accompanied by two Elders from Nassau, Lesley Cancino and Gavin Collins. At the heart of this lovely service which also included choral and instrumental selections was the Ordination ceremony conducted by Reverend McPhail. The two new Ruling Elders took their Ordination vows which were followed by the Laying on of Hands and offering of the right hand of fellowship.

As Ruling Elders, Mr. Hudson and Ms. Key will be expected to carry out scriptural teaching and pastoral work. Also participating in the service were Vernon Malone, regular preacher at Kirk of the Pines, and Eder Veronica Saunders.

During his sermon, Rev. McPhail spoke of the enormous task and responsibility these two people were taking on and that while they had undergone much studying and instruction for this role they may still feel apprehensive. He stated that while his words were of especial importance to the newly ordained Elders, he was not just speaking to them but to everyone.

The story of David the shepherd boy defeating Goliath when people scoffed at him was also cited as an example. "David said that he knew the Lord would deliver

him for he knew that with God's help he could overthrow Goliath.

"The Bible encourages us to embrace our weaknesses for God will give us strength," stated Reverend McPhail who continued with the example of Paul saying "When we are weak we are strong."

He asked the congregation to consider what God might be calling them to do for Him and his Kingdom and warned to guard against those that say you cannot. He closed his sermon by advising the congregation not to let their weaknesses get in the way of saying yes to God for God will make you equal to the task and competent to serve.

The service was attended by many family members, friends and well-wishers of Ms. Key and Mr. Hudson not only from other local churches but also from other islands and as far as the United States. Following the service everyone was invited to stay and partake of a fellowship brunch.

## World Day of Prayer observed for first time on Abaco

*By Samantha Evans*

On Friday March 1, 2013, the first World Day of Prayer service was held at Church of God in Dundas Town beginning at 7pm. The purpose of this day of prayer is to join the rest of the world to raise concerns of other women across the world. They all joined together this year to lift the banner of prayer for the women of France.

The theme chosen by the Christian women of France was "I Was a Stranger

and You Welcomed Me."

The National Day of Prayer is for women and has been held since 1927. This year women all over the world are supporting France, next year they will support Egypt then in 2015 they will all support The Bahamas.

The moderator for this service, Rev. Willish Johnson, told the ladies that such a service takes four years to plan. She stated that the service planned for The Bahamas started two years ago and it is being planned by women of The Bahamas.

During this preparation time, she explained, the service is translated into 93 languages so that all women are saying the same things. All of the hymns, songs, readings, scriptures, and prayers included in this service were related to the theme. Rev. Johnson encouraged the women to let this service stretch them beyond their comfort zone and to learn how to be there to weep and laugh with the people they meet as they travel through life.

She told the ladies to let the service shake them to action especially since so many of us are not very welcoming of people who are from other countries. She hopes that the concerns of the Christian women of France will help them to have a different perspective on immigration, growth and development issues.

The event was organized by Natalie Knowles and the Abaco Women of God.

## Anniversary Service held at St. James Methodist Church

*By Jennifer Hudson*

The St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town has an interesting history which encompasses many struggles. The current building is the fourth on the site. The first St. James Chapel was built in 1820 and served as the Sunday Chapel as well as a 'Sabbath Day Methodist School' where reading and writing were taught.

This first chapel, built of three foot thick limestone blocks, was destroyed by the Great Hurricane of 1932. In 1933 a new 'hurricane resistant' church was built of poured concrete with reinforced steel but in 1970 it was deemed to be no longer safe and was subsequently torn down with the assistance of dynamite and heavy equipment.

A third St. James Church was built in 1970 of timber but was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1984. During the following four and a half year period while a new building was being designed and funds raised, the weekly St. James services were held in the Mission House Building.

The cornerstone for the current (and fourth) St. James Church building was laid on February 17, 1988 and the church was dedicated and opened on February 26 the following year. The laying of this corner-

stone 25 years ago was celebrated in a special memorial service at the church on February 17 this year. People from all of the Methodist Churches on Abaco joined with the congregation of St. James to honour this special occasion.

The Rev. Christopher Neely, President of The Bahamas Conference of Methodist Churches, preached a very powerful sermon in which he challenged the congregation to consider how much of their time and money they give to God. He commented that while people add a percentage of 15% or more onto a restaurant bill, pay a high percentage interest on their credit card and interest to the bank on their mortgage among other things yet they are loath to give 10% to God in tithes. Also, they spend many hours a week in front of the television or reading the newspaper or a novel but how much time do they spend honouring God and reading the Bible.

Worship Leaders for this service were Rev. J. Marie Neilly and C. Vernon Malone. It was a joyful service of thanksgiving not only for the past 25 of years of service to God and the community in the current church building but also for God's goodness in providing a Methodist Church in Hope Town for the past 193 years.

Many church members, visitors and groups participated in the service. Several musical selections were presented by the St. James Singers, Praise Band, Ocarinas and organist, Rosemary Johnson and greetings were brought by visiting ministers. A building history was presented by Vernon Malone.

Following the service the Rev. Marie Neilly, Minister of the St. James Church, stated; "The Methodist Church has served as a beacon of light to the community of Hope Town for 193 years hence today is an exciting one for us as we bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ, a love that has withstood the test of time, tradition and perils. I am blessed to be currently serving as Minister at St. James. The gathering together of so many people of different ages, ethnicity and nationalities resounds hope; hope that peace among men is a reality. My prayer is that Methodism would continue to provide opportunities for people to experience God's love and salvation."

The congregation joined together for a time of fellowship and refreshment immediately following the service.



Above: the cornerstone of the fourth, and current, St. James Church in Hope Town. "St. James Methodist Church Cornerstone laid 17th February, 1988"

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# History & Heritage

## A 6th graders interview on the Man-O-War Museum.

By Makayla Roberts

Ding Dong! The three o' clock school bell has rung. My interview with Mrs. Chana Albury, and Mrs. Burrelle Meeks is about to start. As I walk from my school I review the questions I have prepared to ask them.

As I sat on the front porch of the museum with two ladies, first Mrs. Chana Albury, and second Mrs. Burrelle Meeks. Mrs. Albury is the owner of Palm Cottage, a furnishing store in Marsh Harbor. Mrs. Meeks is a second home owner to Man-o-War from Atlanta, Georgia. She is also a knitting and gardening enthusiast.

I interviewed Mrs. Chana first, these are the list of questions I asked her.

Mrs. Chana when was the museum first opened? She replied: April 2011 on the first Soja day. Soja day is an every two year event held on Man-O-War to celebrate the history and heritage of the people who lived before me.

I then asked Mrs. Chana: How did you acquire this building? She said: I asked Mrs. Jan Manni if I could use it as a museum, she said sure as long as it stays a museum. Mrs. Jan Manni (formally Albury), owner of Edwin's Boat yard grew up in the house that is now the museum.

Why was the museum founded? I asked. Quoting Mrs. Chana "Because I think it is important for people to know their history and the story of Man-o-War."

What was in the building when you first went in there? She answered: dirt, dust, and lots of termites.

Mrs. Chana what are your favorite ten things in the museum? She told me:

#1 Benjamin Archer's last will and testimony, a photo copy donated by Mr. Jeremy Sweeting from the Wyannie Malone museum in Hope Town.

#2 the wedding dresses and veil. Dress #1: Mrs. Patricia Albury was married on November 5th 1951. Her dress was brought at Natches in Nassau, for twenty pounds. Dress #2: Mrs. Elsie Albury was married on November 27th 1953 in Nassau.

#3 Mrs. Naomi's 100 year old pitcher, donated by Mrs. Naomi Roberts.

#4 Mrs. Jan's infant baby clothes donated by Mrs. Jan Manni.

#5 Mr. Wills pith helmet, donated by Scott Weatherford.

#7 the Sextant, donated by Tony Albury, is a tool used to read stars.

#8 a light blue piece of cloth from The Queens Coronation dress, donated by Mary Albury ( my Great- grand mother).

#9 The Royal Readers, the first Educational, Mathematics, Spelling & Reading materials used in schools here in the Bahamas.

#10 All the old photos "They are all my favorites I just can't pick one," she said,

"They all make history come alive." Next I asked her, "Why should people come to the Island to visit the Museum? She answered, "to learn more about Man-O-War's history."

In speaking with Mrs. Chana I found out that the hours of operation are 11am-1pm, and the days that it is open are Thursdays and Saturdays.

I continued by asking her, "who helps and maintains the museum with you?"

She replied, "Billy Albury, (Mrs. Chana's husband), also members of the community."

My last question I asked Mrs. Chana was, "What is the donation fee or is there a charge fee?"

"There is no charge fee, just a donation fee of two dollars upon entry". Mrs. Chana said.

After I concluded my interview with Mrs. Chana, I then began my interview with Mrs. Burrelle Meeks.

The first question I asked Mrs. Burrelle was, "Why do you volunteer at the Man-O-War Museum?"

She replied, "I love telling stories, and I love Man-O-War."

Knowing Mrs. Burrelle's interest in old things I then asked her, "What are your favorite things in the museum?" She said, "the antique tools, the razors for shaving, and the children's books."

The third question I asked her was, "what do you do while you are volunteering at the Museum?" she said with a smile, "I greet people as they pass by, or when they come into the museum. I weed flower beds. Also I point out items of interest to the visitors."

Mrs. Meeks was then asked, "What days do you volunteer, and for how long?"

She told me, "on Saturdays 11am-1pm, or whenever Mrs. Chana needs me."

For my last question with Mrs. Burrelle, "why do you think people on Man-O-War should come to the museum?"

She answered, "Anyone who lives on Man-O-War should know about their heritage."

But if you had to ask me for my opinion, I think that it is an interesting place to visit, even if you don't live here.



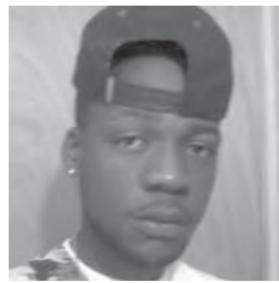
Above: turbot skins used to scrub wood floors. One of the many interesting historical artifacts to be found in the Man-O-War Museum.

## Remembering Family and Friends



**Aliner "Linda" Mills**

Funeral Service for Aliner "Linda" Mills, 72 of Cedar Harbour, Abaco was



**Rekey Charles**

Funeral service for the Late Rekey Charles, age 23 years, of Dundas Town Abaco was held at Fran-

held on Saturday March 2, 2013 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Cedar Harbour. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Allan Mills assisted by Pastor Charles T. Dorsett. Interment followed at Cedar Harbour Public Cemetery.

Left to cherished her golden memories are her one son: Ryan LaRoda, Three daughters: Valarie, Karen and Malinda LaRoda, Three grandsons: Stevo and Stephano Curry and Caleb Taylor. Five granddaughters: Keashia Curry, Valencia and Destiny LaRoda, Shante Burrows and Caliea Taylor. Two brothers: Samuel and Austin Mills. Two sisters: Erma Duncombe and Zelma Albury. One uncle: Rev. Dr. Allan J. Mills. One aunt: Rebecca Russell. One daughter-in-law: Misty LaRoda. Two brothers-in-Law" Alexander "Joy" Duncombe, Rodolph Pinder Sr. Two Sisters-in-Law: Monica and Fredamae Mills. One Aunt in-law: Movena Mills. Adopted grandchildren: Kierra "KK" Rolle, Malaysia Edgcombe, Elvado, Levis and Kadijah Curry, Rahieme Russell, Kwamae Martin.

cophone Seventh Day Adventist Church on Balfour Avenue Sunday, March 3rd, 2013 Officiating was Elder C. Melvin Lewis. Interment will follow at Southern Cemetery, Abundant Life Road. Left to cherish his memories is: His Mother: Solange Charles Mireille Jean Baret, Father: Fancis Francois, Brothers: Carlton Chanel Dort, Samuel Francois, Sisters: Madjeena Francois, Love Francois, Aunts: Savilia Francois, Anne Florie Francois, Mirlene Francois, Erna Francois, Annette Francois Uncles: Cene Francois, Marc Claude, Francois, Carlo Jean, Niece and Nephews: Jayden Venelus, Joshua Vernelus, Grand Parents: Mrs. Ms Paracell Francois, Cousins: Magalee John, Rosette Ruffin, Rose Manie Delva, Ronald Delva, Jean Reno Delva, Tony Delva, Mildred Pierre, Sahins Pierre, Manise Etienne, Judith Etienne, Maricha Rolle, Roshell Rolle, Bernadette Ruffin, Sherlanda Joseph, Other Relatives and Friends: Mario Rolle, Moise Pierre, Laury Vidore, Bradley, T-Boy, Gadys Maitre, Likenson Vernelus, Adly Pierre, Gorbot.



**Alexis Nihon II**  
January 10, 1946 - February 24, 2013

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Alexis Nihon II, son of the late Alexis Nihon and Alice Nihon, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is predeceased by his son George, his brother Robert and his nephew Robert II.

He is survived by his wife Cornelia, his children Sophia, Alexis, Philip and Julia, his sister Claudette and his nephews and nieces, Gregory, Patrick, Alyssa, Christina and Stephanie. He will also be fondly remembered by his many friends around the world.

Mr. Nihon was known by his friends and family as a warmhearted and generous man with a charming personality and grand sense of humor. He was a man of principle, with a benevolent nature and strong sense of fair play.

Mr. Nihon was an accomplished businessman in the fields of private equity and real estate, with diverse interests in both Canada and Bahamas. He successfully acted as chairman of the Alexis Nihon Corporation in Montreal. He also founded the real estate development company Anco Lands in the Bahamas, which contributed substantially to the growth of the Abaco islands.

Mr. Nihon acted as the Quebec Co-Chair of the Canadian Forces Liason Council, as well as the Governor of the Canadian Olympic Trust of Canada. He served as a Commander of the Order of Saint John and lent significant support to the Saint John Ambulance Foundation, for which he was bestowed the honor of a Canadian service medal in 1992 by Her Majesty the Queen of England.

Mr. Nihon was an avid wrestler in his youth and was proud to represent the Bahamas in the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City. He remained a dedicated athlete throughout his life, also enjoying tennis, golf and racquetball.

Mr. Nihon was a devoted husband of 35 years and often referred to his marriage as the best investment he ever made. He was a loving and supportive father and a loyal friend, and will be remembered as a towering figure whose structure was easily matched by his charitable spirit.

The Family will hold a closed service by invitation only but is sincerely grateful for the outpouring of support. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Saint John Ambulance Foundation of Canada, 1900 City Park Drive, Suite 400 Ottawa, Ontario K1J 1A3

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## Abaco artists create "Layers"

By Canishka Alexander

Bahamian artists Scharad Lightbourne and Leanne Russell set out on a collaborative project called "Layers" during the month of February as a tribute to the work of renowned Bahamian artists Amos Ferguson, Brent Malone, John Beadle, and Max Taylor.

"I think in the great masters' work, my work, Scharad's work, they are all driven by that desire to capture a beauty that inspires us. We have both drawn on these masters' work because we have both been inspired as they were to capture the beauty of a woman that inspired us with her look, or her essence," Leanne specified. "I think all great artists, regardless of medium, long to have a muse, someone that brings out the best in them creatively – this isn't just one of the underlying themes in this project, but in the creation of art: period."

"As an artist that never had any formal training at the tertiary level, I often say that studying the work of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Malone was my education. A lot of my work had been influenced by Brent Malone's paintings – the expression that he captures in his portraits really pushes me with my portraiture – he's truly the master of that."

As time draws closer for her work on John Beadle's piece, Leanne wants to find out what inspired him when he painted The Conjure Woman, the challenges he encountered, and who his muse was because all of those aspects intrigue her. She and Scharad have also reached out to the families of the late Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Malone.

For Leanne, the project came about through her love of Bahamian art, and wanting to pay homage to "these incredible Bahamian masterpieces in a unique way." It was also a way for her to promote decentralization of the arts in The Bahamas, and show young Abaconian artists that this kind of project can happen here because there are platforms that you can create locally to develop your passion.

Building on Leanne's passion for the project, Scharad said he felt inspired as well because of his love for anything cre-

ative, and it has given him the opportunity to work with another Bahamian artist and travel to Abaco.

"We kept the location on ice waiting for the perfect opportunity to use it. Layers presented itself and the rest is history," Scharad recalled. "As a photographer, the location has to have just as much character as the subject, and this one had fit my standards and expectations perfectly."

The house they used in Treasure Cay was also an inspiration to everyone. During the first day on set, they were all amazed by the gorgeous Polynesian-themed home with its textures, and carved wood, which gave way to the natural beauty outside and a view of the Sea of Abaco.

"It was a great environment to work in. The location really added to the "Layers" concept: The house we had as the canvas and backdrop for the paintings; the models serving as our canvas (Sylatheia and I created some amazing art on the girl's faces with makeup and actual paint); and Scharad's beautiful photography serving as my canvas – you really don't know where the art stops or begins," Leanne reflected.

Scharad observed how Leanne's discipline in painting will add to his work as a photographer because she is a brilliant artist.

"Her use of colour, composition, and dynamic portraiture only lends to my photography which is similar," Scharad expounded. "Honestly, as I've said before, our two styles make a perfect marriage."

For Scharad creativity has been the key ingredient for producing his art, whereas Leanne's is life itself.

"I'm so inspired by so many things, but that comes from conscious living, and being aware of things and people and garnering inspiration from them," Leanne shared. "The smallest element of my life might inspire a whole painting – music, art, fashion, nature – it all has its place in my work. The key is being open to the inspiration."

As a fan of Scharad's work, Leanne is inspired by his creativity, and also his branding and presentation of his work. Similarly, her style has often been described as photo-realist, so it will be interesting for people to decipher the photography elements and the painting elements in certain pieces.

Leanne said that the overall project is going to be an amazing mix of media and mediums, not just with her work and Scharad's work, but also with what makeup artist Sylatheia's Gierszewski brought to some of the looks; Ian Pinder's videography (he's making an amazing video documenting the making of Layers); and music created for the video by Bahamian musician Sammi Starr.



Above: Leanne Russell and Scharad Lightbourne. Layers is their collaborative project that both reflects past Bahamian masters and a new generation of multimedia driven art.

"It's a lot of different "layers" of art, and we're trying to showcase Bahamian talent in multiple artistic fields. It's going to get clichéd after a while, but it's really what "Layers" is all about – using layers of art to make one final cohesive product."

You'll definitely notice the eye-catching portrait of Abaco model Brionna Russell on the front cover of the "Layers" project. Brionna's look was achieved using Liquitex heavy body acrylic paint, which is what Leanne uses on her canvases. However, she said that this featured piece was actually developed by Makeup Artist Sylatheia's Gerwesztzski.

Altogether, Leanne foresees the project as an astounding amalgamation of mediums, and art, sight, and sound. The second phase of the project is planned for the end of March in Nassau. The artists have handpicked a Bahamian model from Abaco, who is currently in university, but perfect for the "Standout Piece" they envision that will tie the two phases together.

So as the finish line looms ahead, Leanne admitted that there will be many sleepless nights to complete a project of this magnitude while being employed full-time, but that's the great part of having a collaborator.

"When I'm feeling daunted, I can draw on Scharad's motivation, or his positivity. That has been one of the great new experiences I have had working on this project," she revealed.

Social media has also done its part for the project. Leanne said they have received a lot of positive feedback, and people are excited to take the step-by-step this journey with them.

"That was really what it was all about for us, to let people see the work that went into each "Layer," so they had a clearer overview of how we created the final work," Leanne said. "The wonder-

ful thing about social media is that it cuts "six degrees of separation" down to two or three. Someone that follows the project on Facebook actually tagged one of Brent Malone's family members in our tribute piece to him as we were doing it. It was a great feeling that they're aware of what we're doing."

Leanne acknowledged that research for this project was a learning experience for her because even as an artist she encountered pieces that she had never seen before. It all began with The Amos Ferguson exhibition that The National Art Gallery of The Bahamas put on last year.

"The moment I walked into the gallery, and saw all of those Amos Ferguson paintings in one place, it was like walking into a church – like you were seeing the hand of God through Mr. Ferguson's work," Leanne said reverently. "[There was] something so sacred about seeing the life work of one of our masters in one place. It started me on a quest to view as many paintings done by Bahamian master artists as I could whether it [was] in galleries or on the Internet. This is when I started collecting the inspiration for 'Layers'."

Over the course of the "Layers" project, these ambitious artists tweaked the line-up and added and took away different works until they were satisfied that the pieces would inspire them, let them showcase their creativity, and provide the basis for an incredible collection.

"I have always had a great reverence for Bahamian art, but now the appreciation is even more deep-seated. It's like I feel like I have a very personal relationship with all of the pieces now," Leanne professed. "I'm hoping that through seeing our tribute pieces people get excited about this work again, and see how relevant it still is today."



Above: final product and concept. Courtesy of Russell/ Lightbourne.

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